

Good Shepherd Community Church  
Palm Sunday 2 April 2023



Palm Sunday- Arrival of the Messiah King- Son of David for Passover

**We Gather before Our God and Savior**

“Observe the month of Abib and keep the Passover to Yahweh your God, for in the month of Abib Yahweh your God brought you out of Egypt by night. “Three times a year all your males shall appear before Yahweh your God at the place that he will choose.

In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight, is Yahweh’s Passover. And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to Yahweh; for seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall not do any ordinary work. But you shall present a food offering to Yahweh for seven days. On the seventh day is a holy convocation; you shall not do any ordinary work.” [Deut. 16:1,16; Leviticus 23:5-8]

**Collect for Palm Sunday**

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Call to Worship**

Sing, daughter of Zion! Shout, Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem. <sup>15</sup>Yahweh has taken away your judgments. He has thrown out your enemy. The King of Israel, Yahweh, is among you. You will not be afraid of evil any more. (Zephaniah 3:14-15)

**Scripture Proclamation**

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Behold, your King is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation is He,  
humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. Zechariah 9.9

Recall the words of John 12:12

“A great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying,

***‘Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!’***  
***Hosanna to the Son of David!***

Together let us praise the Lord’s Christ- Messiah Jesus.

### **Hymn- "All Glory Laud and Honor"**

All glory, laud, and honor  
to you, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.  
You are the King of Israel  
and David's royal Son,  
now in the Lord's name coming,  
the King and Blessed One.

2 The company of angels  
is praising you on high;  
and we with all creation  
in chorus make reply.  
The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before you went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before you we present.

3 To you before your passion  
they sang their hymns of praise;  
to you, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise.  
As you received their praises,  
accept the prayers we bring,  
for you delight in goodness,  
O good and gracious King!

### **Invocation- Let us pray.**

#### **Psalm Hymn 117**

*Praise the Lord, all you nations  
extol Him, all you peoples,  
for great is His love for us.  
Praise the Lord—He is faithful;  
His love endures forever,  
and great is His love for us.*

verse 1:  
Sing a song of praise to God enthroned on high;  
Bow before the King of the angels.  
His mercy and His love, His justice will be known;  
lift a song of praise to the Lord!

chorus:  
*Praise the Lord, all you nations  
extol Him, all you peoples,  
for great is His love for us.*

### **Pastor Jeff Gregory**

*Praise the Lord—He is faithful;  
His love endures forever,  
and great is His love for us.*

verse 2:  
Boldly shout His praise for He has rescued us;  
Sin and death no more can enslave us.  
His beauty and his pow'r displayed at Calvary,  
lift a song of praise to the Lord!

Chorus:  
*Praise the Lord, all you nations  
extol Him, all you peoples,  
for great is His love for us.  
Praise the Lord—He is faithful;  
His love endures forever,  
and great is His love for us.*

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EjpMwgoFzGg>

## **A Confession of Faith**

We confess that although our Lord Jesus Christ existed in the form of God and was equal with God, he did not cling to his rights as God. Instead, he took the humble position of a slave and appeared in human form. And as a human being He was fully obedient to God, even when that caused his death – He obediently humbled himself by dying a criminal’s death on a cross. But God raised him up to the heights of heaven. God made his name greater than every other name so that every knee will bow to the name of Jesus – all in heaven, on earth, and under the earth. And all will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord and bring glory to God the Father. This we most truly believe! [Adapted from Philippians 2:5-11]

## **Hymn- “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”**

Ride on, ride on in majesty  
as all the crowds ‘Hosanna!’ cry:  
through waving branches slowly ride,  
O Savior, to be crucified.

2. Ride on, ride on in majesty,  
in lowly pomp ride on to die:  
O Christ, your triumph now begin,  
with captured death and conquered sin!

3. Ride on, ride on in majesty:  
the angel armies of the sky  
look down with sad and wondering eyes  
to see the approaching sacrifice.

4. Ride on, ride on in majesty,  
the last and fiercest foe defy;  
the Father on his sapphire throne  
awaits his own anointed Son.

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

Text- Henry Hart Milman

Tune- Winchester New – LM

## **Collect for Passion Sunday**

O Lord Jesus Christ, who on this day received the worship  
of those who hailed you as their King:  
Accept our praise and adoration, our worship and love;  
grant that we, who now confess you with our lips,  
may never fail to give you the service of our lives,  
for the honor of your holy name,  
who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end. Amen.  
—Prayers for Every Occasion (#203, p. 63, alt.), comp. and ed. by Frank Colquhoun.

## The Last Passover Feast/First Lord's Supper

### Passover Festival

#### Exodus 12:1-28

Yahweh said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, <sup>2</sup> "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup> Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. <sup>4</sup> And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. <sup>5</sup> Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, <sup>6</sup> and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

<sup>7</sup> "Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup> They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ...<sup>14</sup> "This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to Yahweh; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast. <sup>15</sup> Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven out of your houses, for if anyone eats what is leavened, from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel. <sup>16</sup> On the first day you shall hold a holy assembly, and on the seventh day a holy assembly. No work shall be done on those days. But what everyone needs to eat, that alone may be prepared by you. <sup>17</sup> And you shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall observe this day, throughout your generations, as a statute forever. ...

<sup>21</sup> Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb. <sup>22</sup> Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. <sup>23</sup> For Yahweh will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, Yahweh will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you. <sup>24</sup> You shall observe this rite as a statute for you and for your sons forever.

<sup>28</sup> Then the people of Israel went and did so; as Yahweh had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

### Psalm 113- Hallelujah! Raise, O Raise

Hallelujah! Raise, O raise  
to the LORD our song of praise!  
Praise, O servants of the LORD,  
praise the name of God the LORD.

From this time and evermore  
bless the name of God the LORD.  
From the sunrise to its rest,  
may the name of God be blest.

Far above the nations high,  
glorious far above the sky,  
who is like the LORD on high,  
gazing down on earth and sky?

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## Mark 14:12-16

<sup>7</sup> Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" <sup>8</sup> So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it." <sup>9</sup> They said to him, "Where will you have us prepare it?" <sup>10</sup> He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters <sup>11</sup> and tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' <sup>12</sup> And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there." <sup>13</sup> And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

### Food at Passover of Jesus and his Disciples

Unleavened bread -roasted Lamb- bitter herbs (parsley, celery)-salted water for dipping- wine

### Liturgy of the Passover Meal

<sup>14</sup> And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. <sup>16</sup> For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." <sup>17</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. <sup>18</sup> For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

## Exodus 12:25-27

*<sup>25</sup> And when you come to the land that Yahweh will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this service. <sup>26</sup> And when your children say to you, 'What do you mean by this service?' <sup>27</sup> you shall say, 'It is the sacrifice of the Yahweh 's Passover, for he passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians but spared our houses.'" And the people bowed their heads and worshiped.*

### Traditional Questions That Jesus Possibly Used

#### Why is this night different from all other nights?

*'With strength of hand Yahweh brought us out from Egypt, from a house of slaves. Exodus 13:14*

On all other nights we eat leavened products and matzah, and on this night only matzah.

*We eat only matzah because our ancestors could not wait for their breads to rise when they were fleeing slavery in Egypt, and so they were flat when they came out of the oven.*

*"Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand Yahweh brought you out from this place. No leavened bread shall be eaten. Exodus 13:3*

On all other nights we eat all vegetables, and on this night only bitter herbs.

*We eat only Maror, a bitter herb, to remind us of the bitterness of slavery that our ancestors endured while in Egypt.*

On all other nights, we don't dip our food even once, and on this night we dip twice.

*The purpose of dipping the bitter herbs in the salted water is to remind us of the tears our ancestors shed.*

"On all other nights we eat meat which has been roasted, stewed, or boiled, but on this night we eat only roasted meat."

*We eat only the roasted meat of the sacrificed lamb because our ancestors were protected from the death angel by its blood applied to their doorposts. Exod. 12:6-10*

## Four Cups

There are four cups of wine during the Seder, one for each of the four promises of God in *Exodus 6:6-7*: Therefore, say to the Israelites: 'I am Yahweh, and I will bring you out [**the cup of sanctification**] from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them [**the cup of judgment**], and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment [**the cup of redemption**]. I will take you as my own people [**the cup of praise**], and I will be your God.

In the New Testament accounts, we find reference to the First Cup, also known as the Cup of Blessing (Luke 22:17); to the breaking of the matzoh (Luke 22:19); to the Third Cup, the Cup of Redemption (Luke 22:20); to reclining (Luke 22:14); to the charoseth or the maror (Matthew 26:23), and to the Hallel (Matthew 26:30). In particular, the matzoh and the Third Cup are given special significance by Jesus.

## Liturgy of the Upper Room

"It was while Jesus and the Twelve were keeping the Feast of the Passover that our Lord instituted the ordinance of the Holy Supper, to serve essentially the same purposes served by the sacrifices of the preceding four millenniums. After that final Passover day and its attendant lifting up upon the cross of the true Paschal Lamb, the day for the proper celebration of the ancient feast ceased. After that Paul was able to say: '**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,**' and to give the natural exhortation that flowed therefrom: '**Therefore let us keep the feast,** not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but *with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.*' (1 Cor. 5:7-8.)" (The Promised Messiah, pp. 429-31.)

## Psalm 116- What Shall I Render to the Lord?

What shall I render to the Lord  
for all his benefits to me?  
How shall my soul, by grace restored,  
give worthy thanks, O Lord, to thee?

2 Salvation's cup of blessing now  
I take, and call upon God's name;  
before his saints I pay my vow  
and here my gratitude proclaim.

3 His saints the Lord delights to save,  
their death is precious in his sight;

he has redeemed me from the grave,  
and in his service I delight.

4 With thankful heart I offer now  
my gift, and call upon God's name;  
before his saints I pay my vow  
and here my gratitude proclaim.

5 Within his house, the house of prayer,  
I dedicate myself to God;  
let all his saints his grace declare  
and join to sound his praise abroad.  
LM Rockingham OR Wallace

<https://www.trinitypsalterhymnal.org/psalms/what-shall-i-render-to-the-lord/>

## Luke 22:14-18

<sup>14</sup> And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. <sup>16</sup> For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." <sup>17</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. <sup>18</sup> For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

## Mark 14:17-21

And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

### Disciples Gathered Gladly

Disciples gathered gladly to share a festive meal;  
they came all unsuspecting the grief they soon would feel.  
Their Lord began to tell them his hour of death was near;  
the one who would betray him could see his pathway clear.

Then as they sat at supper he blessed and broke the bread.  
This is my body broken for love of you, he said.  
Take each of you a portion remembering when you do,  
as often as you eat it, my life laid down for you.

And when the meal was finished, he poured a cup of wine.  
This cup is the new covenant and your salvation sign.  
Through my death are forgiven your sins both great and small.  
Drink each of you remembering my blood poured out for all.

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### Sharing of the Bread and Cup

#### Luke 22:19

<sup>26</sup> Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "*Take, eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.*"

### 'Twas on That Night

'Twas on that night when doomed to know  
The eager rage of ev'ry foe,  
That night in which he was betrayed,  
The Saviour of the world took bread;

And, after thanks and glory giv'n  
To him that rules in earth and heav'n,  
That symbol of his flesh he broke,  
And thus to all his foll'wers spoke:

"My broken body thus I give  
For you, for all. Take, eat, and live.  
And oft the sacred rite renew  
That brings my saving love to view."

<sup>27</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "*Drink of it, all of you, <sup>28</sup>for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.*"  
*Matthew 26:36*

## 'Twas on That Night

Then in his hands the cup he raised,  
And God anew he thanked and praised,  
While kindness in his bosom glowed,  
And from his lips salvation flowed.

"My blood I thus pour forth," he cries,  
"To cleanse the soul in sin that lies;  
In this the covenant is sealed,  
And heav'n's eternal grace revealed."  
Text- John Morrison, LM, Rockingham(Miller)

Matthew 26:30

*And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.*

### Psalm 118:25-29

Save us now, we beg you, Yahweh!

O Yahweh, please grant success.

<sup>26</sup> Blessed is he who comes in Yahweh's name!

We have blessed you out of Yahweh's house.

<sup>27</sup> Yahweh is God, and he has given us light.

*Bind the sacrifice with cords, even to the horns of the altar.*

<sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will give thanks to you.

You are my God, I will exalt you.

<sup>29</sup> Oh give thanks to Yahweh, for he is good,  
for his loving kindness endures forever.

Note: "Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar. (v 27) So far as we know, these were the near-final words our Savior sang as he went out to the place of execution. His heart's focus was in perfect alignment with Psalm 118. These psalms had become his. ...Yet the focus of this psalm carried him toward the altar." (Philip S Ross, Anthems for a Dying Lamb, p. 115)

## The Glorious Gates of Righteousness Part 4

The light of joy to shine on us  
the LORD our God has made;  
now be the precious sacrifice  
upon his altar laid;  
now be the precious sacrifice  
upon his altar laid.

7. O LORD, my God, I praise thy name,  
all other names above;  
O give him thanks, for he is good,  
and boundless is his love;  
O give him thanks, for he is good,  
and boundless is his love.

8. O praise the LORD, for he is good;  
let all in heav'n above  
and all the saints on earth proclaim  
his everlasting love;  
and all the saints on earth proclaim  
his everlasting love.

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## Psalm 118- This is the Day

This is the day the LORD has made;  
let us be glad and sing.  
Hosanna, LORD! O give success!  
O LORD, salvation bring!

O blessed be the one who comes,  
Comes in Jehovah's name;  
The blessings from Jehovah's house  
Upon you we proclaim.

Meter: CM Tune-Jackson OR Dundee

The LORD is God; and He to us  
Has made the light arise;  
O bind ye to the altar's horns  
With cords the sacrifice.

The LORD is God; I'll give Thee thanks,  
my God, I'll worship Thee.  
O thank the LORD, for He is good;  
His grace will endless be.

*Yahweh is God, and he has given us light. Bind the sacrifice with cords, even to the horns of the altar.*

Pause for Prayer and Praise

## The Garden Gethsemane

### Mark 14:32-42

<sup>32</sup> And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." <sup>33</sup> And he took with him Peter and James and John and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. <sup>34</sup> And he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch." <sup>35</sup> And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup> And he said, "*Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.*" <sup>37</sup> And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? <sup>38</sup> Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." <sup>39</sup> And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. <sup>40</sup> And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. <sup>41</sup> And he came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup> Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

**Luke 22:42** ^"Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." <sup>43</sup> And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. <sup>44</sup> *And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.*

### Hymn- '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 suff'ring Savior prays alone.

2 'Tis midnight, and from all removed,  
Immanuel wrestles 'lone with fears.

E'en that disciple whom he loved  
heeds not his Master's grief and tears.

3 'Tis midnight, and for others' guilt  
the Man of sorrows weeps in blood.  
Yet he who hath in anguish knelt  
is not forsaken by his God.  
Author-William B. Tappan  
LM Tune- Olive's Brow

Sermon- The Garden of Agony by Wayne Conrad

## Hymn- Go to Dark Gethsemane

Go to dark Gethsemane,  
You who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see;  
Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from His griefs away;  
Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

*Then the company of soldiers, the commander, and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus and tied him up. John 18:12*

2 Follow to the judgment hall;  
View the Lord of life arraigned;  
O the worm-wood and the gall!  
O the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;  
Learn of Him to bear the cross.

*So then (Pilate) delivered him to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus and led him away. <sup>17</sup> He went out, bearing his cross, to the place called "The Place of a Skull", which is called in Hebrew, "Golgotha", where they crucified him. John 19:16-18*

3 Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb  
There' adoring at His feet,  
Mark the miracle of time,  
God's own sacrifice complete:  
"It is finished!" Hear the cry;  
Learn of Jesus Christ to die.

*When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head. 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 and gave up his spirit. [John 19:30 with Luke 23:46 arranged]*

Author- James Montgomery  
Meter:7.7.7.7.7.7 Tune: Redhead

## Silence- Wait upon God

### A Prayer

God our Father, in obedience to whose will our Savior Christ became man  
and suffered on the cross for our redemption:  
Help us by your grace to learn from his meekness.  
Enable us by faith to partake of the benefits of his passion,  
thus we shall share his triumph and know the joy of his resurrection;  
who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen

### **Benediction-**

*YAHWEH bless you and keep you;  
Yahweh make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
Yahweh turn his face toward you and give you peace." Amen.*