

# Palm Sunday | April 13, 2025 | 10:00am, Sanctuary

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*All are welcome here. Worship is a series of invitations, accept only those you feel called to accept. Feel free to change language in a respectful manner if it helps the hour to be more worshipful for you.*

Art- "I believe" by Steve Prince. Pen and Ink on Paper. ...The figure's hands are lifted in praise as he navigates the flood of life which can be overbearing. He recognizes that the flood of life is symbolic of sin and separation from God. He closes his eyes, humbles himself before God, and he is delivered into a new chapter of his life, triumphant.

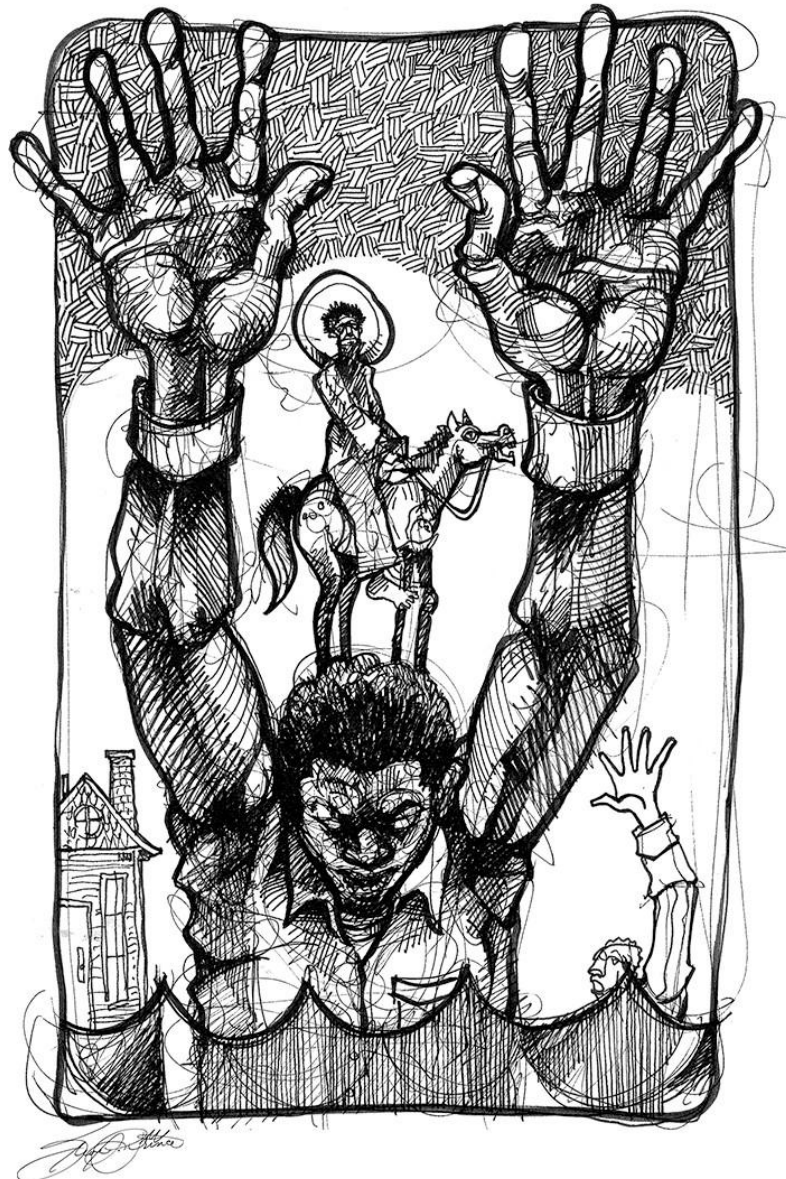
- Look closely at the waves. What does the flood of life represent for you?
- Notice the contrast between the house on one side and the man on the other. What emotions or thoughts do these images evoke?
- How does the image of Jesus on a donkey influence your understanding of this scene? What do you make of its placement in this work?
- Notice the abstract shaded area at the top. Does it feel like a cloud, storm, or something else? Does this texture remind you of God's presence?

**Prelude | All Glory, Laud and Honor arr. Craig Curry**

**Ringling of the Bell**

**Welcome**

**Time to Center**



We are grateful to the readers from all three congregations for willingly guiding us through Luke's telling of Jesus' Passion. We journey today from the triumphal entry to the burial of Christ in the tomb.

## The Story: Triumphal Entry

- Narrator 1: As Jesus came to Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he gave two disciples a task. He said, Jesus: Go into the village over there. When you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying it?' just say, 'Its master needs it.'"
- Narrator 1: Those who had been sent found it exactly as he had said. As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, Readers 2: "Why are you untying the colt?" Narrator 1: They replied, Readers 3: "Its master needs it." Narrator 1: They brought it to Jesus, threw their clothes on the colt, and lifted Jesus onto it. As Jesus rode along, they spread their clothes on the road. As Jesus approached the road leading down from the Mount of Olives, the whole throng of his disciples began rejoicing. They praised God with a loud voice because of all the mighty things they had seen. They said,
- Congregation: ***Blessings on the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens.***"
- Narrator 1: Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to Jesus, Reader 4: Teacher, scold your disciples! Tell them to stop! Jesus: I tell you, if they were silent, the stones would shout.

A star indicates an invitation to rise in body or spirit.

**\*Hymn | Hosanna, Loud Hosanna Glory to God #197**

**Anthem | Festival of Palms Valley Choir**

**The Story: Plot to Kill Jesus**

Narrator 2: The Festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called Passover was approaching. The chief priests and the legal experts were looking for a way to kill Jesus, because they were afraid of the people. Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, who was one of the Twelve. He went out and discussed with the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard how he could hand Jesus over to them. They were delighted and arranged payment for him. He agreed and began looking for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them—a time when the crowds would be absent.

**Prayer of Confession**

*Forgive us, Lord,  
for all the ways we prepare to betray you and do  
betray you. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

**The Story: Remembering the Last Supper**

Narrator 1: The Day of Unleavened Bread arrived, when the Passover had to be sacrificed. Jesus sent Peter and John with this task:

Jesus: Go and prepare for us to eat the Passover meal.

Narrator 1: They said to him,

Readers 3: Where do you want us to prepare it?

Jesus: When you go into the city, a man carrying a water jar will meet you. Follow him to the house he enters. Say to the owner of the house, 'The teacher says to you "Where is the guestroom where I can eat the Passover meal with my

*Please read aloud  
anything bold and  
italicized.*

disciples?” He will show you a large upstairs room, already furnished. Make preparations there.”

Narrator 1: They went and found everything just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When the time came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles joined him. He said to them,

Jesus: I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. I tell you, I won't eat it until it is fulfilled in God's kingdom.

Narrator 1: After taking a cup and giving thanks, he said,

Jesus: Take this and share it among yourselves. I tell you that from now on I won't drink from the fruit of the vine until God's kingdom has come.

Narrator 1: After taking the bread and giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

Jesus: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Narrator 1: In the same way, he took the cup after the meal and said,

Jesus: This cup is the new covenant by my blood, which is poured out for you. But look! My betrayer is with me; His hand is on this table. The Human One goes just as it has been determined. But how terrible it is for that person who betrays him.” They began to argue among themselves about which of them it could possibly be who would do this.

*You may remain seated,  
but please sing!*

**Hymn | An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare**  
vv. 1 and 2 Glory to God #202

**The Story: The Disciples and Jesus on his Last Night**

Narrator 2: An argument broke out among the disciples over which one of them should be regarded as the greatest.

Jesus: But Jesus said to them, The kings of the Gentiles rule over their subjects, and those in authority over them are called ‘friends of the people.’ But that’s not the way it will be with you. Instead, the greatest among you must become like a person of lower status and the leader like a servant. So which one is greater, the one who is seated at the table or the one who serves at the table? Isn’t it the one who is seated at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are the ones who have continued with me in my trials. And I confer royal power on you just as my Father granted royal power to me. Thus you will eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones overseeing the twelve tribes of Israel. “Simon, Simon, look! Satan has asserted the right to sift you all like wheat. However, I have prayed for you that your faith won’t fail. When you have returned, strengthen your brothers and sisters.

Narrator 2: Peter responded,

Reader 4: Lord, I’m ready to go with you, both to prison and to death!

Jesus: I tell you, Peter, the rooster won’t crow today before you have denied three times that you know me.”

Narrator 2: Jesus said to all the apostles,

Jesus: When I sent you out without a wallet, bag, or sandals, you didn’t lack anything, did you?

Readers 3: Nothing.

Jesus: But now, whoever has a wallet must take it, and likewise a bag. And those who don't own a sword must sell their clothes and buy one. I tell you that this scripture must be fulfilled in relation to me: And he was counted among criminals. Indeed, what's written about me is nearing completion.

Readers 3: Lord, look, here are two swords.

Jesus: Enough of that!

**Prayer of Confession**

*Forgive us Lord, our hubris and ignorance to all the ways we are vulnerable to denying you. Help us to be prepared for the cost of following you. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

**Silent Prayers of Confession**

Hymn | *Ah Holy Jesus!* v. 1 only Glory to God #218

**The Story: Jesus in Prayer**

Narrator 1: Jesus left and made his way to the Mount of Olives, as was his custom, and the disciples followed him. When he arrived, he said to them,

Jesus: Pray that you won't give in to temptation.

Narrator 1: He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed.

Jesus: Father, if it's your will, take this cup of suffering away from me. However, not my will but your will must be done."

Narrator 1: Then a heavenly angel appeared to him and strengthened him. He was in anguish and prayed even more earnestly. His sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground. When he got up from praying, he went to the

disciples. He found them asleep,  
overcome by grief.

Jesus: Why are you sleeping?  
Get up and pray so that you won't  
give in to temptation."

**Song | Stay with Me (3x) Glory to God #204**

**Prayer of Confession**

*Forgive us Lord,  
for our failures to stay alert and keep watch,  
to stay with you in your suffering.*

**The Story: Arrest**

Narrator 2: While Jesus was still speaking, a crowd  
appeared, and the one called Judas,  
one of the Twelve, was leading them.  
He approached Jesus to kiss him.

Jesus: Judas, would you betray the  
Human One with a kiss?

Narrator 2: When those around him recognized  
what was about to happen, they said,

Readers 3: Lord, should we fight with our swords?

Narrator 2: One of them struck the high priest's  
servant, cutting off his right ear.

Jesus: Stop! No more of this!

Narrator 2: He touched the slave's ear and healed  
him. Then Jesus said to the chief  
priests, the officers of the temple  
guard, and the elders who had come to  
get him,

Jesus: Have you come with swords and clubs  
to arrest me, as though I were a thief?  
Day after day I was with you in the  
temple, but you didn't arrest me.  
But this is your time,  
when darkness rules.

**Silent Prayers of Confession**

### **The Story: Peter Denies Jesus**

Narrator 1: After they arrested Jesus, they led him away and brought him to the high priest's house. Peter followed from a distance. When they lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant woman saw him sitting in the firelight. She stared at him and said,

Reader 5: This man was with him too.

Narrator 1: But Peter denied it, saying,

Reader 4: Woman, I don't know him!

Narrator 1: A little while later, someone else saw him and said,

Reader 6: You are one of them too.

Reader 4: Man, I'm not!

Narrator 1: An hour or so later, someone else insisted,

Reader 7: This man must have been with him, because he is a Galilean too.

Reader 4: Man, I don't know what you are talking about!

Narrator 1: At that very moment, while he was still speaking, a rooster crowed. The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter, and Peter remembered the Lord's words:

Jesus: Before a rooster crows today, you will deny me three times.

Narrator 1: And Peter went out and cried uncontrollably.

**Sung Prayer of Confession | *Ah, Holy Jesus*, v. 2 only  
Glory to God #218**

### **The Story: Jesus Taunted**

Narrator 2: The men who were holding Jesus in custody taunted him while they beat him. They blindfolded him and asked him repeatedly,

Readers 8: Prophecy! Who hit you?



*We are grateful for all the musical leadership of the Multnomah Praise Trio today.*

**Narrator 2:** Insulting him, they said many other horrible things against him.

**Anthem | How Deep the Father's Love for Us**  
Multnomah Praise Trio

**The Story: Jesus Before the Jerusalem Leadership**

**Narrator 1:** As morning came, the elders of the people, both chief priests and legal experts, came together, and Jesus was brought before their council.

**Readers 9:** If you are the Christ, tell us!

**Jesus:** If I tell you, you won't believe. And if I ask you a question, you won't answer. But from now on, the Human One will be seated on the right side of the power of God.

**Readers 9:** Are you God's Son, then?

**Jesus:** You say that I am.

**Readers 9:** Why do we need further testimony? We've heard it from his own lips.

**Song | Go to Dark Gethsemane, v. 2 only**  
Glory to God #220

**The Story: Jesus Before Pilate and Herod**

**Narrator 2:** The whole assembly got up and led Jesus to Pilate and began to accuse him.

**Readers 9:** We have found this man misleading our people, opposing the payment of taxes to Caesar, and claiming that he is the Christ, a king.

**Narrator 2:** Pilate asked him,

**Reader 10:** Are you the king of the Jews?

**Jesus:** That's what you say.

**Narrator 2:** Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

**Reader 10:** I find no legal basis for action against this man."

**Narrator 2:** But they objected strenuously, saying,

	<p>Readers 9: He agitates the people with his teaching throughout Judea—starting from Galilee all the way here.</p> <p>Narrator 2: Hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. When he learned that Jesus was from Herod’s district, Pilate sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time. Herod was very glad to see Jesus, for he had heard about Jesus and had wanted to see him for quite some time. He was hoping to see Jesus perform some sign. Herod questioned Jesus at length, but Jesus didn’t respond to him. The chief priests and the legal experts were there, fiercely accusing Jesus. Herod and his soldiers treated Jesus with contempt. Herod mocked him by dressing Jesus in elegant clothes and sent him back to Pilate. Pilate and Herod became friends with each other that day. Before this, they had been enemies. Then Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people.</p> <p>Reader 10: You brought this man before me as one who was misleading the people. I have questioned him in your presence and found nothing in this man’s conduct that provides a legal basis for the charges you have brought against him. Neither did Herod, because Herod returned him to us. He’s done nothing that deserves death. Therefore, I’ll have him whipped, then let him go.</p> <p>Narrator 2: But with one voice they shouted,</p> <p><b>All Readers/Cong: <i>Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us.</i></b></p>
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	<p>Narrator 2: Barabbas had been thrown into prison because of a riot that had occurred in the city, and for murder. Pilate addressed them again because he wanted to release Jesus. They kept shouting out,</p> <p><b>All Readers/Cong: <i>Crucify him! Crucify him!</i></b></p> <p>Narrator 2: For the third time, Pilate said to them,</p> <p>Reader 10: Why? What wrong has he done? I've found no legal basis for the death penalty in his case. Therefore, I will have him whipped, then let him go.</p> <p>Narrator 2: But they were adamant, shouting their demand that Jesus be crucified. Their voices won out. Pilate issued his decision to grant their request. He released the one they asked for, who had been thrown into prison because of a riot and murder. But he handed Jesus over to their will.</p> <p><b>Prayer of Confession</b> <i>Forgive us, Lord, for handing you over to die.</i></p> <p><b>Silent Prayers of Confession</b></p> <p><b>The Story: On the Way to the Cross</b></p> <p>Narrator 1: As they led Jesus away, they grabbed Simon, a man from Cyrene, who was coming in from the countryside. They put the cross on his back and made him carry it behind Jesus. A huge crowd of people followed Jesus, including women, who were mourning and wailing for him. Jesus turned to the women and said,</p> <p>Jesus: "Daughters of Jerusalem, don't cry for me. Rather, cry for yourselves and your children. The time will come</p>
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when they will say, 'Happy are those who are unable to become pregnant, the wombs that never gave birth, and the breasts that never nursed a child.' Then they will say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' If they do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?

**Song | *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* v. 1  
Glory to God #216**

**The Story: Jesus on the Cross**

**Narrator 2:** They also led two other criminals to be executed with Jesus. When they arrived at the place called The Skull, they crucified him, along with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left.

**Jesus:** Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing.

**Narrator 2:** They drew lots as a way of dividing up his clothing. The people were standing around watching, but the leaders sneered at him, saying,

**Readers 9:** He saved others. Let him save himself if he really is the Christ sent from God, the chosen one."

**Narrator 2:** The soldiers also mocked him. They came up to him, offering him sour wine and saying,

**Readers 8:** If you really are the king of the Jews, save yourself.

**Narrator 2:** Above his head was a notice of the formal charge against him. It read "This is the king of the Jews." One of the criminals hanging next to Jesus insulted him:

**Reader 11:** Aren't you the Christ?  
Save yourself and us!

	<p>Narrator 2: Responding, the other criminal spoke harshly to him,</p> <p>Reader 12: Don't you fear God, seeing that you've also been sentenced to die? We are rightly condemned, for we are receiving the appropriate sentence for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.</p> <p>Jesus: I assure you that today you will be with me in paradise.</p> <p><b>Song   <i>Jesus, Remember Me</i> (3x) Glory to God #227</b></p> <p><b>The Story: The Death of Jesus</b></p> <p>Narrator 1: It was now about noon, and darkness covered the whole earth until about three o'clock, while the sun stopped shining. Then the curtain in the sanctuary tore down the middle.</p> <p>Jesus: Crying out in a loud voice, Jesus said, Father, into your hands I entrust my life.</p> <p>Narrator 1: After he said this, he breathed for the last time. When the centurion saw what happened, he praised God, saying,</p> <p>Reader 13: It's really true: this man was righteous.</p> <p>Narrator 1: All the crowds who had come together to see this event returned to their homes beating their chests after seeing what had happened. And everyone who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance observing these things.</p> <p><b>Song   <i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i>, v. 1 Glory to God #224</b></p>
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*Our entire offering today is dedicated to mission—to the SW Hope campaign to feed the hungry in our part of the city and to One Great Hour of Sharing which addresses hunger and disaster response globally. You may designate your offering to one or the other or make a loose offering to be evenly divided between the two.*

*Please hold silence for one minute.*

*Please hold silence and sit in reflection through the postlude, then head downstairs for the potluck! All are welcome.*

## **Worshipping God with our Tithes and Offerings** **Invitation to Generosity**

**Offertory Anthem | *Eli, Eli Lama Sabachtani***  
*(My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?)*  
Ruth Elaine Schramm Combined Choirs

**Song of Praise and Dedication | *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*, v. 4** Glory to God #224

## **The Story: The Burial of Jesus**

**Narrator 2:** Now there was a man named Joseph who was a member of the council. He was a good and righteous man. He hadn't agreed with the plan and actions of the council. He was from the Jewish city of Arimathea and eagerly anticipated God's kingdom. This man went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. Taking it down, he wrapped it in a linen cloth and laid it in a tomb carved out of the rock, in which no one had ever been buried. It was the Preparation Day for the Sabbath, and the Sabbath was quickly approaching. The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph. They saw the tomb and how Jesus' body was laid in it, then they went away and prepared fragrant spices and perfumed oils. They rested on the Sabbath, in keeping with the commandment.

**Song | *Were You There?* v. 4 only** Glory to God #228

## **Silent Reflection**

**Chant *Behold, Behold*** Multnomah Praise Trio

## **Assurance of Pardon and Sending**

## **Postlude**

**Welcome to St. Andrew's PDX**  
**for this special combined service with Valley and Multnomah!**  
**Welcome Home! We are so glad you are here.**

*Connecting with Christ and each other to Serve Our Neighbors*

Join us for worship every Sunday at 10:00am, both in person and online  
via Zoom and Facebook.

Visit our website for these links and the weekly worship bulletin.



**Blue prayer cards**, located next to the bulletins, may be used to write out a concern or joy you wish to have included in morning prayers. Please check the appropriate boxes for your level of sharing with others. Ushers will collect them during the opening hymn.

We encourage you to leave your **offerings** and **sign-in sheets** in the offering plates that are passed during worship. Offerings can also be made anytime on our website, [www.standrewspdx.com](http://www.standrewspdx.com)

**Staffed childcare** is available during worship in our nursery. There are also activity packets in the narthex for kids who would like to stay with their families during worship.



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**HOLY WEEK**  
**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Palm Sunday (April 13):**  
10 Am Combined Service with Multnomah Pres and Valley Community Pres at St A's followed by a mission potluck in the gym

**MaundyThursday (April 17):**  
6 PM at Valley Community Pres, Simple soup supper and communion

**Good Friday (April 18):**  
7:30 PM at Multnomah Pres  
Seven Last Words of Jesus and Personal Stories

**Easter Sunrise (April 20):**  
7:30 am in northeast corner of Gabriel Park

**Easter Sunday (April 20):**  
10 AM, St Andrew's Sanctuary  
With the flowering of the cross, brass, and baptism

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 3228 SW SUNSET BLVD,  
Portland, Oregon, 97239

Our collected offering today will go to both of these important programs. You can designate which you'd like to give to. All undesignated offerings will be split 50/50.

### **One Great Hour of Sharing**

One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. All three programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Donations can be made by check or online, making sure they are properly designated on the check memo line or in the drop-down menu online. 36% of the offering supports the Presbyterian Hunger Program, which is committed to ending hunger globally. 32% supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, which is committed to helping others repair from disaster during and beyond the initial aftermath globally. And 32% supports Self-Development of People, which is committed to helping communities around the world gain the skills they need to improve their communities. Thank you for your generosity!

### **SW Hope (<https://nhpdx.org/sw-hope/>)**

Since 2007, the SW community, businesses, and faith communities have worked in partnership to combat food insecurity. With a growing number of food-insecure households, the SW Hope annual food and fund drive helps ensure no family goes hungry in our community. SW Hope supports the Neighborhood House Free Food Market, one of the largest food banks on Portland's west side.

Neighborhood House provides food to more than 12,000 people every year - more than 25% of whom are children. People can shop in person at The Market or order a food box delivery twice each month. Helping neighbors with ever-increasing food costs allows them to focus on paying rent, buying medicine, and other necessities.

Monetary donations are the most effective way to support our work because every \$5 buys enough for a full day's worth of food for an adult, thanks to our partnership with the Oregon Food Bank. Please help those in need.