

Celtic Worship

The **bodhrán** is a frame drum of Irish origin. A goatskin head is tacked to one side (synthetic heads or other animal skins are sometimes used). The other side is open-ended for one hand to be placed against the inside of the drumhead to control the pitch and timbre. One or two crossbars, sometimes removable, may be inside. The bodhrán is considered to be the native drum of the ancient Celts and was possibly used originally for winnowing or wool dying, with a musical history that predated Christianity, native to southwest Ireland. It is also called a poor man's tambourine.



*Embracing the example of Jesus,
our welcome knows no boundaries
and is extended to ALL people.*

Sunday, April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

Today's flowers are given in memory of Ann French Morton McCray

*Welcome to worship!
If you are worshipping at home, and would like to participate in
Holy Communion,
please have bread and wine or juice set aside.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Mary Kay Scott
Nancy Parkhouse
(has set the table)

We gather at God's feast. We listen to Holy Scripture. We hear music that connects our hearts. We are fed the nurturing grace of God through the brokenness and poured out life of Jesus the Christ. The table is set. All are welcome.

BODHRAN CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

Rusty Deyerle

On this day, Jesus marched
in between the city walls and the Temple,
in between joyful Hosannas and doubtful whispers,
in between oppressive poverty and greedy power,
in between rampant fear and hope unfurled.

On this day, Jesus marched in between what had been and what could be. **So may we meet Christ in that liminal space.**

May we lay down our coats in that messy middle.

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in between!

BAPTISMAL WATERS

Rusty Deyerle
Keith Parkhouse

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of God, we too might walk in newness of life.

(Water is poured into the font.)

PRELUDE

“Hosanna – a Palm Sunday Song”

Maranatha Singers

If You Really Listen..., by Sarah A. Speed

In the city you'll hear horns, the clatter of the subway,
mothers calling to their children, saying,
"Take my hand before we cross the street."

You'll hear church bells, Salvation Army bells,
people asking for spare change, while others ask for directions.

You'll hear the whistle from the traffic cop,
the exhaust from the bus,
that a train is arriving in two minutes.

You'll hear mothers selling fresh mango,
theater kids selling tickets,
and religious groups selling ideas.

But even with all that shouting,
even with all that noise,
the birds still sing.
Against all odds,
thanks be to God,
the birds still sing.

~ moment of silence ~

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE

Bland Weaver

Speaking God,
Most days we are inundated with noise.
Some of it is good—
laughter, music, storytelling.
Some of it is hard—
arguments, slurs, the sound of bomber planes.
Every day we live between silence and shouting,
rotating through quiet and noise.
So in the midst of this messy middle,
help us to hear what is yours.
Help us to hear your song,
your story, your good news.
Help us to hear your voice,
your Spirit, your will.
And show us how to release the rest.
We are listening.
Amen.

Luke 19: 29-42

²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “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. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them.

³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴They said, “The Lord needs it.” ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.

³⁷As 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, ³⁸saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

⁴¹As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴²saying, “If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

Rev. Mary Kay Scott

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Hosanna”

from *Jesus Christ Superstar* (2000)

HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Mary Kay Scott

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

God who speaks in many ways, your creation proclaims your glory.

Our voices of praise join singing birds, crashing waves, and the whispering of the wind through the trees. From your word made manifest in nature to the prophets you sent when we turned away, we give thanks that you still speak to us today.

Jesus who wept for us, your grace is not bound by the limits of our faithfulness. In love you told us parables that we might know who you are. You performed miracles that displayed your power. All of this that we might open ourselves to you. For your radical love, we give our thanks.

Spirit who lives and moves within us, you continue to make yourself known. You reveal yourself when truth is spoken to power. You lay bare the half-truths and intentional misunderstanding that we use to shield ourselves from the challenges of discipleship. At the same time, you nurture hope within us that we might be Christ’s love in the world. How thankful we are for your careful tending of our hearts.

So with those who spread cloaks before you,
and those who are sustained by your love,
we join our voices, singing:

SANCTUS (please see the screen)

Holy are you, Sustainer of the weary,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Love become human.
He emptied himself of glory,
to be filled with our broken hopes and hearts.
He chose the path of suffering love,
so that we could run through
the streets of the kingdom
waving branches of joy.

As we journey through Jerusalem and beyond,
as we struggle with death, loss, and grief
we would ponder that mystery we call faith:

**In trust, Christ died.
In joy, Christ was raised to new life.
in hope, Christ will come again.**

As we gather here in the name of the Triune God,
we humbly ask that you would be the Spirit of Grace among us.
Surround us with your presence
and bring us into communion with our Risen Lord.
Make the loaf and cup more than symbols of grace
as we are joined as the Body of Christ.

As a sign of our unity in you, we join our voices together to pray,

**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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION IS SHARED

*After we receive the bread and the cup,
let us hold the cup and drink together.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of hope,
we give you thanks for the blessing of our communion with you.
May you guide us in faithfulness as we move through Holy Week.
From the upper room to the empty tomb, we seek to be where you are. **Amen.**

EXTINGUISHING THE LIGHT

Rusty Deyerle

Lord of all light, as we go forth into the world,
we extinguish the lights here that
represent the presence of the Holy in our midst.
**But we will carry the light in our hearts,
and we pray that as we go about our work in the world,
we will shine with the love of God.**

BLESSING

Rev. Mary Kay Scott

OFFERING

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WORSHIP NOTES

worship leaders

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Bland Weaver

Keith Parkhouse

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John Donelson, Musician in Residence

Marilyn Johns, Zoom Master

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Yonan Shehata, Sexton

Flutists-Outdoor/Midday Prayer Service: Allen Burriss, Deb Saidel, Myrick Crampton

The Gayton Kirk Jazz Trio: Joe Sarver, Ross Riddell, Bruce Sullivan

PRELUDE "Hosanna – a Palm Sunday Song," Maranatha Singers

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YApEJjvE6S4>

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IMAGINATIVE WORD "If You Really Listen," by Sarah A. Speed

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SPECIAL MUSIC "Hosanna," from *Jesus Christ Superstar (2000)*

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THE GAYTON KIRK WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY APRIL 13 – Palm Sunday

- 8:30 AM – Celtic Worship Service in-person and Zoom (*host, Marilyn Johns*)
- 9:45 AM – Lenten Study – in-person (*led by Mary Kay Scott*)
- 11:00 AM – Worship Service in-person, live streaming, and on Zoom (*host, Marilyn Johns*)
- 3:30 PM – Artist’s Reception – New Beginnings – in-person
- 5:00 PM – Jazz Vespers in-person, live streaming, and on Zoom (*host, Marilyn Johns*)
- 5:45 PM – Jazz Vespers Discussion - in person and Zoom (*host, Marilyn Johns*)
- 6:00 PM – Jazz Vespers Fellowship – in-person

MONDAY APRIL 14

- 11:00 AM – Coffee and Scripture – Zoom (*host, Marilyn Johns*)
- 1:30 PM – Creative Expressions – in-person (*led by Sandra O’Neill*)
- 6:30 PM – Committee Meetings – on Zoom (*host, Mary Kay Scott*)

TUESDAY APRIL 15

- 11:30 AM – Kirktown Ukes – in-person (*led by Kay Cox and Tina Bechtle*)
- 1:00 PM – Bridge and Learn to Play Bridge – in-person (*Ellen Welthy and Tina Bechtle*)
- 6:00 PM – Theology on Tap – in-person at Rare Olde Times

WEDNESDAY APRIL 16

- 9:45 AM – God and Empire Class – in-person (*led by Bland Weaver*)
- 12:30 PM – Midday Prayer Service (*in the spirit of Taize*) - in-person
- 5:30 PM – Handbells – in-person (*led by John Donelson*)
- 5:30 PM – Tuckahoe Kiwanis Club – in-person

THURSDAY APRIL 17

- 10:30 AM – Chair Yoga (*led by Robin Ricketts*)
- 7:00 PM – Maundy Thursday service with Communion – in-person

FRIDAY APRIL 18

- 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Good Friday Prayer Stations – in-person

SATURDAY APRIL 19

- 9:00 AM – Church Workday

SUNDAY APRIL 20 – Easter Sunday

- 8:30 AM – Celtic Worship Service in-person and Zoom (*host, Marilyn Johns*)
- 9:45 AM – Resurrection in the Gospel of Mark – in-person (*led by Hunter Hill*)
- 11:00 AM – Worship Service in-person, live streaming, and on Zoom (*host, Marilyn Johns*)
- 12:00 PM – Easter Egg Hunt
- 12:30 PM – Easter Potluck Dinner
- NO JAZZ VESPERS THIS WEEK