



Mihály Munkácsy, *Christ Before Pilate*

Welcome to First Baptist Church of Asheville. Today is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week, a time in the church year when we remember how Christ gave his life in love for the world. As this service opens, the crowd waves palm branches, wanting to crown Jesus as king. But as the story of the passion unfolds, their shouts of praise turn to demands for his crucifixion; he receives a crown of thorns as he is handed over to be mocked and killed.

Worship care for preschool children and infants is offered during this hour in the children's building. Large print hymns and T-coil access are available at the back of the Sanctuary. An usher can assist you with these and any other needs you may have.

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Hornpipe* John S. Dixon

GREETING Leah Brown

INTROIT *Requiem: IV. Sanctus* Sir John Rutter

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and majesty.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord our God:
Hosanna in the highest.
– Missa pro defunctis

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lift up your heads, O you gates: be lifted up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

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

*HYMN 173 *Lift Up Your Heads* TRURO

CALL TO CONFESSION Casey Callahan

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Triumphant God, we join the crowds of the ages in shouting your
praises. While our lips give you glory, our lives seldom reflect your
purposes. We sing easily of your greatness, but living faithfully is often
beyond us. We hear of your salvation, yet sin is still close and real,
daily leading us away from you. Have mercy on us. Ride into our
hearts with healing grace. Forgive what we have done and direct who
we shall be. Lord, save us. Hosanna!**

SUNG RESPONSE *Kyrie Eleison*
Lord, Have Mercy



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

SUNG RESPONSE 705 *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI

*SHARING PEACE

PROCLAIMING

*HYMN 172 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* ELLACOMBE

FIRST LESSON Psalm 31:9-16 Emily Floyd

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly. For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

Hosanna! Save us.

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; when they see me in the street they avoid me. I am forgotten like a corpse, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.

Hosanna! Save us.

For I have heard the whispering of the crows; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life. But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. I have said, "You are my God."

Hosanna! Save us.

My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me. Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving kindness save me.

Hosanna! Save us.

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Tambi Swiney

*GOSPEL LESSON Luke 23:1-25
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Passion, Pt. 1: Jesus' Last Silence" Mack Dennis

RESPONDING

PASTORAL PRAYER Amy Stertz

OFFERTORY SENTENCES *Bible Study* Samantha Kodikara

OFFERTORY *Requiem: II. Out of the Deep* Sir John Rutter

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

O let thine ears consider well: the voice of my complaint.

If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss:

O Lord, who may abide it?

For there is mercy with thee: therefore shalt thou be feared.

I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him: in his word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord; before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy:
and with him is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel: from all his sins.

– Psalm 130

*DOXOLOGY

Jesus, Remember Me

JESUS REMEMBER ME

Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Tambi Swiney

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN 186

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Take, O Take Me as I Am*

John Bell

*Those who are able please stand.

Worship leaders include Lay Reader and Deacon of the Week Tambi Swiney, the Adult Choir, percussionists Christopher Bell and Sam Cobb, cellist Franklin Keel, and the Handbell Ensemble.

This morning's art is Mihály Munkácsy, *Christ Before Pilate*, study. 1882. Déri Museum in Debrecen, Hungary. Mihály Munkácsy (1844 -1900) was a Hungarian painter who earned international reputation with his genre pictures and large-scale biblical paintings.

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Laura Addis

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THIS WEEK

Youth Koinonia
Today at 5:00 p.m.

Pickup Basketball
Monday at 7:00 p.m.

**Caregiver's Support
Group**
Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

**Adult Choir
Rehearsal**
Wednesday at
7:00 p.m.

**Free Market &
Lunch at the
Crossroads**
Thursday at 11:00 a.m.

**Maundy Thursday
Night Activities**
(See below)

Good Friday
Friday at Noon

WELCOME

April 13, 2025

If you are a guest with us today, greetings! We joyfully proclaim the sacred worth of all people and welcome you with glad hearts. Please complete a guest card from your pew and place it in the plate during the Offertory. We would love to connect with you.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

There is a longstanding tradition for Christians to walk a labyrinth during Holy Week as a physical sign of spiritual pilgrimage. While following the path, we are invited to ponder the path of Jesus Christ from the triumphal entrance into Jerusalem to the cross at Golgotha. This week, consider making time to walk the Stone Labyrinth in our Sacred Garden. The 11-circuit labyrinth was gifted by Bud and Grace Brazil in 2016 and dedicated to Rev. Dr. Tommy Bratton last year at Pentecost.

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Tambi Swiney

PASTOR ON CALL

Leah Brown

MAUNDY THURSDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

Meal

5:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Service

6:00 p.m.

Menu

Burgers

Sweet Potato Fries

Seven Layer Salad

Watermelon

Ice Cream Bar

*(\$5/adult, \$3/child,
\$20/family max)*



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Easter Flowered Cross

Easter Sunday Flowered Cross

Next Sunday everyone is invited to bring flowers from their yard to adorn our flower cross which will be located near the Sacred Garden for the Sunrise Service, and at the Atrium entrance for the 11:00 a.m. service. Be sure to get a photo with your family and friends at the flower cross on Easter morning.

Maundy Thursday (In place of Wednesday Activities)

Thursday, April 17 * 6:00 p.m. * Sanctuary

“Maundy” comes from the Latin word “mandatum” meaning “commandment,” reflecting Jesus’ words, “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another” (John 13:34). Hymns, scriptural meditation, music by the Adult Choir and instrumentalists, and a special observance of the Lord’s Supper inspire worshippers to remember the sacrifice of Christ.

Good Friday Service – Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 18 * Noon * Sacred Garden/Sanctuary

Join us as we gather to follow Jesus through the stations of the cross with prayers, scripture readings, and dramatic renderings of his passion.

Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 20 * 7:00 a.m. * Sacred Garden

We gather at dawn for an outdoor worship service to remember and celebrate Christ’s resurrection with scripture, hymns, a homily, and music as the sun rises. A light breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m.

Easter Worship

Sunday, April 20 * 11:00 a.m. * Sanctuary

We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus with a service of word, table, and music offered by the Adult Choir.