



PALM SUNDAY



## New member vows

### Call to confession

from Hebrews 10:19–22

Since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

### Silent prayers of confession

#### Choral prayer

“Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!”

Chancel Choir

Hail, thou once despised Jesus! Hail, thou Galilean King!  
Thou didst suffer to release us; thou didst free salvation bring.  
Hail, thou agonizing Savior, bearer of our sin and shame!  
By thy merits we find favor; life is given through thy name.

Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, all our sins on thee were laid;  
by almighty love anointed, though hast full atonement made.  
All thy people are forgiven through the virtue of thy blood;  
opened is the gate of heaven; peace is made 'twixt man and God.

*text by John Bakewell, 1757; traditional Netherlands melody, arr. Julius Röntgen, ca. 1906, IN BABILONE*

#### \* Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on 1 Peter 2 and Galatians 2

**Leader:** Jesus Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. For we were like sheep going astray, but now we have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls.

**All:** We have been crucified with Christ and we no longer live, but Christ lives in us. The life we live in the body, we live by faith in the Son of God, who loved us and gave himself for us.

#### \* Hymn of assurance 251

“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 noontide heat and the burden of the day.

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 nor loss;  
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.  
*text by Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1872; music by Frederick C. Maker, 1881, ST. CHRISTOPHER*

## **Worship in the giving of God's tithe and our offerings**

### **Offertory**

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

Chancel Choir

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.  
O who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

Sometimes they strew his way, and his sweet praises sing,  
resounding all the day, hosannas to their King.  
Then “Crucify!” is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done to cause this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to walk and he gave the blind their sight.  
What injuries! Yet these are why the Lord most high so cruelly dies.

Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine;  
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.  
This is my friend in whose sweet praise I all my days will gladly spend.  
My song is love unknown; love unknown.  
*text by Samuel Crossman; music by J. Baptiste Calkin, arr. Molly Ijames, 2012*

### **\* Doxology**

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

### **\* Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

<sup>44</sup>It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, <sup>45</sup>while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup>Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.

<sup>47</sup>Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" <sup>48</sup>And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. <sup>49</sup>And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

<sup>50</sup>Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, <sup>51</sup>who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. <sup>52</sup>This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>53</sup>Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. <sup>54</sup>It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. <sup>55</sup>The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. <sup>56</sup>Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

### Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

#### Sermon

"The Cross, Part 3"  
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

1. The cosmic ending at the cross (vv. 44-46)
2. The different responses to the cross (vv. 47-49)
3. The courageous burial of the Christ (vv. 50-56)

#### Pastoral prayer

#### \* Hymn of response 420

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,  
who has washed us in the tide flowing from his pierced side;  
praise we him whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine,  
gives his body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

Where the paschal blood is poured, death's dark angel sheathes his sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread;  
with sincerity and love eat we manna from above.

Mighty victim from the sky, pow'rs of hell beneath thee lie;  
death is conquered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:  
hymns of glory and of praise, risen Lord, to thee we raise;  
holy Father, praise to thee, with the Spirit, ever be.

*traditional Latin hymn, 6th cent., tr. Robert Campbell, 1849; music by George J. Elvey, 1859, ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR*

\* **Benediction**

\* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

\* **Postlude**

Trumpet Tune: “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!”

*Gilbert Martin*

*(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #237)*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Joy Gibbons** – choral director

**Joshua Knight** – organ, piano

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Hugh Owen Maclellan Jr.**

December 4, 1939 – April 4, 2025

**Celebrating the baptism** of Brooks Hillman Cain at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, Ashleigh and Jacob Cain, and his grandparents, Regina and Jim Wright and Jenny Homan, and his great-grandmother, Chris McBryar.

**Celebrating the baptism** of Ronald Gene Thomas III at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, Deborah and Ron Thomas, and his grandparents, Hannie and Fred Brown.

**Celebrating the baptism** of Eden Munro Gardner at the 11:00 service in the fellowship hall today are her parents, Kristen and Paul Gardner.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PALM BRANCHES ARE AVAILABLE FOR ALL** at the entrances to the sanctuary and at the foot of the cross located in the courtyard. After the service, the branches may be placed in the cross. Next Sunday, the cross will be filled with flowers in celebration of Christ's resurrection. You are welcome to bring your own flowers on Easter to contribute to the cross, or to take one of the flowers that will be available and place it in the cross. The cross is provided by Catherine and Charlie Walldorf in loving memory of Flora Walldorf, Dick Fowler, Jacob Walldorf, Elise Crates, and Mike Irwin.

**THIS WEEK, YOU WILL RECEIVE A SPRING MINISTRY UPDATE** describing the first quarter of 2025, along with your giving statement, so keep an eye out for that email. Moving forward, these new updates will be sent quarterly.

**THERE WILL BE LIMITED WEDNESDAY EVENING** activities on April 16 due to Holy Week: Chancel Choir will rehearse and Wednesday Evening Prayer will be held at 6:15 p.m.

**HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED** why LMPC observes Holy Week the way we do? Listen to a bonus episode of the Pillar & Ground podcast, just released this week, on the topic of preparing for Holy Week at LMPC. Find the episode at [lmpc.org/podcast](http://lmpc.org/podcast), or wherever you get your podcasts.

**THERE WILL BE A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** at the end of each worship service on Sunday, April 27, for two purposes: to elect the nominated elders and deacons to the class of 2028, and to receive a report concerning changes this fall to the worship schedule in order to begin a common Sunday school hour.

**BEAST FEAST IS BACK!** Men, come to the Heald's Farm in Rising Fawn, GA, on May 1 at 6:00 p.m. for an evening of mouth-watering smoked meats and fellowship. Feast and fellowship with other guys on the farm, and invite your friends. Bring a lawn chair and a beverage. Register on Realm Connect by April 28; cost is \$20.

**ATTEND AN EVENING OF SCRIPTURE & SONG** on Sunday, May 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please join us for favorite Scriptures, hymns, and anthems together with our Chancel choir. Nursery will be provided. Stay for a reception after the concert to celebrate Joy Gibbons as she retires, and to thank God for her faithful ministry.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH VBS!** We are excited to host VBS back on our church campus this summer, June 17-19, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Please register on Realm Connect if you can volunteer: we must plan in advance for screening and training. (If you already emailed Brennan to volunteer, no need to register.)

*To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit [lmpc.org/events](http://lmpc.org/events).*

## NEW MEMBERS

The following individuals have been received into the membership of Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church as of Sunday, March 30. We celebrate with them today and welcome them into our fellowship.

Lizzie and Josh Alford  
Lynn and Ben Brown  
Jana Clark  
Laurahelen and Thomas Clark  
Lizzie and Mark Currin  
Aaralyn Davis  
Morgan and Sven Eriksen  
Brennan and Jamison Griffin

Elizabeth and Kennedy Griffin  
Bennett and Brad Harrison  
Wesley Heinecke  
Lisa and Rob Jenks  
Jan and Tory Johnston  
Patsy and Craig Kent  
Kate McKinney  
Nancy and Larry Mehne

Jalen Spiller  
Kathy and Dan Taber  
Zoe Vander Maas\*  
Blair and Lucas Vazquez  
Karyn and Enrique Vizoso  
Colleen and Philip Weston

\*Associate Member

## COMMUNICANTS

Vivien Beasley  
Brooks Cain  
Catherine Carr  
Caeva Christie  
Finley Cook  
Gwendolyn DeMarco  
Oliver DeMarco  
Eden Gardner  
Charlie Heald  
Lucy Heald

Greer Hewitt  
Reed Hill  
Wendell Huffines  
Vivienne Jacobs  
Forrest Lehn  
Tuck Lehn  
Hannah Lindquist  
Phoebe Mutter  
Wisehart Mutter  
Ben Perry

Simeon Salter  
Mary Margaret Scruggs  
Asher Stevens  
Ron Thomas  
Luah Vaughn  
Kent Wingfield  
Augusta Witcher  
Elsie Witcher  
Tiya Wykoff

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

### **Maundy Thursday Service**

..... 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall\*

### **Good Friday Service**

..... 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary\*

### **Easter Sunrise Service**

..... 7:00 a.m. at Point Park (weather permitting)

### **Easter Sunday Services**

..... 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary\*

..... 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall\*

*No Sunday School for adults, youth, or children*

*No Evening Gathering or youth activities*

*\*indicates nursery available*