

Palm Sunday

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE Paul Manz
Chorale Prelude on *All Glory Laud and Honor*

MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOME Steven Moore
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. 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.

INTROIT David C. Morgan
Palm Sunday Antiphon
Hosanna, Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed be the King.
Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Thou that sittest in the highest heavens. Hosanna in excelsis Deo!

✠PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM Steven Moore
Matthew 21:1-11

✠THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE Steven Moore
Leader: Hosanna to the Son of David!
People: Hosanna in the highest!
Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
People: Hosanna in the highest.

✠PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 192
ST. THEODULPH
All Glory, Laud, and Honor

✠OPENING PRAYER Beverly Goines
On this day your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. Let those branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our Lord, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life. In his name we pray. Amen.

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

RESPONSIVE PSALM Byron Cotton
No. 738
Psalms 31:1-8

ANTHEM arr. Gilbert Martin
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
[The text for this anthem may be found on page 195 of the Chalice Hymnal.]

SCRIPTURE READING Byron Cotton
NT p. 185
Philippians 2:5-11

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

CHILDREN'S TIME
Elementary school children will be invited by the pastor to leave the Sanctuary just before the sermon to attend a creative arts program in the Music Suite. Children will be dismissed to move to the Atrium to meet their parents at the end of the worship service.

MEDITATION Steven Moore
"The Week that Is..."

HYMN NO. 197 (1)
ST. CHRISTOPHER
Beneath the Cross of Jesus
Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noon-tide heat, and the burden of the day.

THE COMMUNITY HEARS THE PROCLAMATION OF THE PASSION STORY

Matthew 26:14-16 Norman Kruse

THE UPPER ROOM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER
Matthew 26:17-25 Bill Knight

Matthew 26:26-29 Beverly Goines

SHARING AND RECEIVING GOD'S GRACE
This table is for all believers in Jesus Christ. Please come forward by the center aisle as directed by the Deacons. Baskets are available for your offerings. 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.

HYMN No. 414
BERTHIER
Eat This Bread
Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.
(sing twice)

THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE
Matthew 26:30-40 Reader

ANTHEM William Bradbury
'Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow
'Tis midnight, and on Olive's brow the star is dimmed that lately shone;
'tis midnight, in the garden now the suffering Savior prays alone.

THE ARREST OF JESUS
Matthew 26:47-67 Reader

PETER'S DENIAL
Matthew 26:69-75 Reader

THE DEATH OF JUDAS
Matthew 27:1-9 Reader

JESUS BEFORE PILATE
Matthew 27:11-26 Reader

ANTHEM John Carter
In Pilate's Hall

In Pilate's hall he stands alone; he will not raise his eyes.
The silence settled like a stone, and Pilate wearily sighs.
"Are you the Christ? Are you a King? I hear that's what they say!"
But Jesus answered not a thing. He only turned away.
In Pilate's hall he stands betrayed by those he called his own;
in tattered robe and crown arrayed, a king without a throne.
"Are you the Christ? That's what I've heard. Are you the Promised One?"
But Jesus answered not a word. The deed was nearly done.
In Pilate's hall he stands aware of all that lies ahead.
The chill of death is in the air and all his friends have fled.
"What have you done? Will you not say? The die is cast, my friend!"
Then soldiers led our Lord away to Calvary's bitter end.

JESUS ON THE CROSS
Matthew 27:32-44 Reader

JESUS IS CRUCIFIED
Matthew 27:45-61 Reader

HYMN No. 197 (2,3)
ST. CHRISTOPHER
Beneath the Cross of Jesus
Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of one who suffered there for me;
and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess:
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,
my sinful self, my only shame, my glory all the cross.

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE Jean Langlais
Chant Heroique

Jean Langlais composed this piece in honor of his friend and fellow composer Jehan Alain who was killed at age 29 in the Second World War. The ferocity of war and of struggle is evident in this piece. The piece could also be viewed, in a way, as a musical depiction of the crucifixion. The swirling turbulent opening suggests the dark clouds of Good Friday and the noisy, restless crowd surrounding the cross, with jagged, harsh chords suggesting the blows by the hands of the soldiers and the jabs of their spears. As the scene of the crucifixion gets more intense, so does the music until agony is expressed in great blasts of sound suggesting the anguished cries of Christ. The last page of the piece, on full organ, depicts the earthquake and the tearing of the curtain in the temple, and utter destruction as Christ breathes his last.

Please remain seated during this morning's postlude and refrain from applause at the end

The flowers were given by Kathleen Swihart
in memory of her mother, Edith K. Davis,
and in memory of Pauline Holt Wilson.

Worship and preaching resources: Chalice Worship, Colbert S. Cartwright and O.I. Cricket Harrison, ed. (St. Louis: Chalice Press, 1999), Seasons of the Spirit, Craig Schaub, et. al., (British Columbia, Canada: Wood Lake Publishing, Inc., 2007), and When We Gather, James G. Kirk, (Philadelphia: The Geneva Press, 2001). The texts for the hymns sung during this morning service are reprinted with permission given under CCLI #2266475.

WELCOME TO NATIONAL CITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Worship! Welcome to worship on this Palm Sunday morning! Today's service of worship begins with the waving of Palms and leaves us standing at the cross. Why move from the joy of the Palms to the Passion? With busy lives, schedules and the nature of our culture today, many people do not return to attend one of the Holy Week Services. Yet we can't have Easter without experiencing the death of Christ. So today, we move from Palms to Passion through spoken word and song. May this service today be one of meaning and blessing to you.

Dr. Gentle is away today attending his son's senior recital this weekend in Fort Worth, Dr. Gentle will return to National City for Holy Week services and Easter Sunday, when he will preach, "What does the Resurrection mean to you and me."

FOR OUR GUESTS

Connect With Us! – We are so pleased that you have made time in your schedule today for worship. During the season of Lent, we are considering excuses that people use to keep them from growing spiritually. Today we consider the excuse: "The church is full of hypocrites." Let us focus our attention and thanksgiving on the one, eternal God who has created us and binds us together in Christ's love.

Membership at NCCC – 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. Full and associate membership are available. Please feel free to talk with any minister or e-mail sgentle@nationalcitycc.org

Sanctuary Tour – Tours of our historic sanctuary are available following the 11 a.m. worship service. If you are interested, please meet at the Garfield Window in the rear of the sanctuary (pulpit side).

Coffee and Fellowship – Come to the Atrium for a warm cup of coffee and meet some of the warm people of National City. The Atrium is located on the first floor of the building through the front, right door.

Nursery – Childcare is available during the morning for children through age four. The nursery is located in Fellers Foyer. Speak with a greeter or any member for directions.

Accessibility – Elevator access to the sanctuary is available via the 14th Street courtyard entrance. If you would like to request a handicapped parking space for Sunday, please call the church office by 12 noon on Friday.

EN ESPAÑOL – Culto en la Capilla Phillips, Domingo 11 a.m.

Parking – Complimentary parking is available at the Washington Plaza Hotel parking garage. Simply ask for a voucher at the church front desk at the 14th street entrance. Street parking is available every Sunday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the west ramp off Thomas Circle, which leads to Massachusetts Avenue.

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 during business hours, 202-232-0323.

National City Online – Visit online at www.nationalcitycc.org and Facebook members are encouraged to sign up as fans of National City's Facebook page. Also members and guests are encouraged to sign up for our e-mail list at <http://www.nationalcitycc.org/register.asp>.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Jane Campbell; James Green; Roy Hatton; Polly He; Will Hill;
William C. Howland, Jr.; Ruth Lee; Enid Maitland;
C. William and Claudine Nichols; Mary Paradise; Hilda Reynolds;
Robert Rock; Denise Ross; Martha Thompkins; Al Weaver;
and those in military service.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Whosoever Will Christian Church, Beltsville, Maryland

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Stop by for Easter Cards – Easter cards will be available in the Atrium on Palm Sunday for members to sign and mail to friends and family. Thanks to Colleen Walsh for designing these cards.

Children's Time – All elementary students are invited to participate in the children's Creative Arts program that takes place during the 11 a.m. service. Children can meet their parents in the Music Suite or in the Atrium at the end of the worship service.

Fair Trade Gifts, Crafts, and Coffee – Hilda's International Gift Shop is open today from 10 to 11 a.m. and 12 to 1 p.m. near the courtyard entrance in the Atrium.

Memorial Service for Pauline Holt Wilson – 1 p.m. A memorial service for long-time member Pauline Holt Wilson will be in the Howland Center, followed by inurnment in the Columbarium.

Lenten Study Group – 5 p.m. at the home of Barbara Collins and led by John Scott Williams. We will be using the *2011 Lenten Bible Study* that can be downloaded at www.disciplesmissionfund.org. Please call Barbara at 703-323-1187 for directions.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

Yada Lenten Studies – Yada welcomes the entire church to join in a small group study for the Lenten season. We will be studying Jesus' seven "I am" statements, found in the Gospel of John. We meet in Hilda's gift shop at 7 p.m. Come a bit earlier for snacks and socializing. For more information please contact Ann at aneeriemer@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

Food Pantry from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Atrium.

Holy Week Activities

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 21

6:30 p.m. Sacrificial Meal

7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 22

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Communion in the Courtyard

10 a.m. The Wilfley Chapel will be open for prayer.

12:15 - 12:45 p.m. Pipe Organ Meditation featuring Charles Miller

7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service with the NCCC Sanctuary Choir and soloists featuring Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem*.

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 23

Lenten Study Group – 10 a.m. Hilda's Gift Shop, led by Bill Knight. We will be using National City's 2011 Lenten Devotional that can be downloaded at www.nationalcitycc.org.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 24

7:30 a.m. Sunrise Easter Worship Service on the steps featuring the NCCC Gospel Choir.

11 a.m. Traditional Worship Service featuring the Sanctuary choir, brass quintet, timpani and organ.

PLEASE SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COLLEEN WALSH
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Passion Sunday



April 17, 2011
11 a.m.



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