

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Palm Sunday

*The Worship of God begins with the Opening Voluntary.  
As you enter, pause for a moment to become aware of God's presence.*

April 14, 2019

Eleven o'clock in the morning

## PREPARING TO WORSHIP

Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters Jerusalem to complete his work as our Savior, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

Jessica Thorne and Harry Phelps

VOLUNTARY

*Cortège et Litanie*

Marcel Dupré

INTROIT

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and lift them up,  
O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

David Gulick

CHILDREN'S PROCESSIONAL

*Please remain seated for the children's processional  
and stand as the choir begins to process in.*

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 88 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Anna Perry Miller

Lent began in the wilderness; it concludes in Jerusalem.

**We draw near to the end of one story. Another will soon begin.**

We have followed Jesus thus far and today we remember how he made his final journey into Jerusalem with great intention, heartache, and courageous hope.

**We witness, once more, that he taught and walked in love through every step of the journey.**

\*INVOCATION AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

MISSION MOMENT

Rev. Anna Perry Miller

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 118:24-29 (p. 493)

Seth Roberts

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

ORISON

*Jesus, Remember Me*

HYMN 599

*After the choir has sung this simple prayer through once,  
the congregation is invited to sing two more repetitions.*

\*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 19:28-40 (p. 854)

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ.**

ANTHEM

*Lift Up Your Heads*

William Mathias

Lift up your heads, O ye gates and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty in battle. The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

CALL TO PRAYER *(in unison)*

Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram

**Caught between joy and despair, we yearn for the fulfillment of God's desire beyond the brokenness and neediness of this life. We offer thanksgiving for God's presence with us and petitions for the transformation of the church and the world.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

\*HYMN OF DEVOTION 89 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

ELLACOMBE

\*OFFERTORY SENTENCES

Rev. Anna Perry Miller

ANTHEM AT OFFERTORY

*Ride on!*

Grayston Ives

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry,  
thy humble beast pursues his road  
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The winged squadrons of the sky  
look down with sad and wond'ring eyes  
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die,  
O Christ thy triumph now begin  
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;  
the Father on his sapphire throne  
awaits his own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,  
then take, O God, thy power and reign.

\*PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

Doxology, HYMN 592

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Children in grades 1-2 may meet Mrs. Deb Gray  
at the front of the Sanctuary, on the pulpit side, to continue worship in the chapel.*

SERMON

*Branches of Palm and Bearing of Pain*

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE

*If you desire to become a member of River Road Church, you are invited  
to come forward to the chancel steps at this time, and our pastor will meet you.*

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Ride On! Ride On in Majesty*

WINCHESTER NEW

1. Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark! all the  
2. Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly  
3. Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! The wing - ed  
4. Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Thy last and  
5. Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly

tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur -  
pomp rides on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs  
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won - dering eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
sap - phire throne ex - pects his own a - noint - ed Son.  
mor - tal pain, then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

\*BENEDICTION

EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

VOLUNTARY

*Processional*

Grayston Ives

**Annual CBF Global Missions Offering and Season of Prayer  
RRCB Goal: \$3,000**

CBF missionaries Greg and Sue Smith, from Fredericksburg, VA, are the founders of LUCHA Ministries. LUCHA's goal is holistic ministry that addresses the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual needs of immigrants. RRCB is an encourager church for the Smiths and LUCHA Ministries; you can take home the pew card to learn more about their work. Additionally, the Smiths helped lead our Panama Mission Trip in February, and Sue was a guest in our pulpit to celebrate our partnership and Martha Stearns Marshall month of preaching.

Specially-marked CBF purple envelopes for your giving can be found in the pew racks.

Gifts to the Global Missions Offering transform lives—one person, one community at a time. CBF is an important ministry partner, and 100 percent of every gift goes to missions funding and keeps CBF missionaries serving in the field sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

WELCOME TO RIVER ROAD CHURCH! Our congregation is an open fellowship gladly receiving those who wish to share in its life and community by request for baptism, statement, or transfer from another church. If you desire to become a member, you are invited to come forward directly after the sermon, during the Time of Reflection and Response, or speak with a minister at any time.

TODAY IS PALM, OR PASSION, SUNDAY marking the beginning of Holy Week in the Christian calendar. The blessing and procession of palms reenacts the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. During Holy Week, which are some of the most significant days in the church year, we focus intensely on Jesus' last days, his execution, his burial, and finally, with Easter Sunday, his resurrection.

THE RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP is our opportunity to welcome you to worship. During this time, please sign the register in the maroon binder as it is passed along the row. If you are our guest today, please include contact information so we may welcome you.

TO ENHANCE WORSHIP FOR CHILDREN, age-appropriate children's bulletins and worship bags are in the narthex (foyer at the back of the Sanctuary).

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in honor of our 25th wedding anniversary by Ethan and Melanie Butterworth.

THE RECEPTION AFTER WORSHIP is held in the Fellowship Hall. It is hosted by deacons Carol Alford, Margaret Collins, Mike Rucker, and Laura Thorne. Everyone is invited to attend.

NEXT SUNDAY IS EASTER SUNDAY. Darkness is overcome by light, sadness by joy, grief by hope! Having entered Holy Week's journey—the parade into the city of Jerusalem, the unfair trials, and to the hill at Golgotha, with Christ—we may be overcome with awe, wonder, gratitude, and hope as we shout, "He is risen!" The service is marked by joy and emphasizes the Easter theme of new life. We will worship together at 11:00 a.m. Prelude music begins at 10:35 a.m. with organ, brass quintet, and timpani.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Andy McAllister on the death of his mother, and to Madeleine, Abigail, and Claire on the death of their grandmother, Lucille G. McAllister, on April 9. Services will be held at Westminster Canterbury.

**Labyrinth Walk in the Fellowship Hall**  
**Monday-Wednesday, April 15-17, 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.**  
**Thursday, April 18, 7:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**  
**Please enter the Fellowship Hall from the Plaza**

During Holy Week, River Road Church cordially invites you to experience a meditative walk. Written devotional material will be available to encourage your thoughtful walk. We suggest that you allow approximately 45 to 60 minutes for the labyrinth experience.

**Stations of the Cross in the Chapel**  
**Friday, April 19, 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. | Saturday, April 20, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

The fourteen Stations of the Cross trace Jesus' path from Pilate's house to Golgotha to his tomb, mixing some events that we find in Scripture with some that come to us via the tradition of the church. Each station will have a written explanation and prayer. The walk takes no longer than a lunch break. You may walk and read these to yourself or come in a group and have a person read at each station.

**Labyrinth Walk & Stations of the Cross Volunteers**

We are looking for folks who will be present in the provided space for one hour increments during the hours when the Labyrinth Walk and Stations of the Cross events are happening. This is not a hard job but it is important as it offers a connection to all who enter while at the same time creates an awareness of who is in our building, especially during preschool times. You may sign up for multiple time slots. Please sign up at [rrcb.org/hwvolunteers](http://rrcb.org/hwvolunteers) or contact the church office.

Sun, April 14 **Reception**, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall  
**Easter Egg Hunt: PreK & K**, 12:00 p.m., Courtyard  
**Easter Egg Hunt: Elementary**, 12:00 p.m., Plaza  
**Nominating Committee**, 12:15 p.m., LC 102  
**Board of Christian Ed. & Spiritual Formation**, 4:00 p.m., Parlor  
**Stewardship Committee**, 4:00 p.m., UC 230  
**River Road Camerata**, 4:15 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room  
**Chancel Bell Choir**, 5:00 p.m., Bell Room  
**Youth Choir**, 5:00 p.m., Youth Rehearsal Room  
**Crusader Choir**, 6:00 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room  
**Youth Snack Supper**, 6:00 p.m., Reception Room  
**Youth Program**, 6:15 p.m., Youth Area  
**Board of Administration**, 7:00 p.m., Assembly Room

Mon, April 15 **Labyrinth Walk**, 7:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall (through Wednesday)  
**Joyful Hearts Brunch**, 9:30 a.m., Kitty Davis' Home  
**Yoga**, 5:45 p.m., Assembly Room  
**Communications Committee**, 7:00 p.m., Parlor

Tues, April 16 **WMU Connectors**, 7:00 p.m., Offsite

Wed, April 17 **Men's Group: The Huddle**, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room  
**Building & Property Council**, 4:30 p.m., Reception Room  
**Stephen Ministry**, 4:30 p.m., Parlor  
**Crusader & Carol Children's Choirs**, 6:00 p.m., Music Suite

Thurs, April 18 **Labyrinth Walk**, 7:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall  
**Church Fellowship Dinner**, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall  
**Chancel Choir Rehearsal**, 6:30 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room  
**Maundy Thursday Service**, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Fri, April 19 **Stations of the Cross**, 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., Chapel  
**Decorate for Easter**, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Sat, April 20 **Stations of the Cross**, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Chapel

**Wednesday, April 17**

*No Wednesday Night Dinner & Thoughtful Faith Community*

**Children's Musical Rehearsal** — Crusader & Carol only  
6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Main Rehearsal Room

**Church Fellowship Dinner — Thursday, April 18**  
**6:00-6:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

**Menu:** Rigatoni w/ Turkey Bolognese OR Eggplant Parmesan, Parmesan Roasted Cauliflower, Chocolate Orange Cheesecake Bars

**Kids Entrée:** Cheese Ravioli w/ Marinara

**Costs:** \$9/adults and youth, \$5/children, \$25/family max (Standing reservations do not cover this)

Please make your dinner reservation by calling the church office or filling out the form online at [www.rrcb.org/mdinner](http://www.rrcb.org/mdinner).

**Maundy Thursday Service of Remembrance & Tenebrae**  
**Thursday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

Anthems by the Chancel Choir and Chancel Bell Choir

Childcare provided by request; please contact Sandy Rooney or the Church Office

This evening will focus on two important events. First, we observe a special Communion service in memory of Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. Second, Jesus' self-giving act for our salvation is observed through Tenebrae, a ritual in which the gradual extinguishing of the candles occurs while the story of Jesus' trial and crucifixion is read. Deepen your Easter experience of celebration and joy by sharing in this time of sorrowful reflection.



*Hosanna!*

*Blessed is he who comes*

*In the name of the Lord!*

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