



Lenten Crown of Thorns & Palms
Sarah Are

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY *PRELUDE ON ABERYSTWYTH*

HEALEY WILLAN

(As the opening voluntary begins, please use the time to center yourself for worship.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.*

RINGING OF THE BELL

✦ OPENING SENTENCES

*People of God, on this wilderness journey,
what will you eat?*

The word of the Lord is our daily bread.

*People of God, in this time of temptation,
how will you live?*

Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.

*People of God, at this kingdom crossroad,
whom will you serve?*

We worship the Lord our God alone.

COMPANION TO FEASTING ON THE WORD

ALEXANDRA MAUNEY

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

✦ When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

Today marks the beginning of the season of Lent: a season where we journey together towards the crucifixion and the resurrection of Christ. In Lent, we wander through the wilderness like the people of Israel, searching for God and knowing that God is always searching for us.

Lenten Devotional books are available in the Narthex.

For the younger ones among us:

Today is the first Sunday of Lent, the season before Easter. During Lent, we tell stories about Jesus' journey to the cross, we pray for God to help us be disciples, and we decorate the church with purple cloth. Purple is a royal color, and it reminds us that Jesus was a different kind of ruler: not a harsh king but a servant leader. What purple things do you see in the church today?

Lenten Prayer Tree

During the Lenten season, we are placing two Prayer Trees in the Sanctuary. During the Prayers of the People each Sunday, you are invited to go to the trees to tie a colored prayer ribbon on a branch to represent your prayer concerns. By Easter the tree will have "bloomed" with a visible, tangible manifestation of our congregation's prayers. Let us lift up our hearts together in prayer!

Color key for the ribbons

PINK - Praise and Adoration
RED - Courage
YELLOW - Thanksgiving
SILVER - Wholeness & Healing
LT. GREEN - Confession and Forgiveness
TURQUOISE - Strength
WHITE - Peace
PURPLE - Wisdom and Discernment

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

DAVID VANDERMEER

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

COMPANION TO FEASTING ON THE WORD

Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil.
You know the things that tempt us and the things that give us life.
You know our nakedness, and you know our sin.
We confess that we have disobeyed your word,
denying your providence and care and relying on our own cleverness.
Have mercy on us, we pray: cover us with your grace, feed us with the bread of life,
and re-create us in your image; through Jesus Christ our Savior . . .
(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

✦ KYRIE

PARDINI

Lord, have mer - cy up - on ___ us; Christ, have mer - cy up -
on ___ us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on ___ us;

✦ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✦ PASSING THE PEACE

✦ RESPONSE HYMN NO. 695

CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD

CHANGE MY HEART

PROCLAIMING AND SEALING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

GENESIS 2:15-17, 3:1-7

PAGE 2, OT, PEW BIBLE

SECOND READING

MATTHEW 4:1-11

PAGE 3, NT, PEW BIBLE

SERMON

PICTURES IN AN ALBUM

DAVID COZAD

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN NO. 415

COME, YE SINNERS, POOR AND NEEDY

RESTORATION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

(Please sign the Friendship Pad found at one end of your pew, and pass it along.)

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN

EDWIN CHILDS

CHANCEL CHOIR

My song is love unknown, my savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
Oh who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

Sometimes they strew his way and his sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day hosannas to their king.
Then "Crucify" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.

Why, what has my Lord done to cause this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run, and give the blind their sing.
What injuries! Yet these are why the Lord most high so cruelly dies.
My savior dies, my song of love so cruelly dies.

Here might I sing of him my soul adores. Never was love, dear king, like yours!
This is my friend in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.
My song is love.

✦ **AT THE PRESENTATION** HYMN NO. 595 *HOLY, HOLY, HOLY*

ARGENTINE SANTO

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SANDRA McDONALD

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 OF THE PEOPLE

*(If you require gluten-free elements, please go to the center station to the second set of servers.
If you wish to be served in your pew, indicate your desire to an usher.)*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION O SACRUM CONVIVIVUM
CHANCEL CHOIR

JAMES BIERY

*O sacrum convivium in quo Christus sumitur;
Recolitur memoria passionis ejus,
mens impletur gratia, et future gloriae nobis pignus datur. Gloria.*

Translation for this setting: O Christ, come and dwell within, through this sacred mystery;
We celebrate the memory of your holy passion!
Jesus' love enfolds our hearts. We receive your covenant of eternal glory. Gloria.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD
INTO THE WORLD**

✦ **HYMN** No. 440

JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL

ABERYSTWYTH

✦ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** HYMN NO. 748

TALLIS' CANON

Go with us Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day;
That in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *COME, YE SINNERS, POOR AND NEEDY*

ROBERT J. GREENE, JR.

The composer of the closing voluntary, Robert J. Greene, Jr. ("Bob") is a colleague of Vicki & Steve Fey in the Tri-Cities region of northeast Tennessee and southwest Virginia. He is a free-lance church musician and a composer, with a number of published works. His arrangement of the 1835 *Southern Harmony* tune RESTORATION begins with the right hand melody at tempo, followed by the left hand melody in canon at half tempo, followed by the pedal at quarter tempo. After the pedal finishes the melody, there are a few short variations and a final statement of the tune.

WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our liturgists today are Sandra McDonald, David VanderMeer, and Alexandra Mauney.

Our lector today is Philip Covin.

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WELCOME VISITORS

Welcome to Central! We are glad you are here! All are invited to worship God in this place. Wherever you are on the journey of faith, may Central be a community in which you can be nurtured and supported along the way and a place where you may serve and be served in the spirit of Christ. Contact David Cozad at dcozad@cpcatlanta.org to learn more about life at Central. We hope to see you again soon!



CREATE A ZEN SPACE

Sunday, March 12 | 6:00 p.m.
Includes a light supper

Zen and Now Clay Studio

2534-D Royal Place, Tucker, GA 30084
Wear ~~clay clothes~~... play clothes

THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers

Beth Grashof, captain
Brian Bishop ▪ Lee Ebeling
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Keith Pascoe ▪ Jeff Figueroa

Deacons of the Day

Em McNair ▪ Richard Woodring

Greeters

Tom Holcomb ▪ Michael Lloyd
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Collectors of Friendship Pads

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Melanie, Jason, Ally, and Tyler
Trudy Loper and Carys Barr

Bell Ringer

Tony Amos

Choir Guild

Doris Beachy



Friday, March 10 | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 11 | 10 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
Morningside Presbyterian Church
1411 North Morningside Drive NE
Atlanta, GA 30306

Art | Movement
African Drumming
Dramatic Reading
Handbells
Writing prayers
Hymn text and Hymn tune writing
Presenters include: Daniel Otu, Michael Morgan, Amanda Lower, Baron Mullis, Lucy & Matt Baum

For more information on either of the Arts events contact Sandra McDonald, smcdonald@cpcatlanta.org

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

Sunday, March 5

Women's Retreat concludes
Sr. High Youth Retreat concludes
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch
4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir
6:00 p.m. Youth Hangout

Monday, March 6

No events scheduled

Tuesday, March 7

10:00 a.m. Program Staff Meeting
11:00 a.m. Worship Staff Meeting
12:30 p.m. Staff Lunch
1:30 p.m. Revelation Ringers
7:00 p.m. Lenten Home Worship
Taizé Prayer Service
VanderMeer-Ivey Home

Wednesday, March 8

5:30 p.m. Geneva Handbell Choir
5:30 p.m. Finance Committee Mtg.
6:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 9

No events scheduled

Friday, March 10

7:00 p.m. Explore the Arts Festival
Morningside Presbyterian Ch.

Saturday, March 11

10:00 a.m. Explore the Arts continues
Morningside Presbyterian Ch.

Sunday, March 12

9:00 a.m. Children's Choirs
9:00 a.m. Youth Handbell Choir
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m. Worship for the Lord's Day
Anna George Traynham preaching
Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch
4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir
6:00 p.m. Youth Hangout
6:00 p.m. Ways to Play
Zen and Now Clay Studio