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LIFE

Sunday | March 25, 2018

CRUCIFORM LOVE

Palm Sunday

"Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made;
Were every stalk on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky."

Frederick M. Lehman



*Called together for the renewal of all things
through Jesus Christ.*

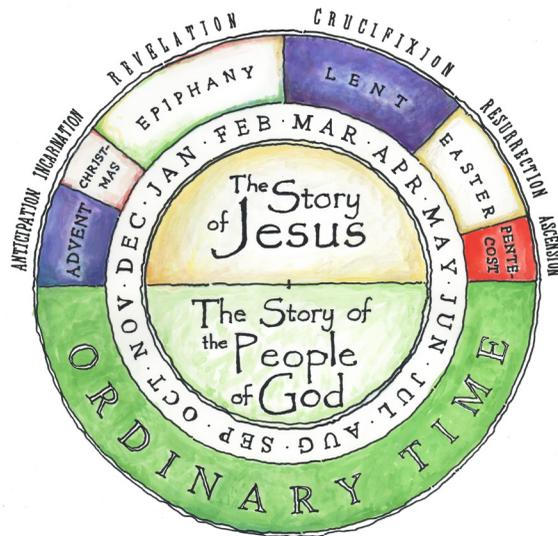
Welcome!
¡Bienvenido!
欢迎!
مرحباً

*We're glad you've chosen to worship at Third!
We look forward to meeting and getting to know you.*

Sanctuary Decorations

During the season of Lent that began on Ash Wednesday, we continue to remember that followers of Jesus “tell time differently” with a calendar shaped by the story of God’s works of salvation and renewal. Not only do we mark the seasons of the Christian year through the readings and music in our worship service, we also use colors and textures to enrich our space and experience of worship.

Our banners of royal purple ribbons were introduced during Advent to reflect the way we can rejoice in the signs of new creation while acknowledging that many signs of hope still seem fractured, dim, and obscured by the present world. Now, in a season focused on remembering Jesus’ suffering on our behalf—and for repentance and self reflection of our own sins for which he died—we have added additional layers of gray and brown and gauze to represent Jesus’ rejection and submission to the pain of the world. Because we grieve together as one Body of Christ and not just as individuals, our banners also include strips of printed and painted cloth made together by men, women and children of our congregation (along with neighbors and visitors) as part of our Journey to the Cross meditation experience—a response with hands and hearts as well as minds to the sacrifice made by Jesus.



GATHERING

God gathers us all and calls us by his grace.

Prelude

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"
(Michael Burkhardt)

Jeff Hummel

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

Leader: True and humble King,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross,
which is the true path of glory.

People: Amen.

Let's quiet our hearts in silent preparation for worship.

† Call to Worship

From Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

People: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Leader: Lo, your king comes to you;

People: Triumphant and victorious is he,

Leader: Humble and riding on a donkey,

People: On a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Prayer of Adoration

The Processional of Palms

"Hosanna to the Son of David"

10:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Hosanna to the son of David, Hosanna in the highest!

† Songs of Praise

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"
"This Is Amazing Grace"

† *The cross indicates standing, as you are able.* 5

ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR

All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One!

The company of angels are praising thee on high,
And we with all creation in chorus make reply.
The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present.

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
Thou didst accept their praises; accept the praise we bring,
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!

THIS IS AMAZING GRACE



1. Who breaks the pow-er__ of sin and dark-ness? Whose love is might-y__
2. Who shakes the whole earth with ho - ly thun-der? Who leaves us breath-less
3. Who brings our cha - os__ back in - to or - der? Who makes the or - phan
4. Who rules the na - tions with truth and jus-tice? Shines like the sun in__



and so much strong-er?__ The King of Glo-ry, the King a-bove all_ kings!__
 in awe and won - der? The King of Glo-ry, the King a-bove all_ kings!__
 a son and daugh-ter?__ The King of Glo-ry, the King a-bove all_ kings!__
 all of its bril - liance? The King of Glo-ry, the King a-bove all_ kings!__

Sing CHORUS after v. 2 & 4



This is a - maz - ing grace, __ this is un - fail - ing love: __



that you would take my place, __ that you would bear my_ cross. __



You laid down your life, __ that I would be set free. __ Oh,



Je - sus, I sing for all that you've done for me, __ all that you've done for me. __

Ending



Worth-y is the Lamb who was slain. __ Worth-y is the King who con - quered the grave. __

CONFESSING

God invites us to be honest with him about ourselves.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Lord Jesus,
on this day you received the praise
of the people that later rejected you.
We confess that our wills are as rebellious as theirs,
our faith is often more show than substance,
our hearts are in need of deep cleansing.

**Everyone: Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives.
We lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are,
trusting you to forgive what is sinful,
to heal what is broken,
to raise what is fallen,
and to receive us as your own.**

Silent Confession

† Words of Comfort

From Isaiah 53:4-5

Leader: "Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows,
yet we considered him stricken by God,
smitten by him, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was upon him,
and by his wounds we are healed."

Sisters and brothers, because of Jesus Christ,
You are forgiven, you are healed, you are made whole.

People: Thanks be to God!

† Greeting of Peace

As a new spiritual family reconciled to one another through Christ, offer to one another a sign of peace: a handshake, a hug, or even just a smile. You could say something simple like "Peace be with you," or just simply, "Peace."

THANKSGIVING

Our Offerings

Pray for Inspire International founders David and Nalini Singh and Director Nisha Grant as they seek to create caring communities of faith among unreached people groups in Northern India that teach the Word of God, promote literacy, alleviate poverty, and bring hope. They seek to make the Bible available, accessible and affordable to people groups in India in their own languages.

Offertory

8:45 and 10:00 a.m.

"Hosanna (Praise is Rising)"

Verse 1

Praise is rising,
Eyes are turning to you,
We turn to you.
Hope is stirring,
Hearts are yearning for you,
We long for you.

'Cause when we see you
We find strength to face the day.
In your presence
All our fears are washed away,
Washed away.

Chorus 1

Hosanna, hosanna!
You are the God who saves us,
Worthy of all our praises.
Hosanna, hosanna!
Come have your way among us,
We welcome you here, Lord Jesus.

Verse 2

Hear the sound of
Hearts returning to you.
We turn to you.
In your kingdom
Broken lives are made new.
You make us new.

Offertory
11:15 a.m.

"Lift Up Your Heads"
(Handel)

Sanctuary Choir

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors,
And the King of glory shall come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.
The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.

† **Doxology**

Please stand as we sing to the Lord.

**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.**

PROCLAIMING

God speaks to us through his word.

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 12:31b -13:13, ESV

... And I will show you a still more excellent way.

¹ If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

¹³ So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

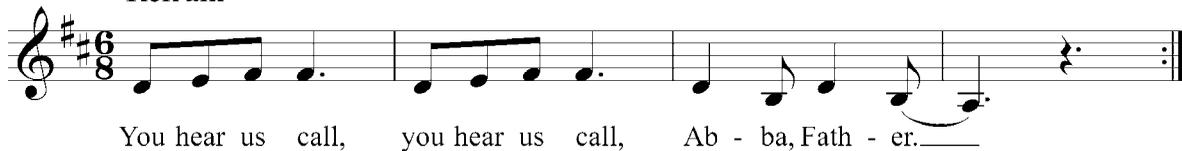
People: Thanks be to God!

RESPONDING

We respond to God's word.

Prayers of the People

Refrain



Music notation for the first line of the refrain, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: "You hear us call, you hear us call, Ab - ba, Fath - er. ___"



Music notation for the second line of the refrain, continuing the melody from the first line. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy, ___ Christ, have mer - cy; ___"



Music notation for the third line of the refrain, concluding the phrase. The lyrics are: "___ Lord, have mer - cy, ___ Christ, have mer - cy."

Prayer Needs

For Health

Betty Cox, Rick DeJarnette, Dru Fitch, Larry Dupree, Kaye Phillips, Gina Maio, Brad Bishop, Greyson Tate, Julie Walden, Amy Boyd, Jerry Ramsey, Charles Ellison, Lou Hanscom

For comfort for those who have lost loved ones:

Willson Brockenbrough (father, 3/11), Ken Hurst (father, 3/3), David Skove (father, 2/25), Nan Clarke (father, 1/31), Peggy Larmore and Scott Copeland (father and grandfather, 1/31), Cindy Vogel (mother, 12/30), Martha Rupel (sister, 12/30), Jane Fields (sister, 12/21), Andy Burgess (wife Brenda, 12/19),

For Metro Richmond

We pray for health care in metropolitan Richmond: for a national health care system which promotes and encourages health, wellness and well-being for all people.

SENDING

God sends us into the world as his witnesses.

† **Song of Commission** "What Wondrous Love Is This" #212 in the Hymnal

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down;
When I was sinking down, beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb I will sing!
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM,"
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on!

† **Commission**

Leader: "Jesus set his face toward Jerusalem." (Luke 9:51)
Our Lord is on a journey,
leading through betrayal, suffering, torture, and ending on the cross.
He invites us to follow him.
Jesus told his disciples,
"If any want to become my followers,
let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.
For those who want to save their life will lose it,
and those who lose their life for my sake will find it." (Matthew 16:24-25)

**People: May the Lord grant us grace to follow Jesus
and to give to him our very lives.
For in giving away our lives,
we find them,
and in dying we live.**

† **Benediction**

**Postlude
11:15 a.m. service**

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"
(Lani Smith)

Jeff Hummel

HOLY WEEK AT THIRD CHURCH

March 25 – April 1

We hope you join us for any of the services, opportunities, and reflections offered this week leading up to our celebration of Christ's Resurrection.

More info at: thirdrva.org/events

TODAY! PALM SUNDAY: HANDEL'S "MESSIAH"

Sunday, March 25, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary

The choir and orchestra will present selections from Handel's "Messiah," parts II and III.

This offering is open to the public and free.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, March 29, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Join us for this special worship service with time for reflection, music, scripture readings, and the sacrament of Communion. Childcare available.

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, March 30

Good Friday Service: 12:00 p.m., Sanctuary

A brief worship service in the Sanctuary followed by a Lenten lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

Journey to the Cross: 1:00 - 7:00 p.m., begins in the Steeple Corridor

A personal experience of Jesus' final hours. A multi-sensory journey where you will be guided by scripture and artistic presentations to the cross.

RESURRECTION SUNDAY: Easter Sunday, April 1

Services in the Sanctuary: 8:45 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

Service in the Fellowship Hall: 10:00 a.m.

We will keep to our usual Sunday morning schedule, with the exception of adding a concurrent service at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday school for kindergarten and younger will be held during the 10:00 a.m. service.

Childcare available for kindergarten and younger during 8:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services. No Sunday school for 1st grade and up on Easter morning!

Bring bells from home to ring with joy every time we sing or say "Alleluia!"

NEWS & EVENTS

People on the Move: A Missions Conference at Third – Saturday, April 14

Want to better understand the global migration and refugee crisis going on around the world (and around us!)? At this event, we'll explore what it's like to be a refugee or immigrant and also how we can be involved directly in our area, or outside our area, assisting internationals through acts of service and giving. We'll host an interactive refugee experience during the day in the Fellowship Hall on April 14 (perfect for families!) and will hear from Marilyn Borst, on staff with the Outreach Foundation, that evening. More info: thirdrva.org/events.

Newcomers Class – Kicks Off Sunday, April 15, 10:00 a.m.

Are you ready to explore a deeper commitment to this part of the Body of Christ? We'd love to get to know you and provide an opportunity for you to learn about Third's vision for worship, discipleship, community, serving and outreach. At the end of the class, you'll have an opportunity to become a covenant partner of our church family. For more info and to sign up, visit: thirdrva.org/newcomers.

2018 Mexico Mission Trip – Calling college students and adults!

Join us this July 1-7 as we head into Mexico with Amor Ministries (www.amor.org) to transform the life of a family by building a home for them. Over the course of four work days we'll construct a home from scratch (and without power tools), providing a family with a home that will provide safety and security for them. This is a last-minute opportunity we are so excited to share! If you're interested in learning more, get in touch with Rick Hutton (rickh@thirdrva.org) or visit: thirdrva.org/events.

11:00 a.m.: Hope for America's Most Segregated Hour – Arrabon Documentary Screening

Did you know that 11:00 a.m. is still the most segregated hour in America? Arrabon, a Richmond-based ministry and one of our mission partners dedicated to reconciliation and racial healing in the Church, will host and be featured in a documentary called *11 a.m.: Hope for America's Most Segregated Hour*. The movie will premiere at the Byrd Theatre on Sunday, April 8 at 2 p.m. For more info and tickets, visit: thirdrva.org/events or 11amthemovie.com.

SUNDAY ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Join us for one of our new Sunday school classes!

This new series of classes will run until May 27, all at 10:00 a.m. Sunday mornings. If you've never been to a class before, choose one to drop in on, or try out a few! For descriptions of all our classes, visit: thirdrva.org/Sunday-discipleship.

Acts: The Sequel

Led by Andrew Fuller, Grant Holbrook,
Jennifer Parham
March 4 – May 27, Room 213

A Study of Galatians

Led by David Carroll and David Skove
March 4 – May 27, Room 101

The Architectural Design of a Growing and Faith-Based Family

*Special guest this week: Brenda Murray,
Licensed Professional Counselor*
March 4 – April 29, Fellowship Hall

Soul Repair: Rebuilding Your Spiritual Life

Led by Mary Damon
March 4 – May 27, 500 Forest Ave.,
Multipurpose Room

*For any questions about our Sunday School classes, contact Tom Barila:
tomb@thirdrva.org.*

STUDENT MINISTRY

Sunday morning student ministry

Join us for food, solid teaching, and great people as we grow together in God's word.

600 Forest Avenue, Student Ministry Area

10:00-11:00 a.m. for all students in 7th-12th grade.

Sunday evening student ministry

Join us from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m in the Fellowship Hall.

Questions? Contact Rick (rickh@thirdrva.org) or Andrea (andreaw@thirdrva.org).

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - SUNDAY MORNING

DURING THE 10:00 A.M. SERVICE: Sunday School is available for all children and students. See below for room locations for all Sunday School classes:

AGE	ROOM
Infants, toddlers, 2 year olds (Little Lambs)	All on the 1st floor
Little Lions - Young 3s	Room 223
Little Monkeys - Older 3s, Young 4s	Room 204
Little Eagles - Older 4s	Room 202
Kindergarten	Room 227
1st Grade	Room 220
2nd Grade	Room 221
3rd Grade	Room 201
4th Grade	Room 209
5th and 6th Grade	Basement
Middle and High School	Meet in Student Ministry Area

DURING 8:45 AND 11:15 A.M. SERVICES: Childcare is available for all children aged Kindergarten and younger. First grade and above attend worship with their parents.

A Wiggle Room is available if you prefer to have your child with you but he or she is a little too active or noisy to be in the service. You'll be able to watch the service via streaming. The room is across the courtyard and directly up the stairs, Room 226.

Please let us know if we can help familiarize you with all that is available at Third for your children. Contact Kathy White (kathyw@thirdrva.org) or Tracie Meadows (traciem@thirdrva.org).

THIS WEEK AT THIRD

Sunday, March 25

Palm Sunday

8:45, 10:00, 11:15 a.m. Worship services – Sanctuary

12:30 p.m. Nominating Committee meeting - Upstairs conference room, 500 Forest Ave.

4:00 p.m. Selections from Handel's "Messiah," parts II and III, by the choir and orchestra
in the Sanctuary

Monday, March 26

6:00 p.m. Jobs for Life – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 27

6:20 p.m. Session dinner – Kitchen, 500 Forest Avenue

7:00 p.m. Session meeting – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Avenue

Wednesday, March 28

9:30 a.m. Community Bible Study – Fellowship Hall

6:45 p.m. Club56 – Basement

Thursday, March 29

Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday worship service – Sanctuary

Friday, March 30

Good Friday

12:00 p.m. Good Friday worship service – Sanctuary

12:35 p.m. Good Friday luncheon – Fellowship Hall

1:00-7:00 p.m. Journey to the Cross – Begins in the Steeple Corridor

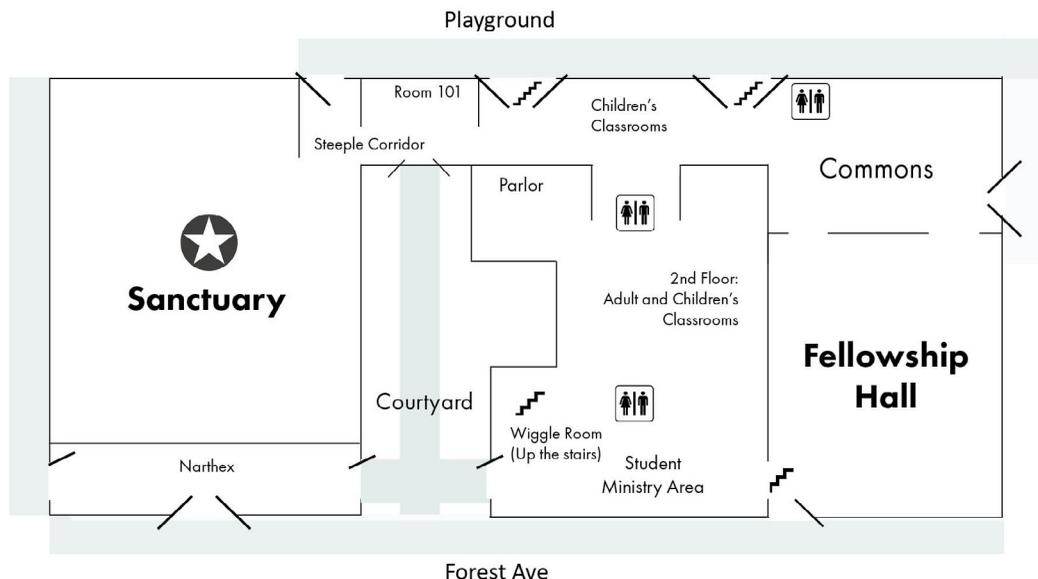
JOIN US NEXT WEEK

Welcome to Third! We're so glad you're here. We'd love to get to know you and for you to learn more about our community. We have a couple opportunities for you to connect with us and help you find out more about Third.

- **Sign up for our ministry emails:** thirdrva.org/signup
- **Pick up Third Press:** Our monthly newsletter can be found around the church.
- **Follow us on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram:** @thirdrva

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT THIRD

If you need help or have any questions at any point on a Sunday morning, look for individuals wearing carnations or yellow name badges. They're here to help answer questions, find you seats, and guide you around our building.



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