

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*"(Jesus) answered, 'I tell you,
if these were silent, the
stones would shout out.'"*

- Luke 19:40

April 10, 2022

6th Sunday in Lent

Palm & Passion Sunday

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude: "Abide With Me" (*tune: W.H. Monk / lyrics: Henry F. Lyte – adapted, verse 3: Erika Hewitt; performed by Lea Morris*)

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; (still) with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O, abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

We need each other every passing hour;
channels of grace and life-affirming power.
Faithful Companion, share this path with me,
through all our fears and hopes, abide with me.

Welcome / Announcements

- **Worship Volunteers:** tinyurl.com/worship-help
- **Holy Week & Easter:** allmeansall.org/holy-week

Calendar

Today, 8-9 pm: Spiritual Reflection Group

- info at allmeansall.org/srg

Monday, Apr 11, 7:30-8:30 pm: Book Study – See No Stranger

Tuesday, Apr 12

- **12-1 pm:** Midweek Prayer (*weekly*)
 - info at allmeansall.org/faith-spirituality
- **6:30 pm:** Trustees

Thursday, Apr 14, 7 pm: Maundy Thursday Vespers (*hybrid*)

Sunday, Apr 17: Easter Sunday

- **9-9:30 am:** "Sunrise" Service (*in-person only*)

- **9:30 am-10:45 am:** Potluck Breakfast (*continental*)
 - email Amy Emmett-Rardin to sign up:
aemmettrardin@gmail.com
- **10:30-11 am:** Calvary Kids Easter Egg Hunt
- **11:15 am-12:45 pm:** Hybrid Worship – Celebration of Resurrection

Friday, Jun 10 – Saturday, Jun 11: Calvary Spring Retreat – Spirit Rising

- Mariawald Renewal Center (*Reading*)
- details and registration at allmeansall.org/retreat

Visiting With Us?

We're glad you're here, for whatever reason you chose to join us! We invite you to fill out a Visitor Form at allmeansall.org/visitors; for those worshipping in person, someone will share a form with you during the service. We strive to make our worship space (in person and virtual) as welcoming and accommodating of different needs as possible. If you have any concerns or questions regarding accessibility, please contact Pastor Tim.

Calvary Email List

If you're not on the Calvary email list and want to be, or think you are but aren't seeing emails from us, please contact the church office (office@allmeansall.org).

CENTERING & CONNECTING

Breathing Our Way In / Breath Prayer

Singing Our Way In: "My Soul Is at Rest" (*Taizé Community*)

My soul is at rest in God alone,
my salvation comes from God.

Call to Worship (*Drew Ludwig – adapted*)

One: Jesus was beloved by the poor and the outcast,

ALL: but he was a threat to people with power.

One: Jesus stood against the Temple,

ALL: so he was a threat to the Sadducees.

One: Jesus healed on the Sabbath and ate with sinners,

ALL: so he was a threat to the Pharisees.

One: Jesus took on the titles of "Lord," "Son of God," and "King;"

ALL: those were the Caesar's titles, so he was a threat to the government.

One: Jesus came without violence,

ALL: yet he disturbed the peace.

One: Jesus came proclaiming the Kingdom of God,

ALL: and the kingdoms of this world were frightened.

One: God, help us to love your kingdom of love more than the kingdoms of this world,

ALL: for yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever.

Opening Song: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (*UMH #278, tune: public domain / lyrics: Jeanette Threlfall – adapted*)

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple
the lovely anthem rang.

To Jesus, who had blessed them
close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving,
and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven
rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children
should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing,
for (Jesus, Love incarnate,
new life he came to bring.)

O may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence
eternally rejoice!

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer *(Steve Garnass-Holmes – adapted)*

Gentle God, your Jesus faced profound evil and confronted injustice and violence, not with great force, but with humility and love. Give us the Spirit to live as Christ, the heart to love, the courage to forgive, the trust to surrender our light to this world, asking nothing in return.

Make us servants of your grace, O God, abandoning all entitlement, emptying ourselves of all willfulness and seek your willingness alone. Give us the deep humility to serve, not to get our way; to bless, not to win; to love, only to love. We pray in the name and the humble spirit and the encouraging presence of Jesus. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

O give thanks to the LORD, for (God) is good; (God's) steadfast love endures forever! **2** Let Israel say, "(God's) steadfast love endures forever."

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. **20** This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. **21** I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. **22** The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. **23** This is the

Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. **24** This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success! **26** Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD. **27** The LORD is God, and (God) has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. **28** You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

29 O give thanks to the LORD, for (God) is good, for (God's) steadfast love endures forever.

Sung Response: from "Open My Eyes" (*Jesse Manibusan*)

Open my ears, Lord, help me to hear your voice.

Open my ears, Lord, help me to hear.

Open my heart, Lord, help me to love like you.

Open my heart, Lord, help me to love.

Scripture Lesson: Luke 19:28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. **29** When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, **30** saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. **31** If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" **32** So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them.

33 As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" **34** They said, "The Lord needs it." **35** Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

36 As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. **37** As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud

voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, **38** saying, "Blessed is the (one) who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" **39** Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." **40** He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

One: The word of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sung Response (TFWS #2257-b, tune: Mark Miller)

Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest! (3x)

Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest! (3x)

Liturgy of the Passion

Prayer

Sung Response: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" (TFWS #2129, anonymous)

I have decided to follow Jesus, (3x)
no turning back, no turning back.

Scripture Lesson: Luke 22:14-23

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. **15** He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; **16** for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." **17** Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; **18** for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

19 Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of

me." **20** And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. **21** But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. **22** For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!" **23** Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this.

Scripture Lesson: Luke 22:24-30

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. **25** But he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. **26** But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. **27** For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. **28** "You are those who have stood by me in my trials; **29** and I confer on you, just as my (God) has conferred on me, a kingdom, **30** so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Scripture Lesson: Luke 22:31-38

"Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, **32** but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

33 And he said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!" **34** Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me." **35** He said to them, "When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?" They said, "No, not a thing." **36** He said to

them, "But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. **37** For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled." **38** They said, "Lord, look, here are two swords." He replied, "It is enough."

Scripture Lesson: Luke 22:39-46

He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. **40** When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." **41** Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, **42** "(My God), if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." **43** Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. **44** In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. **45** When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, **46** and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

Sung Response: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" (TFWS #2129, anonymous)

I have decided to follow Jesus, (3x)
no turning back, no turning back.

Scripture Lesson: Luke 22:47-53

While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; **48** but Jesus said to him, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?" **49** When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, "Lord, should we strike with the sword?" **50** Then one of them struck the slave of the

high priest and cut off his right ear.

51 But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. **52** Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? **53** When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"

Prayer (*Pádraig Ó Tuama*)

Jesus of the sheathed sword,
in your name, many swords have been used
and many people have perished.
Speak to us, teach us, again and again,
that violence begets violence.
Teach us. Again and again.
Over and over.
Because we keep forgetting,
and we need to keep
remembering.
Over and over. Amen.

Scripture Lesson: Luke 22:54-62

Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. **55** When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. **56** Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, "This man also was with him." **57** But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." **58** A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" **59** Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean." **60** But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!" At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. **61** The Lord turned and

looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." **62** And he went out and wept bitterly.

Sung Response: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" (TFWS #2129, anonymous)

I have decided to follow Jesus, (3x)
no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow, (3x)
no turning back, no turning back.

Scripture Lesson: Luke 22:63-71

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; **64** they also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?" **65** They kept heaping many other insults on him.

66 When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. **67** They said, "If you are the Messiah, tell us." He replied, "If I tell you, you will not believe; **68** and if I question you, you will not answer. **69** But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." **70** All of them asked, "Are you, then, the Son of God?" He said to them, "You say that I am." **71** Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"

Scripture Lesson: Luke 23:1-5

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. **2** They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." **3** Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." **4** Then

Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." **5** But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

Scripture Lesson: Luke 23:6-12

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. **7** And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. **8** When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. **9** He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. **10** The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. **11** Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. **12** That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Scripture Lesson: Luke 23:13-25

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, **14** and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. **15** Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. **16** I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

18 Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" **19** (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) **20** Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; **21** but they kept

shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" **22** A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." **23** But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. **24** So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. **25** He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

Prayer (*Pádraig Ó Tuama*)

Gods of Pilate,
you are loud and lazy,
following the fashions of the day
making lies out of love
and making mockeries of meaning.
And – so often – we follow you.
May we instead, follow that small whisper,
even when we barely hear it,
even when we barely believe it,
even when it hurts.
Because this is what love is.
This is what love is. Amen.

Scripture Lesson: Luke 23:26-31

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus.

27 A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. **28** But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. **29** For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' **30** Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.'

31 For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Sung Response: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" (TFWS #2129, anonymous)

I have decided to follow Jesus, (3x)
no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me, (3x)
no turning back, no turning back.

Scripture Lesson: Luke 23:32-38

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. **33** When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. **34** Then Jesus said, "(My God), forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. **35** And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, (God's) chosen one!" **36** The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, **37** and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" **38** There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

Prayer (*Pádraig Ó Tuama*)

Jesus of Nazareth,
This cross was a torture.
It only gives life
because you made it hollow.
Bring life to us, Jesus,
especially when we
are in the places
of the dead.
Because you brought life
even to the instruments of death. Amen.

Scripture Lesson: Luke 23:39-43

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" **40** But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" **41** And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." **42** Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." **43** He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Sung Response: "Jesus, Remember Me" (*Jacques Berthier – adapted*)

Jesus, remember me,
when you come into your (kin)dom.

Scripture Lesson: Luke 23:44-46

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, **45** while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. **46** Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "(My God), into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

Prayer (*Pádraig Ó Tuama*)

Jesus of the imagination,
You never grew old, always a young man,
and most of us grow older
than you did.

When lives are cut short
the living question the meaning of living.
May we live with meaning,
even when meaning fades,
making meaning
so that we
have something to live for. Amen.

Scripture Lesson: Luke 23: 47-56

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent."

48 And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. **49** But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

50 Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, **51** had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. **52** This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. **53** Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. **54** It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning.

55 The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. **56** Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Prayer (*Pádraig Ó Tuama*)

Jesus of the unexpected,
for at least some of your life
this was not how you imagined its end.
Yet even at the end,
you kept steady in your conviction.
Jesus, keep us steady.
Jesus, keep us steady.
Because, Jesus, keep us steady.
Amen.

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Prayer

Naming Crucified Realities

SHARING

Prayers of the People / Joys & Concerns

Sung Response (tune: UMH #294, Hugh Wilson / lyrics: John Pritchard)

O Wind and Fire, O Rock and Vine,
O Voice so still and small,
we bring our lives, our hopes and fears
to you who embraces all.

ENGAGING

Departing Song: "God Weeps" (tune: Jim Strathdee / lyrics: Shirley Erena Murray)

God weeps at love withheld, at strength misused,
at children's innocence abused,
and till we change the way we love, God weeps.

God bleeds at anger's fist, at trust betrayed,
at women battered and afraid,
and till we change the way we win, God bleeds.

God cries at hungry mouths, at running sores,
at creatures dying without cause,
and till we change the way we care, God cries.

God waits for stones to melt, for peace to seed,
for hearts to hold each other's need,
and till we understand the Christ, God waits.

**Into this holy and heartbreaking week,
go in peace – and may God's peace be yours.**

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