

**PASSION
SUNDAY**

This Sunday's worship service will be streamed live over the internet at 10:30 a.m. and will be available to the public. It will be broadcast on FPC's YouTube Channel - "FPC Phoenixville". The recorded version will be available for "anytime" viewing.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrmNs7JdvZNJpsNjs0Ds8vg>

Morning Worship
PASSION SUNDAY
‡ March 24, 2024 ‡ 10:30 a.m. ‡

Prelude: *"Today Is the Day"*

by Lincoln Brewster
Praise Team

Welcome

Rev. Doug Hagler

Passing the Peace

Announcements

Sarah Shulman

Call to Worship (leader, people)

Ellen Williams

Zechariah 9

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
See, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ **He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea
and from the River to the ends of the earth.**

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

**¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.**

*** Hymn #198: “Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”**

(see page 19)

Reading: Mark 11

11 When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ² and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this: ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’ ” ⁴ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵ some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶ They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. ⁷ Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹ Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple, and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

(Please be seated.)

Children's Sermon

Following the message, children may go to the upstairs classrooms, to the church nursery room, or they may stay with their family in worship.

Anthem: "Hosanna"

by Hillsong Worship
Praise Team

Dimming the Lights

God Most High, gracious and glorious,
blessed is the one who comes in your name.

Lead us now on the road to the cross.

**May we follow with faithfulness and joy,
shouting hosanna in the highest heaven. Amen.**

His Last Supper

Prayer of Confession (unison)

This is the covenant God made with us: that God would put the law within us, and write it upon our hearts, and would be our God, and we would be God's people. God forgives the wrong we have done, and the good we leave undone. In penitence and faith, let us silently confess our sins to God.

(Silent prayer and reflection)

Assurance of Pardon (leader, people)

The one who calls us to this place
calls us to reconciliation through grace.

God will not deny a repentant heart or an open spirit.
Know that you are forgiven and walk in the new way
that is made known to you in God's love.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Reading: Mark 14

^{14:1} It was two days before the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him, ² for they said, “Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.”

¹⁰ Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹ When they heard it, they were greatly pleased and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

¹² On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, “Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?” ¹³ So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, ¹⁴ and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ¹⁵ He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.” ¹⁶ So the disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

¹⁷ When it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸ And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” ¹⁹ They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, “Surely, not I?” ²⁰ He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. ²¹ For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.”

***Hymn #498:** “Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken” (*see page 20*)

Communion: Invitation to the Table

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!
**We have come from north and from south
and from east and from west
to sit at the table in the kingdom of God.**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is joyful to give you thanks and praise,
To you, O Lord our God, creator

You made us in your image
and freed us from the bonds of slavery.
You claimed us as your people,
and made a covenant to be our God.
You fed us manna in the wilderness,
and brought us to a land
flowing with milk and honey.
When we forgot your covenant
you spoke through prophets,
calling us to turn to your ways.
**Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with the celestial choirs
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name.**

You are holy, God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
In humility he descends from your heights,
to kneel in obedience to love's demands.

He who is boundless takes on limitations for us.
He who is free takes our place in death's prison.
He who is risen leads us to eternal life.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and cup,
that the bread we break and the cup we share
may be the communion of the body and blood of Jesus.

**By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ
and with all who are baptized in his name,
that we may be one in ministry in every place.
As this bread is Christ's body for us,
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.**

Words of Institution

²² While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." ²³ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. ²⁴ He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵ Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

Sharing the Elements

Anthem: *"In Remembrance Of Me"*

Buryl Red

Offering Prayer (leader, people)

The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it.
Freely you have received, freely give.
**Let us return to God the offerings of our life
and the gifts of the earth.**

*** Doxology**

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

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Elder: Cassy Gulden

Dimming the Lights and Stripping the Paraments

Crucified!

Mark 15—Reading 1

^{15:1} As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. ² Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” He answered him, “You say so.” ³ Then the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴ Pilate asked him again, “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.”

Mark 15—Reading 2

¹⁶ Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters), and they called together the whole cohort. ¹⁷ And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and after twisting some thorns into a crown they put it on him. ¹⁸ And they began saluting him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ¹⁹ They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. ²⁰ After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

Mark 15—Reading 3

²¹ They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. ²² Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). ²³ And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. ²⁴ And they crucified him and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

***Hymn #228: “Were You There”**

(see page 21)

Mark 15—Reading 4

³³ When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴ At three o’clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” ³⁵ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “Listen, he is calling for Elijah.” ³⁶ And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.” ³⁷ Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

****Crash****

³⁹ Now when the centurion who stood facing him saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

Anthem: *“Deep Were His Wounds, And Red”* Leland Sateran

Mark 15—Reading 5

⁴⁰ There were also women looking on from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome, ⁴¹ who followed him when he was in Galilee and ministered to him, and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

Mark 15—Reading 6

⁴² When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, ⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴ Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead, and summoning the centurion he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. ⁴⁵ When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶ Then Joseph bought a linen cloth and, taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. ⁴⁷ Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

End in silence and darkness.

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PRAYER REQUESTS:

Joys:

Concerns: Brigitte Anderson

PRAYER CHAIN: Please send any prayer needs to the new email address, fpcprayerchain2@gmail.com. Your request will be distributed to FPC's prayer angels. Their silent efforts will be put to work to lift you up. The same email address can be used for anyone wishing to join the prayer team.

UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Mar. 31st (Easter Sunday): Acts 10:34-43; Mark 16:1-8

Apr. 7th: Psalm 133; Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 1:1-2:2;
John 20:19-31

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARY: This week we celebrate the second anniversary of the baptism of Olivia Rose Craven, daughter of Kristin & Frank Craven.

CONFIRMATION CLASS—TODAY!: FPC's young disciples will have a Confirmation after worship **today** from 12:00 PM-2:00 PM. Please attend the full worship service and then meet in the third floor classroom for lunch and learning.

ANTIRACISM BOOK CLUB-TONIGHT!: Zoom with the Antiracism Book Club when they meet **tonight** at 7:00 PM. Discussion will focus on the book *We Remain: Race, Racism, and the Story of the American Indian* by Keith R. Burich. All are welcome to discover how much there is to learn!

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82965389092>

Visit the link or call 1-929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 829 6538 9092

QUEER CIRCLE: The next Zoom gathering for the Queer Circle will be this upcoming Monday, **March 25th**, at 7:00 PM. Conversations will continue about *The Book of Queer Prophets: 24 Writers on Sexuality and Religion*. Zoom with the group anytime to learn more about genders, sexual orientation, Christian faith, and related issues.

Zoom Link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85778319381>

Visit the link or call 1-929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 857 7831 9381

SCRIP GIFT CARDS: Tomorrow is the last March date for Scrip Orders - **Monday, the 25th**. To place an order, please call or text Lynne Williams at 610-955- 4749 (cell), or send an email to brettdrew@comcast.net. We will complete the order forms for you. Please make checks payable to “First Presbyterian Church DR”. Use the cards and the church gets a percentage. Thank you! *The Stewardship Committee*

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE: There will be **no** Sunday School classes on Easter Sunday morning, **March 31st**. Children are welcome to participate in the regular worship service. We will have activity bags on hand to help keep the younger folks occupied.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: (OGHS) is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to help neighbors in need around the world. This offering provides relief to those affected by natural disasters, food scarcity, injustice, and oppression. This Lent, you are invited to give generously for these causes. Envelopes are in your offering boxes, in the narthex and church office. You may also send a check with OGHS noted as the memo. Offerings will be received throughout Lent with a special dedication on the Sunday after Easter, **April 7th**. Together we can once again help change the lives of many. Thank you for your life changing offering!

SPRING FLING BINGO: The time for Spring Fling Bingo is at hand. Friday, **April 12th**, at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Come as yourselves or dress in your spring floral finest. Wear your favorite spring hat! We also welcome bunnies, baby animal costumes, or anything that makes you smile. It consists of 10 rounds, with both an adult and child prize for each round. Children/teens are welcome to bring a favorite joke to tell at intermission. Here's your chance to use the microphone! Keep it G-rated for good, godly fun! Please register by using this SignUp Genius link, <https://bit.ly/springflingbingo24> , or scanning the QR Code.



EASING FOOD INSECURITY: During the **month of March**, FPC will be collecting food and money for the Phoenixville Area Community Services (PACS). Their mission is to be the lead resource for food insecurity in our community. Food donation boxes are positioned throughout the church. Monetary donations can be dropped off in the church office or during a Sunday service. See page 18 or visit the PACS website for a list of specific items needed - <https://www.pacsphx.org/donate-goods>. Consider using scrip cards to purchase your donations and create a win-win for PACS and FPC!

GARAGE SALE: Many thanks to all who volunteered this week and shopped yesterday to make the People to People Garage Sale a success. Stay tuned for more details

BREAD for the WORLD LETTERS: Thanks to all who wrote letters to elected representatives, urging them to support the Farm Bill, which includes programs to help poor and hungry families. This was the 21st time our congregation participated in Bread for the World's Offering of Letters. Last Sunday, during the worship service, we dedicated 50 letters (!), to be forwarded to Representatives Houlahan and Dean and to Senators Casey and Fetterman. Chrissy Houlahan's letters will be hand delivered to her local office in West Chester and the rest will be mailed to Washington, DC. Thanks again for all within our congregation who joined hundreds of churches, campuses, and small groups across the country in advocating for an end to hunger. For more information about Bread for the World, please visit www.bread.org. A special thank you from the organization's CEO can be viewed here - <https://vimeo.com/811044288/e6f948bdf5>.

GATHERING OF BLADES: On **April 20th**, the Men's Group will experience a Gathering of Blades. You are invited to join all at Angry Jack's Axe Throwing Club in Phoenixville. This event started as a Men's Group gathering, but anyone is welcome. Let Pastor Doug know by Friday, **April 12th**, so that he can make a reservation. The plan is to throw axes sometime between lunch and dinner - specific time TBA.

GRATITUDE JOURNAL: The journaling prompt for the **month of March** is, "*How do you show kindness to yourself?*" If you would like to share your reflection (1-2 minutes) after a specific prompt or something you are grateful for, please let us know, and we can let you share during worship with a Minute for Gratitude!

MAC SURVEY: MAC is looking to expand service opportunities offered to the church and congregation. Please take this short survey to let MAC know what your priorities are in serving, your general availability, and type of service you would like to do. Please complete this survey by Sunday, **March 31st** - <https://bit.ly/MAC2024Survey>. The MAC Committee values your input! Thank you!

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL: The Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's Lenten Devotional offers guidance for prayers and reflection this season. To download a copy, visit the seminary's website at https://www.pts.edu/devotional_1. A few hard copies are available in the main office. Audio links are also available on the webpage for your convenience.

TEXTILE RECYCLING: Now through April 30th, Schuylkill Township is running a recycling program for jeans and socks. The Township is partnering with TerraCycle through their GoldToe Socks Recycling Program and Zappos for Good collaboration with Cotton's Blue Jeans Go Green program. Our People to People clothing sorters have started bagging some items already. Please check your clothing drawers and closets for jeans and socks to bring to church to donate. Your used items can be any color and, in any condition so long as they are clean. Barbie Kepler will deliver the donations to the Schuylkill Township drop-off location. Please let her know if you have any questions about this recycling effort by emailing bkepler@aol.com.

FPC'S HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Palm/Passion Sunday—Communion Worship Service

March 24th at 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday—Prayer Service

March 28th at 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday—Worship Service & Egg Hunt

March 31st at 10:30 am

Easter Egg Hunt - Church Lawn after the service

COMMUNITY HOLY WEEK SERVICES

All are welcome to these Phoenixville community services in which Pastor Doug will be participating.

Good Friday - The 7 Last Words of Christ

March 29th at 12:00 PM

GraceCrossing Community Church

248 Church Street, Phoenixville

Easter Vigil - Christ's Resurrection

March 30th at 7:30 PM

St. John's Lutheran Church

355 St. John's Circle, Phoenixville

(bring a lawn chair)

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This Week in the Life of the Church

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY, March 24

*(*Childcare available)*

8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study with Sue Casey (Zoom)

10:30 a.m. *WORSHIP with communion – Rev. Doug Hagler, in-person and on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/@fpcphoenixville7042>

10:45 a.m. Sunday School (Upstairs Classrooms)

12:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (3rd Floor Classroom)

7:00 p.m. Antiracism Book Club (Zoom)

Monday, March 25

9:00 a.m. People to People Clothing Ministry (Fellowship Hall)

6:30 p.m. Zumba Class (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 p.m. Queer Circle (Zoom)

Tuesday, March 26

6:30 p.m. Zumba Class (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, March 27

- 11:30 a.m. Music Ministry (Sanctuary)
- 12:30 a.m. Rock the Boat Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 2:00 p.m. Trumpet Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Maundy Thursday, March 28

- 9:00 a.m. People to People Clothing Ministry (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 a.m. People to People Food Ministry (Kitchen)
- 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Prayer Service

Good Friday, March 29

- 12:00 p.m. Good Friday 7 Last Words Community Prayer Service
(GraceCrossing Community Church, 248 Church St)

Holy Saturday, March 30

- 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Community Prayer Service (St. John’s Lutheran Church, 355 St. John’s Circle—bring a lawn chair)

EASTER SUNDAY, March 31

(*Childcare available)

- 10:30 a.m. *WORSHIP – Rev. Doug Hagler, in-person and on YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/@fpcphoenixville7042>
Following the worship service: Easter Egg Hunt (church lawn)

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Nursery & Sunday School: The church nursery is located on the 2nd floor of the main building in room 209 and is available for children ages infant-3 years. All children 3 years and older are invited to attend Sunday School during worship (children will depart the sanctuary for their classrooms immediately following the Children's Sermon), with ages 3-5 in room 210, ages 6-8 in room 208, and grades 5 and older in the third-floor class-room. Sunday School is from 10:45am–11:45am.

Restrooms: The church restrooms are located on the first & second floors of the main building. Ushers can help direct you to the restrooms.

For Hearing Assistance: If you wish to use a wireless assistive listening device to better hear the service, see one of the ushers.

Large Print Bulletins are available from an usher.

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OFFICE HOURS

Mondays: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Tuesdays: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Wednesdays: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Thursdays: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Fridays: by appointment

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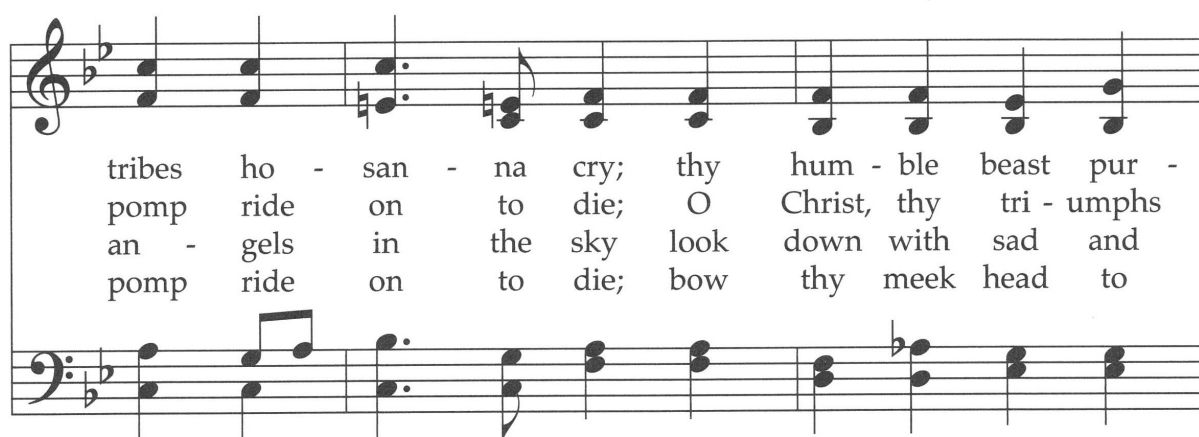


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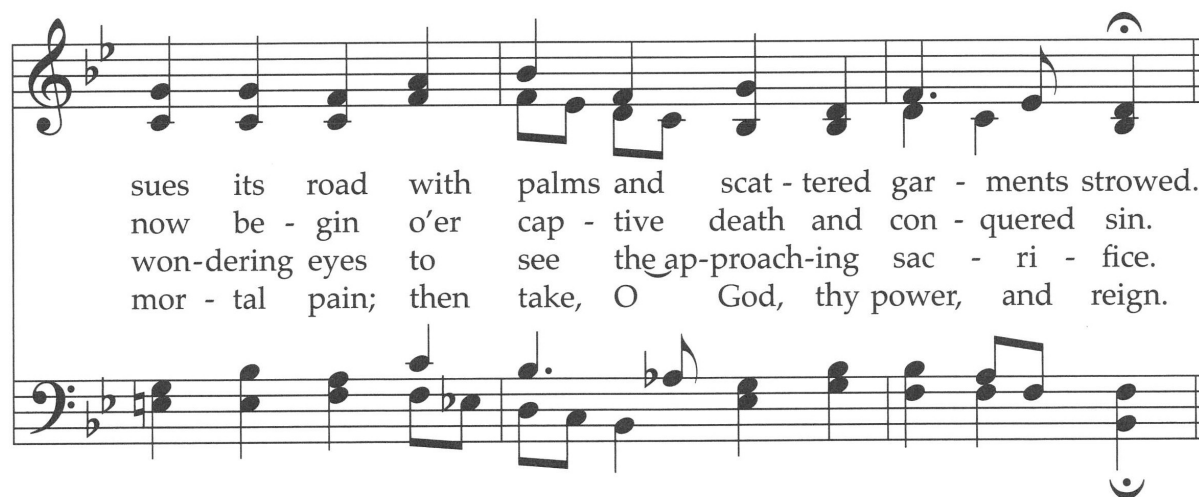
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1 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the
 2 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
 3 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of
 4 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur -
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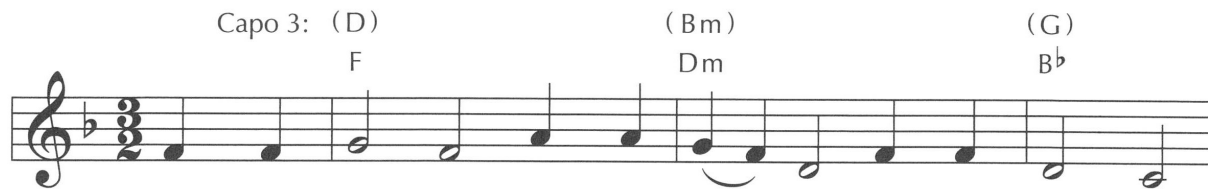
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 mor - tal pain; then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

TEXT: Henry Hart Milman, 1827, alt.
 MUSIC: John Bacchus Dykes, 1862

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Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

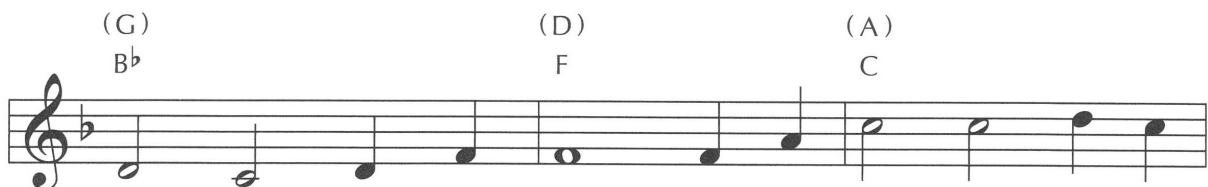
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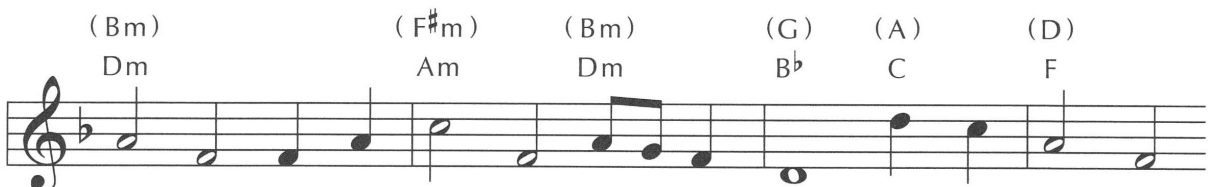
1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the Gal - i -
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a qui - et
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your



le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of Life from heav - en, was their
room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you
gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am
name to share bread for which the mil - lions hun - ger, words that



food for - ev - er - more.
came as Light from Light. By your bod - y bro - ken
with you; do not fear!"
tell your love and care.



for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Je - sus, feed a -



gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

TEXT: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 2005

MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. James H. Wood, 1958

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BEACH SPRING

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Hymn #228: "Were You There"

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? (Were you
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (Were you
 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (Were you
 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine? (Were you
 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (Were you

there?) Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 there?) Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 there?) Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 there?) Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 there?) Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

O! Some-times it caus - es me to

trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble. Were you

there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? (Were you there?)
 there when they nailed him to the tree? (Were you there?)
 there when they pierced him in the side? (Were you there?)
 there when the sun re - fused to shine? (Were you there?)
 there when they laid him in the tomb? (Were you there?)

WERE YOU THERE
Irregular

TEXT: African American spiritual
 MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. Melva Wilson Costen, 1987
 Music Arr. © 1990 Melva Wilson Costen

Week Where Transformation Will Meet You

And now, my friends, go forth
To a week where transformation
Will meet you and guide you.
Do not hide when they recognize you,
Do not doubt when you see Christ,
Do not deny when you are confronted.
Do not stop until you are at the cross
And there you will see the light
And the burdens of your heart will roll away.
Until then God be with you! Amen.

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