



National City Christian Church

Palm Sunday Service

April 14, 2019, 11 a.m.



THE COMMUNITY GATHERS ON PALM SUNDAY

PRELUDE

Marche Religieuse
on *Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates* by Handel

Alexandre Guilmant
(1837-1911)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stephen Gentle

Welcome! National City Christian Church is the national church of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and a house of prayer that is open and affirming of all people. We pray that today's worship will please God and edify God's people.

Please sign the Connect With Us card in the bulletin, and place in the offering tray today. If you are a first-time guest, please indicate your address, telephone number, and email address. There is a space on the back for prayer concerns and comments. As we prepare for worship, please turn off all cellular telephones, pagers, and watch alarms. The service is approximately one hour and fifteen minutes.

GATHERING IN NARTHEX

As we welcome one another today, we invite you, as you are able, to move to the Narthex (entrance) of the Sanctuary. Together we will remember the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem as we ourselves enter into a solemn remembrance of his death and resurrection.

✦ OPENING ANTIPHON

Richard Proulx

Fanfare for Palm Sunday
Armin Bondoc, soloist

Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

✦ OPENING WORDS

Stephen Gentle

✦ GOING TO JERUSALEM

Byron Cotton

Luke 19:28-40

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

✦ PRAYER

Stephen Gentle

✦ PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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ST. THEODULPH

All Glory, Laud, and Honor
Please follow the ministers, elders, and choir in procession,
singing the hymn as we enter together.

✦ STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem-er, King!



To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1. You are the King of Is - ra - el And Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels Are prais - ing you on high;
3. The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore you went;
4. To you, be - fore your pas - sion, They sang their hymns of praise.
5. Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; Ac - cept the prayers we bring,



Now in the Lord's Name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
And we, with all cre - a - tion, In cho - rus make re - ply.
Our praise and prayers and an - thems Be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
Great source of love and good - ness, Our Sav - ior and our King.

Text: *Gloria, laus et honor*; Theodulph of Orléans, c.760–821; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Tune: ST. THEODULPH, 7 6 7 6 with refrain; Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

THE COMMUNITY HEARS AND RESPONDS TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Steven Baines

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

PRAYER

Steven Baines

ACCLAMATION

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

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Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community, 1981. Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994.
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SCRIPTURE

Byron Cotton

The Passion of Christ: Luke 23:1-49

The assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place." When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Shana Williams

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him." Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

Sung response: Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom

Byron Cotton

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Shana Williams

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Sung response: Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom

Steven Baines

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. (*Pause for silence*)

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

ANTHEM

Glenn E. Burleigh

See How They Done My Lord

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS AT THE TABLE OF REMEMBRANCE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Stephen Gentle

OFFERTORY HYMN

No. 202

PASSION CHORALE

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;
How pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn!
How does that visage languish which once was bright as morn!
What thou, O Christ, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain:
Mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place;
look on me with thy favor, and keep me in thy grace.
What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest Friend,
For this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be,
O, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

✠ PRESENTATION HYMN

No. 379

ELLACOMBE

Accept, O God, the Gifts We Bring
Accept, O God, the gifts we bring of spirit and of clay,
transform them into blessings on those we serve today.
Rekindle deep within us all a passion to fulfill
the ministry disciples have, empower'd to do your will.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Beverly Goines

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Gary Lewis
Steve Cook

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

This table is for all believers in Jesus Christ. Please come forward by the center aisle as directed by the Deacons. When receiving communion, take a wafer from the plate and dip it in the cup. After you have received the Lord's Supper, please return to your seats by the side aisles. If you prefer to remain seated, a member of the Diaconate will bring the elements to your pew.

COMMUNION HYMN

No. 402 (3)

DUNDEE

According to Thy Gracious Word
When to the cross I turn my eyes, and rest on Calvary,
O Lamb of God, my sacrifice, I must remember thee.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

Johann Pachelbel
(1653-1706)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Beverly Goines

Leader: At the foot of the cross, O God, we behold the Suffering Servant
who gave his life as a sacrifice for many.

People: **Empower us by Christ's Spirit to offer our lives as he did,
seeking to serve rather than be served,
to lose ourselves in loving care for others.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO WITNESS AND SERVE

✧ CLOSING HYMN

No. 207
RATHBUN

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me; lo! it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming adds new luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there, that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

✧ BENEDICTION

STEPHEN GENTLE

POSTLUDE

Adagio from Concerto Grosso, Op. 3, No. 11

Antonio Vivaldi

(1678-1741)

Following the worship service, our pastors are at the back and side doors of the Sanctuary to greet you. Join us in the atrium for coffee and fellowship.

Worship Participants: Steven Baines, Byron Cotton, Valeria Foster, Stephen Gentle,
Beverly Goines, Kenneth Lowenberg, and Shana Williams

FOR OUR GUESTS

Connect with us - visit www.nationalcitycc.org and click the "sign up" tab to subscribe to our email newsletter.

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Membership at National City Christian Church - It would be our joy to welcome you into the membership of this congregation. You may join through transfer of membership from another congregation or through a profession of faith and baptism. Associate or student memberships are available as well. Please feel free to talk with any minister or email sgentle@nationalcitycc.org.

Nursery - Childcare is available during the morning for children through age four. The nursery is in the 2nd Floor Conference Room. Speak with a greeter or any member for directions.

Pastoral Needs - If you would like to speak with a pastor, please feel free to meet with one of the pastors at the door after the worship service or call 202-232-0323 during office hours.

Worship and Preaching resources: *David Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor, ed. Feasting on the Word (Louisville: Westminster Press, 2009); Colbert Cartwright and O.I. Cricket Harrison, ed. Chalice Worship (St. Louis: Chalice Press, 1999); James G. Kirk, When We Gather (Philadelphia: The Geneva Press, 2001); Craig Schaub, et. al., Seasons of the Spirit (British Columbia, Canada: Wood Lake Publishing, Inc., 2007), Revised Common Lectionary, Center for Biblical Preaching, www.workingpreacher.org.*

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Fay Arrington; Douglas and Chieko Cook; Dorothy Davis; Ann Flowers; Eddie Franklin; Helen Gray; Constance Jennings; Courtney and Betty Jones; Tawanna Lloyd; Harold Magnussen; Mary Paradise; Al Pennybacker; Beverly Schacht; Kathleen Swihart; Marie Temple; Esther Tyson; Beverly Williams; persons in military and civil service around the world; and victims of natural disasters.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

First Christian Church
Hagerstown, Maryland

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Chimiste Doriscar, Haiti

LENTEN STUDIES

Christian Pathways - Sunday at 9:45 a.m.
NCCC Large Atrium, led by Loretta Tate

Northern Virginia Pilgrims - Sunday at 5:30 p.m.,
Dinner Provided. Home of Kathleen Swihart,
5899 Second Street South, Arlington, VA 22204
Led by Kathleen and Teresa Swihart.

Outside the Beltway Group - Sunday at 5:30 p.m.
Light Supper Served at the home of Kathy Burger-
Gerada at 12808 Monroe Manor Drive, Herndon, VA
20171-2959.

Transfigure Me! - Lenten Meditation & Yoga
Sunday at 6 p.m.- Potluck Vegan Covered Dish
Meal. Home of Rev. Carol Richardson at 12803
Twinbrook Parkway, #204, Rockville, MD 20851.
Guided by Rev. Richardson - RSVP to Carol at 269-
365-8939.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Plastic Easter Eggs - You are invited to bring a
dozen plastic eggs filled with candy for next
Sunday's Easter Egg Hunt. The Egg Hunt will take
place at 12:30 p.m., in the Courtyard. For information
contact Teresa Swihart at tisatcamp@yahoo.com

NEW Prayer Day and Time - All are invited to call
in on Saturday at 8 a.m., for community prayer. Call
712-775-7031 and use code 371015.

Our Sympathy for the family of Sarah
Schuermann who died earlier this week. Please keep
Chaplin Bob Schuermann and his family in your
prayers.

Tithe.ly Mobile Giving is now on the
Tithe.ly app. Just search for "National
City," complete a quick one-time setup,
then all it takes is 3 clicks to give!
Thank you for your generosity!

UPCOMING EVENTS

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 9:30 a.m., Music
Suite

Christian Pathways Class - 9:45 a.m., Atrium.

Sanctuary Tour - 12:15 p.m. Meet at the back of
the Sanctuary, near the President Garfield Memorial
Window, for a special guided tour of National City.

MONDAY, APRIL 15

Potomac Fever - 7 p.m., Howland Center

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

National Children's Chorus - 3 p.m., Atrium,
Community Room, Howland Center, Music Suite

Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - 6:30 p.m.,
Sanctuary, Howland Center

Gospel Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m., Music Suite

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

Toddler Playgroup - 9:30 a.m., Community Room

Food Pantry - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Atrium

ANC 2f ABRA Policy Meeting - 7 p.m.,
Community Room

Fortissima Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m., Music Suite

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 18

Maundy Thursday Intergenerational Meal - Join
us for an interactive experience to remember the
Last Supper. Today at 7 p.m., in the Howland
Center. There is a \$10 suggested donation. Please
RSVP to rsvp@nationalcitycc.org.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19

Outdoor Communion - Noon - 1:30 p.m., and 5 -
6:30 p.m.

Good Friday Evening Worship - 7 p.m.. Sanctuary

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Prayer call at 8 a.m. - All are invited to join the
weekly conference prayer line for National City.
Simply dial 712-775-7031, enter access code
371015. For more information, contact Loretta Tate
at 202-489-2020.

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 10 a.m., Sanctuary,
Music Suite

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21

OUTDOOR Service - 8:30 a.m., on "The Steps"
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 9:30 a.m., Music
Suite

Easter Brass Prelude - 10:40 a.m., Sanctuary

Easter Brunch - The National City family is
invited to join host Nicholas Bullock in an Easter
Brunch at 12:30 p.m., in the Howland Center. Please
RSVP to nicholasbullock@hotmail.com.