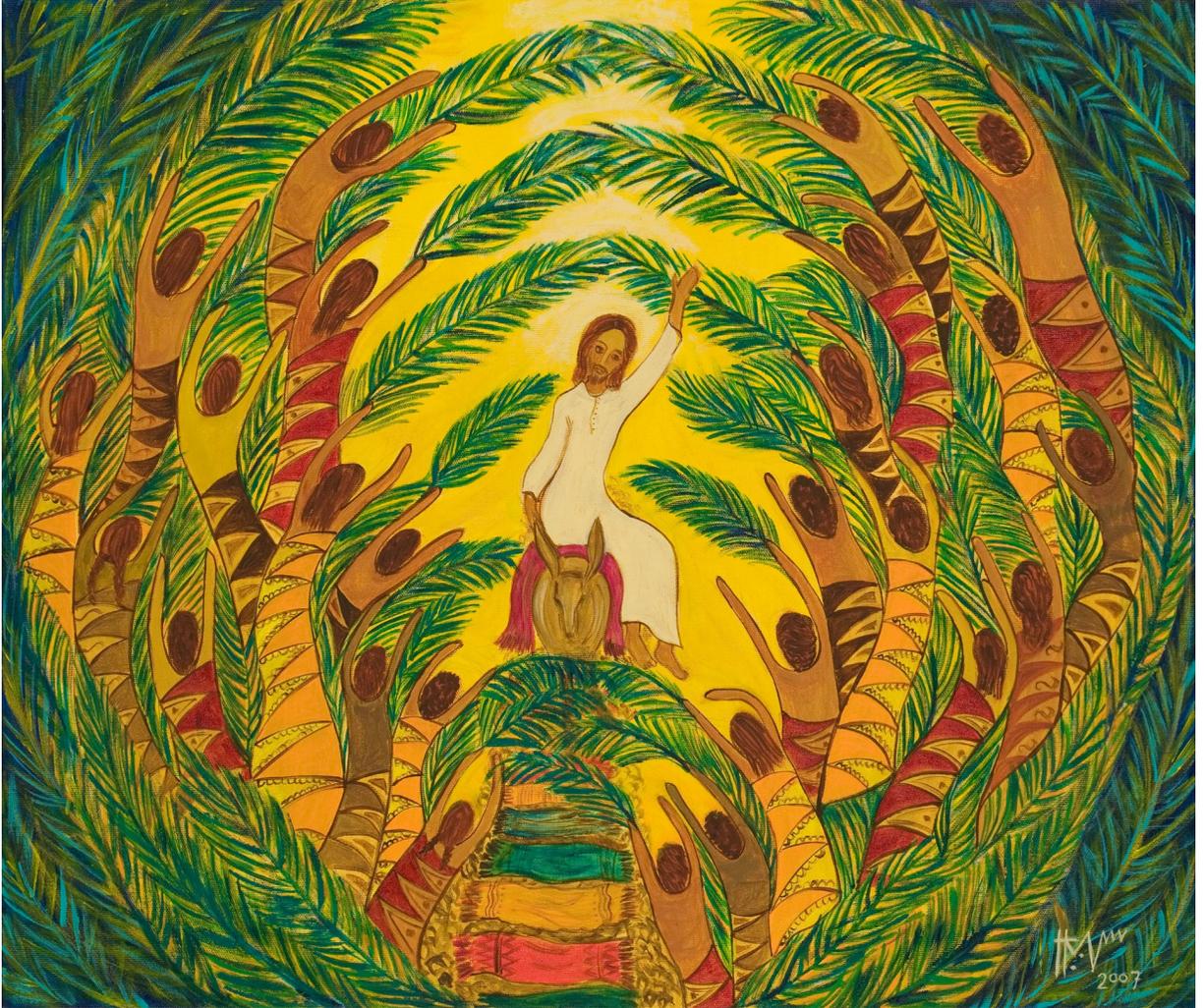


# Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*"Hosanna in the Highest"*  
Hanna-Cheriyam Varghese

Palm Sunday

March 25, 2018 | 11:00 am Traditional Service

# WE GATHER TO PRAISE

*Let us now prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.*

## Greeter

D.A. Martin

## Ushers

Ben Bryson  
Cathy Rossiter  
Mike Keller  
Nardis Keller

## Acolyte

Carolina Wessel

## INTROIT

Hambright

*Hosanna in the Highest!*

Chancel Choir

## GATHERING WORDS

One: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Alan Dyer

*Welcome to worship at St. Simons Presbyterian Church. During the announcements please take a moment to sign and pass the friendship register located at the end of the pew. As you enter the sanctuary, please silence your cell phones. All children are welcome in worship. If you prefer, a nursery (located in the children's hall at the rear of the church) is available for children from birth to five years. Worship resources for children are available at the sanctuary entrances.*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

D. A. Martin

One: Behold your king comes to you;

**ALL: he is just, he brings salvation, he brings peace.**

One: Hosanna in the highest!

**ALL: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

One: Hosanna in the highest!

**ALL: Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.**

## \*PROCESSION OF PALMS AND OPENING HYMN

Dobrinski

*All Glory, Laud, & Honor*

Chancel Choir; Children's Choirs; Chancel Ringers;  
Anne Marie Stirewalt, Trumpet; Amy Bishop, Organ

1. 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.
2. The company of angels are praising Thee on high, and mortal men and all things Created make reply. The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present.
3. 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 prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King. Amen.

Palm Sunday is the first day of Holy Week, when we enter again into the drama of the triumphal entry, trial, last supper, and crucifixion, remembering together the suffering love, poignant prayers, and prophetic teachings of our Lord. During Holy Week, we hear the fullness of Christ's passion, his death, and resurrection. From Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and on to the Triduum (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday), all of Holy Week focuses on the passion. As his followers, we travel Christ's path of servanthood through the Lord's Supper and the suffering of the cross toward the glory of Easter, all of which underscores the inseparable link between the death and resurrection of Jesus.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Bob Brearley

Patient God, we confess that we love a parade. We are so content to see banners waving and hear people shouting their praises. Our hearts thrill to the spectacle. But we fail to see the sadness on the face of the Savior; our shouts block out his sorrow. He comes to us as King, and we expect that royal treatment will follow. We do not and cannot believe that in a few days we will be among those who will turn our backs and run from his presence. How fickle we are, O Lord. Yet you continually forgive us and call us to turn our lives around—to see the needs of others, to reach out in trust and faith, to be willing to witness to your good news of saving love. Heal our hearts and give us courage for the days ahead.

*Silence for Personal Confession*

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI

H.W. GREATOREX

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.*

## WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

### JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER (562)

SANCTUS (SCHUBERT)

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (ALL)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Confession of sin is rarely at the top of anyone's list of preferred activities. Yet it stands at the center of worship and along with the Assurance of Pardon reminds us of God's promise to forgive our sin when we confess contritely in the name of Christ. How does sin mislead us? How have we, because of our sin, gotten lost along the way?

OFFERTORY

F. Broadus Staley

*Jesus Christ Triumphant*  
Chancel Choir, Seraphim and Angel Choirs

Doxology, a Greek word meaning "saying of glory," is a brief hymn of praise that follows another hymn or Psalm – in our case the offertory.

Doxologies appear in many Christian traditions and have their origin in the Jewish kaddish, which concludes each portion of the synagogue worship service.

\*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

WORD FOR CHILDREN

*All children please come forward at the pastor's invitation.  
Following the Word for Children, children Preschool-2nd grade may leave for KidZ Worship.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

D. A. Martin

**Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29**

*Page 956 OT*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

**Mark 11:1-11**

*Page 1572 NT*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Alan Dyer

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Declaration of Faith

We worship God in the world by standing before the Lord in behalf of all people. Our cries for help and our songs of praise are never for ourselves alone. Worship is no retreat from the world; it is part of our mission. We serve humankind by discerning what God is doing in the world and joining him in his work. We risk disagreement and error when we try to say what God is doing here and now. But we find guidance in God's deeds in the past and his promises for the future, as they are witnessed to in Scripture. We affirm that the Lord is at work, especially in events and movements that free people by the gospel and advance justice, compassion, and peace.

Today's Affirmation of Faith is taken from "A Declaration of Faith," which was written in the 1970s in a poetic style and emphasizes that God is compassionate and ineffable. Unlike some of the more ancient confessions of faith, this affirmation is intentionally written in a form to be easily used to worship.

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION 215

WONDROUS LOVE

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

\*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE (568)

AMEN (HAUGEN)

*Amen*

POSTLUDE

arr. Behnke

*Ah! Holy Jesus*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

**If You Are New Here.** Whether you are visiting from out-of-town, a seasonal resident, or searching for a church home, we are delighted that you are worshipping with us today. If you are interested in receiving more information about membership or the ministries of our congregation, please indicate that on the Friendship Register as it is passed down your pew at the beginning of worship so that we can be in touch with you soon.

**Child Care.** Children of all ages are welcome in worship. If you prefer, a nursery is available for children, birth through age five. The nursery is located in the Children's Wing at the rear of the church.

**If You Are in Need of Prayer.** You may fill out a prayer request card (available in the pews) and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher.

**To Aid in Worship.** A "Rocking Room" with live video of the service is available in the chapel located outside of the front right doors of the sanctuary. Hearing assistance devices and large print hymnals and Bibles may be obtained from the ushers.

**Sermons Online.** To hear sermons online, visit [www.sspres.org/sermons](http://www.sspres.org/sermons).

**Sign up for our eNewsletter.** Stay informed by subscribing to our weekly eNewsletter. Sign up on our friendship register or visit [www.sspres.org/newsletters](http://www.sspres.org/newsletters).

# Holy Week

Calendar of  
Worship & Events  
March 25 - April 1

\*Lunch following: \$3 donation

Palm  
Sunday

Palm Sunday | March 25  
**Worship:** 8:30 & 11 am  
*Procession of the Palm Branches*

Day of  
Authority

Monday | March 26  
**Community Worship:** St. Simons United Methodist Church - 12 pm\*  
*Rev. Tony Lankford, First Baptist Church, St. Simons*  
*(Arrive by 11:30 for a Concert Prelude by the Glynn Academy Choir)*

Day of  
Conflict

Tuesday | March 27  
**Community Worship:** St. Simons First Baptist Church - 12 pm\*  
*Rev. Gary Cumby, Glynn Haven Baptist Church*

Day of  
Withdrawal

Wednesday | March 28  
**Community Worship:** Wesley UMC at Frederica - 12 pm\*  
*Rev. Tom Purdy, Christ Church Episcopal*

Day of  
Intimacy

Maundy Thursday | March 29  
**Maundy Thursday Meal & Communion:** Social Hall - 6 pm  
**Prayer Journey:** 7-8 pm Stations in Memorial Garden, Sanctuary & Chapel

Day of  
Sacrifice

Good Friday | March 30  
**Good Friday Luncheon:** Social Hall - 11:30 am  
**Good Friday Vigil:** 12:30 - 3:30 pm  
Worshippers are welcome to leave at 1 pm or stay.

Easter  
Eve

Saturday | March 31  
**Individual Fasting and Prayer**

Easter  
Sunday

Easter Sunday | April 1  
**Easter Sunrise Service:** Village Pier - 6:30 am  
*Rev. Bob Brearley, St. Simons Presbyterian Church*  
**Easter Worship:** "Flowering of the Cross" - 8:30 & 11 am (No Sunday School)  
**Easter Luncheon:** Social Hall - 12:15 pm  
**Easter Egg Hunt on the Church Lawn - 1 pm**

# MAUNDY THURSDAY

MARCH 29



**6 PM | Social Hall**  
Meal & Communion  
*RSVP Online!*

**7 PM | Prayer Journey**  
*Stations in Memorial Garden,  
Sanctuary & Chapel*

# Easter Sunday

April 1st

Worship 8:30 & 11 AM

## “Flowering of the Cross”

Please bring flowers from your garden.

## Easter Luncheon 12 PM

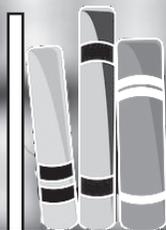
Please bring two dishes to share.

## Easter Egg Hunt 1 PM

Please bring Easter baskets for the hunt.



# BOOK DRIVE



## for Safe Harbor Children’s Center

**DEADLINE FOR DROP OFF  
IS SUNDAY, APRIL 1ST!**

*SUGGESTED BOOK LIST ONLINE.*

**Interested in being of service?**

## Congregational CARE TEAM

Please visit our website to learn about all the ways you can help or contact Molly Macaulay at (912) 223-6514 or [mmmpr@bellsouth.net](mailto:mmmpr@bellsouth.net)



# This Week | March 25 - 31

## Today, Mar 25

- 8:30 am **Chapel Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:00 am **Coffee Hour & Breakfast** - Social Hall
- 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 11:00 am **Traditional Service** - Sanctuary
- 4:00 pm **HAT Packing Boxes** - HAT Room
- 5:00 pm **Youth Ensemble** - Music Attic
- 6:00 pm **Youth Fellowship** - Youth Suite

## Monday, Mar 26

- 10:00 am **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 10:00 am **HAT Packing Boxes** - HAT Room
- 12:00 pm **Men’s Noonday Bible Study** - Britt Room
- 6:30 pm **Community Choir Rehearsal** - Sanctuary

## Tuesday, Mar 27

- 7:00 am **Youth Breakfast Devotion** - Chick-fil-a

## Wednesday, Mar 28

- 4:30 pm **Lenten Book Study** - Parlor
- 6:00 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Bell Room
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

## Thursday, Mar 29

- 7:15 am **Men’s Breakfast Bible Study** - Britt Room
- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 6:00 pm **Maundy Thursday Meal & Communion** - Social Hall
- 7:00 pm **Prayer Journey** - Multiple Stations

## Friday, Mar 30 - Church office closed

- 10:00 am **Book Discussion & Prayer** - Jann’s Office

**Christian Celebration:** We share in celebration with Sheryl Vaughters upon the birth of her new grandson, Everett Vaughters, who was born on March 21 in Charleston, SC.

**Easter Flowers:** Today is the last day to purchase your Easter flowers! Please fill out the envelope found in your pew and place in the offertory plate. This year, our Easter flowers will be hydrangeas and the price for each is \$20.

**Lenten Banners:** Our cut-work images represent mind, body, heart, and soul. In the mind quadrant, a gear pattern fills the space. It represents the continual processing of our thoughts. A pattern of various breads completes the body quadrant. The bread motif speaks to our Communion ritual wherein the body of Christ is illustrated by bread. Our continual reflective journey is represented by diverse animal tracks inside the heart in the lower part of the banners. Lastly, the soul permeates all other quadrants by appearing in the corners, just as God’s light within us glows in all aspects of our lives. —artist Hannah Garrity

## Maundy Thursday Menu (March 29) // RSVP Online!

Chicken tetrazzini, salad, rolls, dessert  
*Kid-Z-Friendly Menu: Chicken nuggets, mac-n-cheese, oranges*

To Ponder Prayerfully

# A Very Great Hope

“**D**ESPAIR AND HOPE. THEY TRAVEL THE ROAD TO JERUSALEM TOGETHER, AS TOGETHER THEY TRAVEL EVERY ROAD WE TAKE - DESPAIR AT WHAT IN OUR MADNESS WE ARE BRINGING DOWN ON OUR OWN HEADS AND HOPE IN HIM WHO TRAVELS THE ROAD WITH US AND FOR US AND WHO IS THE ONLY ONE OF US ALL WHO IS NOT MAD. HOPE IN THE KING WHO APPROACHES EVERY HUMAN HEART LIKE A CITY. AND IT IS A VERY GREAT HOPE AS HOPES GO AND WELL WORTH ALL OUR SINGING AND DANCING AND SAD LITTLE PALMS BECAUSE NOT EVEN DEATH CAN PREVAIL AGAINST THIS KING AND NOT EVEN THE END OF THE WORLD, WHEN END IT DOES, WILL BE THE END OF HIM AND OF THE MYSTERY AND MAJESTY OF HIS LOVE. BLESSED BE HE.”

— Frederick Buechner

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