



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

March 20, 2016
Palm/Passion Sunday
11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary



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Then they all shouted out together, 'Away with this fellow!

-Luke 22:13-18

Welcome to this place of Christian worship.

Do not wait for someone else to begin worship. Pray silently for yourself, for those about you, for the poor and the oppressed, for those unable to be present, for those who will shortly lead our common worship. Latecomers may enter the Sanctuary during the singing of the first hymn or during the Response to the Assurance. Ushers are available for assistance. Please turn off all cell phones

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Yorty

Order of Worship

Chiming of the Trinity

The sounding of the chimes, invoking Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit, is an invitation to prepare for worship through a time of silent reflection. Please be respectful of those who are praying.

Introit

A Palm Sunday Antiphon

David C. Morgan (b. 1946)

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord!

Thou that sittest in the highest heavens: Hosanna in excelsis Deo!

Call to Worship

The people stand and remain standing for the hymn.

They brought the colt of a donkey to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.

As 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, saying,

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” He answered them:

“I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

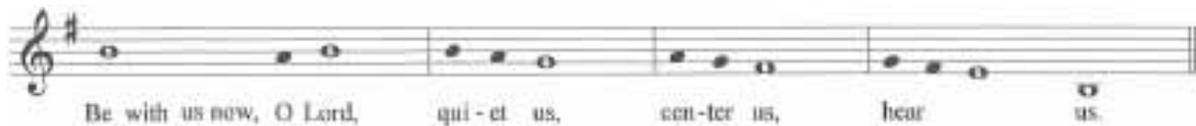
Hymn in Procession, No. 88

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Call to Confession

Cantor:



Congregation:



Prayer of Confession

God of heaven and earth, we give you thanks for sending us Jesus Christ in your name. Even though we profess to follow him, we confess that in times of trial we too often deny him. Forgive us and heal us, we pray. Help us to put our faith not in the princes of this world, but only in the Prince of Peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Silence is kept.

Assurance of Pardon

Ride On, King Jesus

Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan† (1957-2003)

Ride on, King Jesus; ride on, the conquering King.
No man can hinder thee. I was but young when I began.
But now my race is almost done. King Jesus rides a milk white horse.
The river of Jordan He did cross. He's the King, Lord of all.
Jesus is the first and He's the last. Jesus is the Lord of Lords.
Jesus is the Prince of Peace. No man can hinder thee.
Ride on, Jesus.

Passing the Peace of Christ

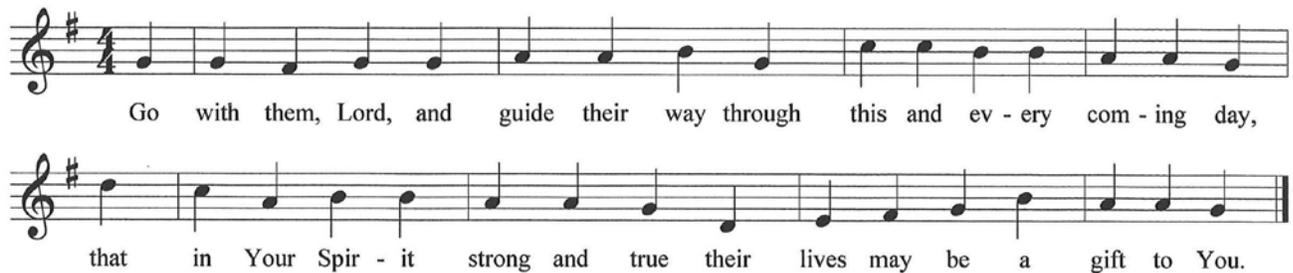
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Please turn to your neighbor and share the peace of Christ. It is appropriate to say, "The peace of Christ be with you", and to respond, "And also with you." The gesture is simple, but the meaning is profound. When we extend our hand to another, we identify with Jesus, who extended his life to the point of death to make peace with humanity (Col. 1:20-21). What's more, in the midst of divisions we symbolize our unity through handshakes and hugs (Eph. 2:14-21). Likewise, when we regularly pass the peace we practice God's call to make every effort to maintain the bond of peace (Eph. 4:3).

Time with Children

TALLIS CANON

At this time, parents may decide to have their children 3 years and older leave with their teachers. When the children leave, please make sure they take their belongings with them.



Go with them, Lord, and guide their way through this and ev - ery com - ing day,
that in Your Spir - it strong and true their lives may be a gift to You.

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, as we enter this Holy Week,
strengthen us to move beyond
the festive parade of palms
and to follow Jesus into the way of the cross,
that united with him and all the faithful,
we may one day enter through the gates of righteousness
into the eternal city, the New Jerusalem,
where we may praise you with Christ and the
Holy Spirit forever. Amen

Psalm Lesson

Psalm 31:9-16

Chant: Plainchant Tone II.1

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed. I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to
those of my acquaintance; when they see me in the street they avoid me.
I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.
For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.
But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. I have said, "You are my God.
My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving-kindness save me."

Gospel Lesson

Luke 22:66-23:25

⁶⁶ When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. ⁶⁷They said, ‘If you are the Messiah, tell us.’ He replied, ‘If I tell you, you will not believe; ⁶⁸and if I question you, you will not answer. ⁶⁹But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.’ ⁷⁰All of them asked, ‘Are you, then, the Son of God?’ He said to them, ‘You say that I am.’ ⁷¹Then they said, ‘What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!’ ²³Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. ²They began to accuse him, saying, ‘We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.’ ³Then Pilate asked him, ‘Are you the king of the Jews?’ He answered, ‘You say so.’ ⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, ‘I find no basis for an accusation against this man.’ ⁵But they were insistent and said, ‘He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.’ ⁶When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷And when he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. ⁹He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. ¹²That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies. ¹³Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, ¹⁴and said to them, ‘You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶I will therefore have him flogged and release him.’ ¹⁸ Then they all shouted out together, ‘Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!’ ¹⁹(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) ²⁰Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; ²¹but they kept shouting, ‘Crucify, crucify him!’ ²²A third time he said to them, ‘Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.’ ²³But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. ²⁴So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. ²⁵He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

Sermon

Execution by the State

Hymn, No. 85

What Wondrous Love Is This
The people stand to sing.

WONDROUS LOVE

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

The Deacons receive the gifts, a portion of the blessings God has given us, which we return unto God. Worshippers are invited to sign the Friendship Pad located in the aisle seat of each pew and then please pass it to others in the pew.

Like as the Hart

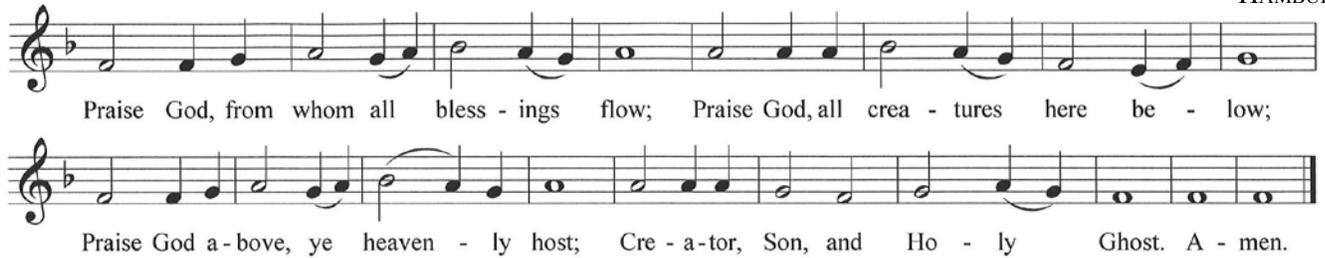
Herbert Howells^{††} (1892-1983)

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks,
So longeth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God.
When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me,
“Where is now thy God?” (Psalm 42:1-3)

Presentation of the Gifts

The people stand as the Deacons come forward and remain standing for the Prayer of Dedication.

HAMBURG



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God, all crea - tures here be - low;
Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; Cre - a - tor, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Prayer of Dedication

**Holy One,
we give you thanks for the great deeds of salvation
that you have done and continue to do.
Bless these offerings of thanksgiving
that they may further your kingdom in this world;
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Concluding with 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil;
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Sending Hymn, No. 91

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty
The people stand to sing.

ST. DROSTANE

Benediction and Choral Response

O Salutaris Hostia
O salutaris Hostia, Quae caeli pandis ostium:
Bella premunt hostilia, Da robur, fer auxilium. (text: St. Thomas Aquinas, 1225-1274)
*O saving Victim, Who opens the door of heaven,
Our foes abound; Give us strength, grant us aid.*

Thomas Pavlechko (b. 1962)

Closing Voluntary

Da Jesus an dem Kreuze stund, BWV 621
When Jesus Hung Upon the Cross

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

All are invited to gather for fellowship and refreshments in the Oak Room, following the Service.

Worship Leaders

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

Reader: Ray Herman

Organist: Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries
Käthe Wright Kaufman, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar

Acolytes: Alex Renzoni and Bryan Renzoni

Deacons Serving Today

Shea Akers, Russell Braun, Kate Dierenfield, Doug Fabian, Kathleen Kelly, Janet Kifner-Arnatt, Roy Stewart
Ronald Sutz

Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given in memory of Marcia and William Reynolds by their children and grandchildren.

The flowers at the Pulpit are given in loving memory of Robert and Charlotte Collins and Edward and Lucy Curtis by the Curtis family.

Notes on Today's Music

†**Moses Hogan** was an African-American composer and arranger of choral music. He was best known for his settings of spirituals. Hogan was a pianist, conductor and arranger of international renown. He died suddenly of a brain tumor at the age of 45.

Born in New Orleans, Hogan lived with five siblings and his parents, who gave their children a passion for music. He was an accomplished pianist by the age of nine. The family attended the A.L. Davis New Zion Baptist Church; Hogan's father was a bass singer in the church choir while Hogan's uncle, Edwin B. Hogan, was the Minister of Music and organist.

Hogan was musically educated from a young age, first enrolling in Xavier University Junior School of Music. In his sophomore year of high school, he was accepted to New Orleans Center for Creative Arts High School and was in its first graduating class of 1975. Hogan was awarded a full scholarship to the Oberlin Conservatory of Music where he studied piano and graduated in 1979 with a Bachelor of Music degree. Immediately after graduation, he began graduate studies at Juilliard School of Music, and later went to study classical music in Vienna, Austria. During his piano performance years, Hogan won several competitions including first place at the 28th Annual Kosciuszko Foundation Chopin Competition in New York.

††**Herbert Howells** started his musical career as a cathedral organist. He succeeded Gustav Holst as director of music at St. Paul's Girls' School in London and taught composition for many years at the Royal College of Music. A pupil of Charles Villiers Stanford, Charles Hubert Parry and Charles Wood at the Royal College, he wrote music within the prevailing English tradition, showing some affinity with Vaughan Williams in his choral music.

As an organist by training, Howells added significantly to the repertoire of English organ music, notably in two organ sonatas, four organ rhapsodies (the first of which we hear today), and sets of psalm preludes.

From the late 1930s Howells turned increasingly to choral and organ music, composing a second series of *Psalm Preludes* followed by a set of *Six Pieces* (begun 1939), of which the third, *Master Tallis's Testament*, a particular favorite of the composer's, recalled his formative experience of Vaughan Williams' *Tallis Fantasia*. A set of *Four Anthems*, originally titled *In Time of War, O Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem* and *Like as the Hart*, followed in early 1941.

Welcome! We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today.

We invite members and visitors to sign the friendship/registration pad as it is passed during the service. Please indicate if you would like information sent to you or request a call from the pastor.

As a More Light church, we invite all persons of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender community to membership and full participation in worship, leadership, service opportunities and all ministries of Westminster.

We light our peace candle remembering those relatives of Westminster members and all who are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Our prayers for peace include our neighborhoods, workplaces, schools & families.

Bibles are available at the Sanctuary entrances.

Wireless Receivers for hearing assistance are available in the Church Conference Room.

If you need assistance, please ask any Deacon

MISSION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The ENERGY Program - creates a caring environment where refugee and immigrant students, grades 1-6 from Buffalo's West Side gain social and cultural awareness and self-confidence through improving their English language skills. Contact Carol Greetham at 507-8216 or carol@wedibuffalo.org for more information, to donate or to volunteer.

The West Side Bazaar: 25 Grant Street. Lunch and shopping.

Friday: 11 AM – 8PM, Saturday, 10 AM – 8PM

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 11AM – 7PM

Westminster's Alcohol and Drug Education and Referral Service has been working quietly and steadily since 1981 to help members and friends with any questions they may have about alcohol or other drugs. Call any of us for free and confidential advice. Phil Stevens, Chair 839-3357; Dave Carstensen 884-5403, Ken Carter 833-9287, Ellen Smith 882-2064, Jim Wieland 523-0217.

Westminster Members: If you are recovering from an illness/surgery or are a caregiver with an ill family member, or have had a new baby, Westminster can provide a simple meal for those in need. Please contact Jamie at 884-9437, ext. 326 or email jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Childcare is available for children under the age of 5 years from 9:30AM to 12:30AM in the WECF building. Childcare providers will meet with parents and children at the entrance to the Westminster Early Childhood Programs (WECF) school building. Weather permitting, the children will be able to play in the playground.

- 3–5 year olds: Mrs. Debby & Mr. Chris LaMendola are our beloved pre-school teachers. The three through five year class meets in the Early Childhood building. The children and their teachers walk to the building together and in cold weather, the children need their coats.

- 1st - 5th graders: Each month their class rotates through our three Rotation Workshops: Creation Station, Hollywood and Apostles Playhouse

- 6th & 7th graders meet with their teacher, Marta Butzer, each Sunday in the last classroom on the Parish Hall balcony.

- 8th grader Confirmation Class meets 9:45-10:45AM in Parish Hall balcony

- Our Senior Highs (9th through 12th graders) meet each Sunday at 9:30AM in the Parish Hall kitchen for Dialog Diner.

PASSAGES: A PROGRAM FOR OLDER ADULTS

Lunch at 12:30PM in the Oak Room, 1:15PM program in the Case Library. The first Tuesday of each month. These programs vary between speakers, music concerts and films with a focus on the intellectual, physical and spiritual life of retired adults. Join us on April 5 when we welcome Investigative Post environmental reporter, Dan Telvock who will discuss his reporting of the badly

polluted Scajaquada Creek and how his work has sparked local, state and federal action. **Please sign up on the table in the Gallery Room, or call Jamie, 884-9437 or jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org by March 22. If you are planning on lunch, it is important to RSVP!**

THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR SCHOOL

The Senior Choristers, ages 12-18, rehearse each Wednesday, September through May, 4:30-6PM in the Holmes Chapel. The Senior Choristers produce a high volume of quality choral repertoire each week for use in worship and concert.

The Junior Choristers, ages 7-11, rehearse simultaneously with the Senior Choristers each Wednesday, September through May, 4:30-6PM in the Holmes Chapel, with the assistance of Ms. Hillary Hunt. The Junior Choristers further their ability to read music and various languages while shaping the voice into a beautiful treble instrument.

The Apprentice Choristers, ages 4-6, rehearse each Sunday, September through May, during Sunday School in the 11am service in the Holmes Chapel. The Apprentice Choristers are taught fundamental music and choral skills, with the assistance of Dr. Val Cooley. Participation in the programs is not limited to Westminster members; all are welcome to join. For more information, please contact Garrett Martin, Organist and Director of Music gmartin@wpcbuffalo.org 884.9437 ext. 318.

BECOME A PART OF OUR LIFE

Anyone who would like to learn more about our community and the many ministries we support is invited to attend a meeting immediately following worship. Our next date is Sunday, April 17. The Rev. Thomas Yorty, Pastor of Westminster, will tell the story of our church along with the current programs of outreach and mission in the city and region. There will be time for conversation and an opportunity to get answers to any questions you may have. Light, healthy refreshments will be served. At the conclusion of the meeting, those who so desire will be received into the membership of the church. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Yorty, tyorty@wpcbuffalo.org or 830-8596), Karen Keaton, khkeaton@verizon.net or any staff member.

YOUTH EVENTS - C.I.A (Christians in Action)

Sunday, March 20: 9:45am-C.I.A. to assist with Palm Sunday breakfast

Tuesday, March 22: 9am - All day multi-church youth event

Sunday, March 27: Easter Sunday – no youth events

SUNDAY MORNING SPIRITUAL GROWTH

No Spiritual Growth offerings will be available on Palm and Easter Sunday. Case Library, Spiritual Life and Adult Bible Study will resume on Sunday, April 3

CASE LIBRARY ENVIRONMENTAL SERIES, April 3, 10, 17 & 24
Presenters and topics for each event will be announced.

SPIRITUAL LIFE,

April 3, 17 & 24, 9:35AM - 10:45AM in the Holmes Room

The Spiritual Art of Attentiveness

Facilitator: Allan Hayes

In conjunction with the Jung Center we will be exploring our dream worlds with four sessions. Come to as many as you like.

April 3: Introduction and group discussion led by Jan Beurskens from the Jung Center. Bring a dream that you are willing to share.

ADULT BIBLE

9:35AM - 10:45AM in the first room on the balcony on the 3rd floor.

Our class welcomes adults who are interested in exploring the Christian story, by studying the scripture and applying those lessons learned to our present lives. Come as your schedule permits. This class uses Feasting on the Word curriculum which explores the Bible passages used in worship.

SAVE THE DATES!

Westminster goes to the Ballpark! Friday June 3, Buffalo Bisons vs. Syracuse Chiefs. Game time is 7 PM at Coca-Cola Field and picnic at 5 PM at the church. More details and ticket sale information will follow!

Easter Reception, March 27 in the Case Library following worship. Donations of finger foods are needed such as vegetables and hummus / dip, fruit, cheese and crackers or baked goods. A sign-up sheet is available in the Gallery Room. Questions: Laurel Braun at 716-830-5692, or dlrbraun@gmail.com

Against the Grain Story Series *Plato's Cave*: Join us for a dramatization of Plato's famed allegory of the cave. Tuesday April 19 at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary. David Lundy as Socrates, Elena Feliz as Glaucon. Tickets are \$10 and available at <https://atgfestival.org/get-tickets/>

ORDER SUNDAY FLOWERS

Purchase Sunday flowers in honor/memory of family or friends. Look for the "Flower Calendar" on the Kiosk in the Gallery Room and sign up for the Sunday of your choice. You may also call Marilyn Bassett at 634-4211 to choose a date.

WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

8:45AM in the Holmes Chapel with Communion and 11:00AM in the Sanctuary with Communion offered on first Sunday of every month

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty will preach

March 24

Maundy Thursday

The Last Parable

The Choirs of Westminster sing this solemn service commemorating the Last Supper of Christ.

March 25

Good Friday Tenebrae

When Violence Outdoes Itself

The Choirs of Westminster sing this solemn service on at 7:14 PM (sundown) in the Sanctuary

March 27

Easter Sunday

When Mystery Engulfs Reason

John 20:1-18

The Choirs of Westminster sing this Festival Service for Easter Day with brass, timpani, and organ in morning worship 8:45 and 11AM in the Sanctuary



Interfaith Congregational Conversations

Going Deeper: The Current Issues Driving Israeli-Palestinian Relations

We will continue our four congregation conversations with North Presbyterian Church, Temple Beth Zion, and Congregation Shir Shalom. The next three events will explore some of the pressing issues that led to the decision of the Presbyterian Church to divest of three corporations doing business in Israel that aid or maintain the construction of the fence of separation and more generally issues driving Israeli-Palestinian relations today.



The April 10 event will be at WPC at 7PM. It will be a simulation of a Presbyterian Church (USA) General Assembly. The purpose of the simulation will be to give participants a 'hands on' experience of how the GA works and how issues get discussed, presented and voted upon. J.C. Austin, of Auburn Theological Seminary and a leader of the movement opposed to divestment, will offer a status report on the discussion within the PCUSA regarding divestment specifically and relations with Israel generally.



The May 22 event will take place at Congregation Shir Shalom on at 7PM. A brief documentary titled, "The Promise" will be presented. This documentary explores the theme of Israeli and Palestinian narratives. The film interviews an Israeli teenager and a Palestinian teenager who describe their experiences of the tensions between their people quite differently. We will discuss issues the documentary raises as well as other issues raised in the previous 2 sessions.

These conversations are designed to equip participants with a deeper understanding of the complex issues that affect the State of Israel and to prepare those who also intend to make the four-congregation trip to Israel (to be scheduled for winter of 2017) to make the best use of our visit to Israel and the opportunity to meet the voices 'on the ground' in Israel that are affected by and influencing Israeli-Palestinian relations.

Please contact Jamie Adamczyk at 884-9437, ext. 326 or email jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org for more information or to RSVP.

If you have any questions about the event or would like to invite friends, please contact your clergy.

WESTMINSTER PRESENTS

Fridays @ Westminster! Come for Music, Stay for Lunch

Each Friday, a 30 minute lunchtime concert featuring local Buffalo artists will play in our historic Sanctuary, from Noon until 12:30PM. A Food Truck will be at Westminster each Friday, so stay for lunch! Donations benefit the Westminster Friends of Music.

March 25: Good Friday Improvisations on the Stations of the Cross
Garrett Martin, organ
Food Truck: Richos Pinchos Place

April 1: Frank Scinta, piano
Food Truck: Cheesy Chick

Maundy Thursday - March 24, 6PM in the Holmes Chapel

The Choirs of Westminster sing this solemn service commemorating the Last Supper of Christ.

Improvisations on the Stations of the Cross-Friday, March 25, Noon-12:30PM

Garrett Martin, Organist and Music Director of Westminster Presbyterian Church, improvises on the Stations of the Cross, alternating with poems and readings about this most solemn day.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service - March 25, 7:14PM (sundown)

The Choirs of Westminster sing this solemn service in the Holmes Chapel.

Easter Sunday, March 27, 8:45 and 11AM

The Choirs of Westminster sing this festival service for Easter Day with brass, timpani, and organ.

Western New York Chamber Orchestra - Friday, April 1, 7:30PM

The Western New York Chamber Orchestra welcomes famed musician Michael Ludwig in a concert titled *Chords and Cords*.

Studies in Brass - Sunday, April 3, 3PM in the Sanctuary

Buffalo Silver Band in concert. Free and open to the public.

A Festival of Choirs - Sunday, April 17, 4PM

The Choirs of St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, under the direction of Jonathan Scarozza, Calvary Episcopal Church Williamsville, under the direction of Alex Benestelli, and Westminster Presbyterian Church, under the direction of Garrett Martin, join together to present a preview of works commissioned for the 2016 American Guild of Organists National Convention (Houston, TX) with brass, organ, and choirs. The three choirs are joined by Houston musician and organist, Dr. David Henning.

First Annual WPC Gala Event featuring singer-songwriter,

Matt Alber along with a string quartet. A Gala for Westminster's Friends of Music will be held on Friday, May 13th at 7:30 p.m. Stay tuned for more information!

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, March 20-Palm Sunday	6:00 PM	Session Mtg.
	Jeff On Duty	8:00 PM
		AA Mtg
8:00 AM	Children's Choir	
	Rehearsal	
8:30 AM	Infant/Toddler Care	7:15 AM
		Wake Up Group
8:45 AM	Worship/Communion	8:30 AM
		Centering Prayer
9:30 AM	Palm Sunday Breakfast	6:00 PM
		Maundy Thursday
9:45 AM	C.I.A. assist/ Palm Sunday breakfast	7:30 PM
		Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal	
		Friday, March 25-Good Friday
11:00 AM	Worship	WECP Closed
11:10 AM	Sunday School	11:30 AM
		Fridays @ WPC
		12:00 PM
		Improvisations on the Stations of the Cross
Monday, March 21-WPC Closed		
		7:14 PM
		Tenebrae Service (sundown)
Tuesday, March 22		
7:15 AM	Wake Up Group	
9:00 AM	All-day Multi-Church Youth Event	Sunday, March 27- Easter Sunday
		Jeff On Duty
5:30 PM	Personnel Comm. Mtg.	8:00 AM
		Children's Choir Rehearsal
6:00 PM	Zen Dharma	8:30 AM
		Infant/Toddler Care
7:00 PM	Knitting Group	8:45 AM
		Worship /Communion
Wednesday, March 23		
9:30 AM	Worship Planning Mtg	9:30 AM
		Easter Brunch Setup
12:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline	9:30 AM
		Heavenly Grounds
1:30 PM	Staff Mtg.	10:00 AM
		Choir Rehearsal
4:30 PM	WPC Choir School	11:00 AM
		Worship
5:30 PM	Pathways To Peace	12:15 PM
		Easter Reception

GRATITUDE IN EVERY *Action*



GIVING 2016

Pledges received as of 3/18/2016

Number of Pledges Received	Total Pledges Received	Dollars to Goal
245	\$479,529	\$120,471

We ask that you consider the blessing that Westminster is in your life and with a grateful heart send your Intention Card with support for 2016. Giving your financial pledge will enable Westminster to continue to show our gratitude to God by sharing our blessings within our church home and our community. Return your intention card by mail or make your pledge online at www.wpcbuffalo.org/pledge2016 or email Patricia Kelly, pkelly@wpcbuffalo.org

Worship in the Holmes Chapel - 8:45 a.m.

*The Gathering is an opportunity for worshippers to greet one another and to share prayer concerns.
An offering plate has been placed on the Communion Table to receive your gifts.*

Opening Voluntary

Toccata on RATHBUN

David Cherwien (b. 1957)

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Dr. Yorty

Chiming of the Trinity

The sounding of the chimes, invoking Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit, is an invitation to prepare for worship through a time of silent reflection. Please be respectful of those who are praying.

Introit

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Plainchant VIII.1

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.
Let Israel now proclaim, "His mercy endures forever."
Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.
"This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter."
I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.
The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.
On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
Hosanna, Lord, hosanna! Lord, send us now success.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord.
God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
"You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you."
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

Call to Worship

The people stand and remain standing for the hymn.

Hymn, No. 88

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Prayer of Confession

God of heaven and earth,
we give you thanks for sending us Jesus Christ in your name.
Even though we profess to follow him,
we confess that in times of trial we too often deny him.
Forgive us and heal us, we pray.
Help us to put our faith not in the princes of this world,
but only in the Prince of Peace.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Silence is kept.

Kyrie

The people sing.

John Weaver (1984)

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Words of Assurance

Response

GLORIA PATRI

The people stand to sing.



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be -
gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Luke 22:66-23:25

Text for this reading is on page 4.

Anthem

A Palm Sunday Antiphon

David C. Morgan (b. 1946)

Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord!
Thou that sittest in the highest heavens: Hosanna in excelsis Deo!

Meditation

Execution by the State

Anthem

When Jesus Wept

William Billings (1746-1800)

When Jesus wept the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound.
When Jesus groaned a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.
Take up your cross the Savior said, if you would my disciple be.
Take up your cross with willing heart and humbly follow after me.
Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and calmly every danger brave.
It guides you to abundant life and leads to victory over the grave.

Prayers of the People

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Sending Hymn, No. 91

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

ST. DROSTANE

The people stand to sing.

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Da Jesus an dem Kreuze stund, BWV 621

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

When Jesus Hung Upon the Cross

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