



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Buffalo, New York

April 9, 2017  
Palm/Passion Sunday  
10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary



A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road,  
and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.  
The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,  
'Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

- Matthew 21:8-9



## Prayer Of Confession

**Holy God, sure of your faithfulness even in your dying,  
comforted by your compassion toward your people in every age,  
we beg your mercy for our imperfect gratitude.  
We have looked to you for paltry favors, when you have given everything.  
We have withheld from your people, our neighbors,  
and from your creation, our Earth, the care and tending they deserve.  
We have rejected the cornerstone you sent  
to build a people of righteousness even here, today.  
Forgive our failings. Heal what we have broken, nurture what we have neglected,  
and lead us to your vision, so that we may know the peace of wholeness in you;  
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*Time for silent prayer*

## Kyrie

*The people sing.*

John Weaver (1984)

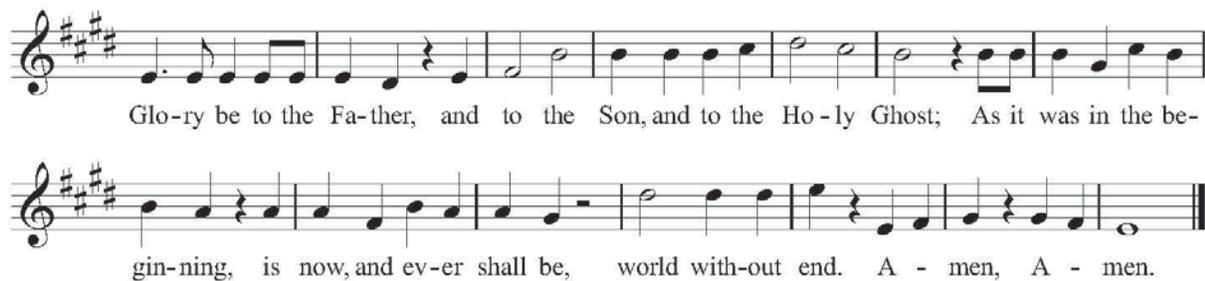


## Assurance of Pardon

### Response

GLORIA PATRI

*The people stand to sing.*



## 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).*

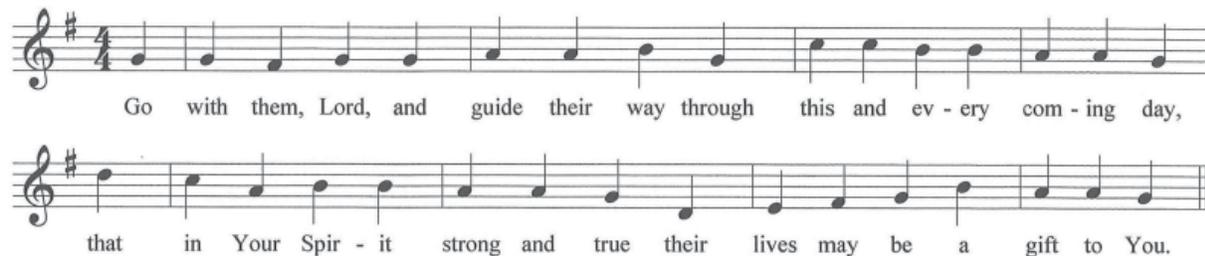
*What's more, in the midst of divisions we symbolize our unity through handshakes and hugs (Eph. 2:14-21).*

*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.*



## Prayer for Illumination

### Psalm Lesson

Psalm 24

Chant: Joseph Barnby (1838-1896)

<sup>1</sup>The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is; the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein. <sup>2</sup>For he hath founded it upon the seas, and prepared it upon the floods. <sup>3</sup>Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall rise up in his holy place? <sup>4</sup>Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbor. <sup>5</sup>He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. <sup>6</sup>This is the generation of them that seek him; even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob. <sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. <sup>8</sup>Who is the King of glory? It is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle. <sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. <sup>10</sup>Who is the King of glory? Even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

### Scripture Lesson

Matthew 21:1-11

<sup>1</sup>When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup>'Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.' <sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' <sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

### Hymn, No. 91

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

THE KING'S MAJESTY

*The people stand to sing.*

### Sermon

The Crowd Speaks Too Loudly

### Invitation to the Offering

### Offertory

*The Deacons receive the gifts, a portion of the blessings God has given us, which we return unto God.*

It is a Thing Most Wonderful

Philip Moore<sup>††</sup> (b. 1943)

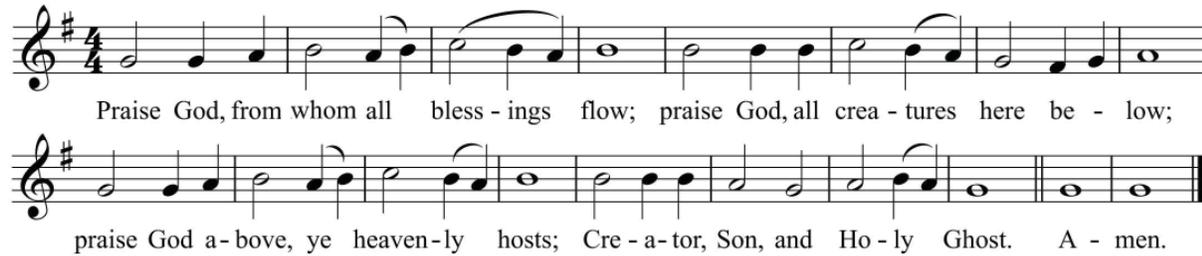
Text: W. Walsham How (1823-1897)

It is a thing most wonderful, almost too wonderful to be  
That God's own Son should come from heaven and die to save a child like me.  
And yet I know that it is true: He chose a poor and humble lot,  
And wept and mourned and toiled and died, for love of those who loved him not.  
I sometimes think about the cross, and shut my eyes and try to see  
The cruel nails and crown of thorns and Jesus crucified for me.  
But even could I see him die, I could but see a little part  
Of that great love which like a fire, is always burning in his heart.  
And yet I want to love thee Lord; O light the flame within my heart,  
That I may love thee more and more, until I see thee as thou art.

## 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 hosts; Cre - a - tor, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## Prayer of Dedication

**God of all good gifts,  
we thank you for showing us  
how to care for each other.  
May these gifts lead to great feasting  
for those who have no banquets set before them.  
May these gifts build shelters and places of prayer  
for those who are homeless.  
May these gifts proclaim your desire  
that all your creation live in peace.  
Give us grateful hearts, O God,  
in the name of the one  
who came to draw all people to himself,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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. 92

Beneath the Cross of Jesus  
*The people stand to sing.*

ST. CHRISTOPHER

## Benediction and Choral Response

O Lord, Support Us

Carson Cooman<sup>†††</sup> (b. 1982)

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,  
And the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done.  
Then, in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last.

## Closing Voluntary

<sup>††††</sup>Prélude et Fugue sur le nom d'Alain

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

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*Immediately following worship, please join us at Meet & Mingle in the Holmes Room for refreshments and fellowship.*

## Worship Leaders

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty, Pastor  
John Heer, Liturgist  
Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries  
Brian Glikes, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar  
The Westminster Choir

## Deacons Serving Today

Cameron Airhart, Mary Dimock, Janet Kifner-Arnatt, Kirsten Kifner-Kennedy, Johnpatrick Marr,  
Becky Read-Lukan, Jo Stevens, Roy Stewart, Ron Sutz

## 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.

††**Philip Moore** is an English composer and organist. After studying at the Royal College of Music, he was Assistant Music Master and Organist at Eton College. He became Assistant Organist at Canterbury Cathedral in 1968. He was appointed Organist and Master of the Choristers at Guildford Cathedral in 1974. He succeeded Francis Jackson in 1983 as Organist and Master of the Music at York Minster, a post he held until his retirement in 2008. In 2015 he began a two-year term as President of the Royal College of Organists.

†††**Carson Cooman** is an American composer with a catalog of hundreds of works in many forms—from solo instrumental pieces to operas, and from orchestral works to hymn tunes. His music has been performed on all six inhabited continents in venues that range from the stage of Carnegie Hall to the basket of a hot air balloon. Cooman's music appears on over forty recordings, including more than twenty complete CDs on the Naxos, Albany, Artek, Gothic, Divine Art, Métier, Diversions, Convivium, Altarus, MSR Classics, Raven, and Zimbel labels. Cooman's primary composition studies were with Bernard Rands, Judith Weir, Alan Fletcher, and James Willey. As an active concert organist, Cooman specializes in the performance of contemporary music. Over 150 new compositions by more than 100 international composers have been written for him, and his organ performances can be heard on a number of CD recordings. Cooman is also a writer on musical subjects, producing articles and reviews frequently for a number of international publications. He serves as an active consultant on music business matters to composers and performing organizations, specializing particularly in the area of composer estates and archives.

Born to a family of musicians in 1911 (his sister is the renowned organist Marie-Claire Alain), the precocious Jehan Alain was forging a pungently distinctive personal style from the musical upheavals of the young century while still a student at the Paris Conservatoire, with Dupré for organ and the skeptical Dukas for composition. Among his contemporaries (Messiaen, Daniel-Lesur, Poulenc, Duruflé), he was recognized as a peer. While still taking classes, his skirling, jazzy Litanies (1937) achieved fame with organists around the world. Mobilized in August 1939, he fought in Flanders, participated in the evacuation of Dunkirk, and was killed in action near Saumur in 1940, aged 29, leaving behind some 127 works. ††††**Duruflé's** *Prélude et fugue sur le nom d'Alain, Op. 7*, is an homage to his fallen friend, composed in 1942. By manipulating the alphabet around those letters with musical significance, Duruflé finds an equivalent for Alain in the notes ADAAF, which yield a syncopated theme picked out against the *Prélude's* flickering scherzo, thrice interrupted by a plangently descending quoted from Litanies. Its slowing last announcement ends the *Prélude* and leads directly to the attractive fugal subject, which undergoes a regular exposition. The development suggests a radiant smile before the scherzo returns, contrapuntally worked to a brilliant climax of great power.

## WORSHIP AND PREACHING SCHEDULE

*Worship: 8:15AM in the Holmes Chapel with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and 10:30AM in the Sanctuary.*

**TODAY! April 9 - Choral Evensong**

**4:00 PM in the Sanctuary 3:30 PM: Prelude Recital**

The Westminster Choir will present Benjamin Britten's groundbreaking work, *Rejoice in the Lamb*.

**Maundy Thursday - April 13 in the Holmes Chapel**

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

*Sermon: Calm before the Chaos*

**Good Friday - April 14**

Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music

Improvisations on Stations of the Cross

Noon in the Sanctuary

**Good Friday Tenebrae Service**

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

April 14, 7:57 PM (sundown) in the Sanctuary

*Sermon: After Great Pain, Where Is God?*

**Easter Sunday, April 16**

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

Matthew 28:1-10

*Sermon: Seismic Shift*

8:15 AM: Worship with Communion in the Holmes Chapel

10:15 AM: Prelude by the Buffalo Brass Octet

10:30 AM: Worship with Festival Brass Octet, Choirs, and Organ, in the Sanctuary

**April 23**

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

*Sermon: Love Welcomed Me And My Soul Drew Back*

**April 30**

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

*Sermon: Love Asked If I Lacked Anything: Luke 24:13-35*

Thanks to your Generosity,  
we've EXCEEDED our Goal!

Pledges received as of 04/07/17

<b>Number of Pledges Received</b>	<b>Total Pledges Received</b>	<b>DOLLARS OVER OUR GOAL</b>
<b>293</b>	<b>\$606,085</b>	<b>\$6,085</b>

Thanks to the generosity of members and friends of Westminster, the Ministry of Generosity Committee is pleased to announce that we have exceeded our 2017 Generosity goal of \$600,000! This is our most successful giving campaign in our church's history and we reached it in record time. We are grateful for your financial pledges to this church as it signifies that we have a healthy church, whose members support our mission resoundingly. Through your generosity we are able to continue our ministry as we strive to answer the Prayer of St. Francis to "Love, Comfort, Understand and Give" within our church home and our community. If you have not yet made a pledge and would like to you may do so on our secure site at [www.wpcbuffalo.org/giving](http://www.wpcbuffalo.org/giving), or email Sawrie Becker, [sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org). Thank you for being a contributing member of this church as your pledge, in any amount, makes us a stronger congregation.

## News & Notes

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, and 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

ENERGY is always in need of plastic folders, spiral note books, notebook paper, pink erasers, dry erase markers, black Sharpie markers, glue sticks, white glue, and Crayola watercolor sets. Additionally, ENERGY can use sturdy paper plates, 7 oz. cups, napkins, plastic forks, cake mix, and frosting cans. Donations may be left on the kitchen counter in the basement ENERGY rooms.

Visit The West Side Bazaar, 25 Grant Street, for lunch and shopping.

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, Jane Morris 571-481-1839, Ellen Smith 882-2064, Elizabeth Stewart, 585-217-7878, Jim Wieland 523-0217.

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

### CHILDCARE AT WESTMINSTER

Childcare for children 5 years old and younger is available from 8:00AM to 11:30AM in the WECP (school) building.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL AT WESTMINSTER

- Our preschool class meets in the WECP building. After *Time with Children*, children 3-5 year olds leave with their teachers, "Miss Debby" and "Mr. Chris" LaMendola and walk to the building together. In cold weather, the children need their coats. After worship, the children and their teachers meet together in the Holmes Room.
- 1st - 4th grade classes: Meet each Sunday with their teachers in the 1st Parish Hall Classroom.
- 5th -7th grade class meets each Sunday with their teacher Carol Timmerman-Yorty in the 2nd Parish Hall classroom
- Our confirmation class is made up of 8th graders. They meet one-on-one with their mentor until their class begins in January when they meet each Sunday from 9:15AM to 10:15AM in the classroom on the Parish Hall balcony.
- Our Senior Highs, 9th-12th graders, meet each Sunday at 9:30AM in the Parish Hall kitchen for Dialogue Diner.

### THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR SCHOOL

*The Senior Choristers*, ages 12-18, rehearse Tuesday, 4:30PM to 5:30PM, Wednesday, 4:30PM - 6:30PM, and Thursday, 4:30PM - 5:30PM. At 6PM, on Wednesdays, the choristers sing Choral Evensong in the Holmes Chapel, open to everyone. *The Junior Choristers*, ages 7-11, rehearse simultaneously, joining the Senior Choristers for the service of Choral Evensong at 6 PM.

*The Apprentice Choristers*, ages 4-6, rehearse each Sunday through May 21st, during the 10:30AM Sunday School in the Holmes Chapel. The Apprentice Choristers are taught fundamental music and choral skills, with the assistance of Dr. Val Cooley and Mrs. Julie Zenger. 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](mailto: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 **May 21** at 12PM. 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](mailto:tyorty@wpcbuffalo.org) or 830-8596, Karen Keaton, [khkeaton@verizon.net](mailto:khkeaton@verizon.net) or any staff member.

### SUNDAY MORNING SPIRITUAL GROWTH

#### Case Library Conversations

9:00 AM to 10:15 AM in the Case Library

**April 9:** Palm Sunday Breakfast - no program

**April 16:** Easter-no program

**April 23:** *Climate Justice: What's Going on in the Buffalo area, NY State and Beyond.* David Kowalski, Research Scientist (retired) & Environmental Activist. David will speak about climate change, health and the need for a justice-based energy transition from polluting fossil fuels to clean sustainable sources.

#### Spiritual Life

Sundays, 9AM - 10:15AM in the Heritage Room

**April 9:** Palm Sunday Breakfast - no program

**April 16:** Easter-no program

**April 23:** *Spiritual Connections Through Art - Part 2*

Presenters: Dot Keller and Fred Cooley. Seeing Dot's shell series and Fred's water colors is a glorious aesthetic experience yet when you hear them talk about their creative process you probably will find their deep connections are clearly spiritual. They will show some of their pieces then work with us on our own artistic ways of connecting to our special subjects and places.

#### Adult Bible Study

9:00AM - 10:15AM first classroom on the Parish Hall Balcony

Join our continuing conversation as we explore the Sunday scripture passages. This discussion moves from what the biblical passage means to what this passage might mean in our lives. Our class is led by Debbie Katz and other class members. Our curriculum is *Feasting on the Word*. Please come to these classes as your schedule permits.

### PASSAGES: A PROGRAM FOR OLDER ADULTS

Join us for Passages on Tuesday, May 2nd. Rev. Yorty and Rev. Beth Hennessy will talk about planning your memorial service. This is an opportunity to record your favorite hymns and scripture passages or even people you might want to sing or read at your service. Lunch: 12:30PM, program begins at 1:15 PM. Please sign up on the table in the Gallery or call the church office before April 28, 2017.

### WOW KNITTING GROUP

The groups meets on Tuesdays, April 11 and 25 and works on their individual projects as well as prayer shawls, scarves and other handmade items for members of the church. Beginners welcome! Contact Fran Holmes: [mfranholmes@verizon.net](mailto:mfranholmes@verizon.net) for information and dates.

## WESTMINSTER PRESENTS

**Fridays at Westminster:** Come for the music - Stay for lunch! Each Friday, local Buffalo artists present a 30 minute lunchtime recital in Westminster's Historic Sanctuary at noon. Lunch provided by a local food truck. Donations benefit the Westminster Friends of Music.

*April 14: Garrett Martin (Stations of the Cross) Food Truck: Gourm-Asian*

**Choral Evensong:** Every Wednesday at 6PM in the Holmes Chapel. The Choristers of the Westminster Choir School lead this service showcasing repertoire they are studying.

**Choral Evensong: TODAY! Sunday, April 9 at 4:00 PM.** The Westminster Choirs and visiting choirs present this service of Evening Prayer. Join us for an organ prelude recital at 3:30 PM.

**Taizé Worship:** April 21, and May 19 at 5:30 PM. Start your weekend with this service of calming prayer and meditation.

**Western New York Chamber Orchestra:** Friday, April 21 at 7:30 PM. WNYCO presents Mozart's "Great" Mass in C minor, and John Corigliano's *Creation*. The concert features the Masterworks Choir of SUNY Fredonia, the Westminster Choir, and guest soloists.

**Let the Bells Resound! The Westminster Handbell Choir:** Sunday, May 7 at 4:00 PM. Join us for an afternoon of music presented by Westminster's renowned handbell choir and talented guest artists.

## GOOD NEWS!

Thanks to a special gift from Dr. Philip and Donna Niswander, the summer worship services in the Holmes Chapel will be temperature controlled, creating a more comfortable worship experience for all of us! We are grateful for this wonderful gift from the Niswander family, and we look forward to worshipping together when we officially begin summer worship hours on Sunday, June 25, 2017, 10 AM.

## MEET & MINGLE - FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Please join us in the Holmes Room immediately following the 10:30am worship service for a relaxed and inviting fellowship opportunity. *Meet & Mingle* offers beverages, light healthy snacks and provides a meaningful time of gathering and bonding for our congregation. Continue to stop by the **Heavenly Grounds Café** in the Oak Room which is open from 9AM to noon with coffee service until 10:30AM. **We need YOUR help!** In order to keep it running successfully we are looking for YOU to help in one of the following ways:

1. Be a shopper – Purchase the food from a list provided and bring to church for storage. Bring receipts for reimbursement.
2. Be a host for the week. The hosts come early to church to make the punch, put the food on serving plates before the 10:30 service; monitor the need to refill punch or food platters; clean up dirty dishes, put unused food away, and take home tablecloths to be laundered and returned.
3. Be a sponsor – Make a donation to WPC to cover the weekly costs. Please contact Debby LaMendola (716-983-4993) if you can help!

## EASTER RECEPTION

Join us for a time of fellowship at a reception in the Case Library, immediately following the 10:30 AM service on April 16. 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. Please sign up on the Information Table in the Gallery Room. Air conditioning is coming to the Holmes Chapel and Holmes Room!

## COMMUNITY SHREDDING EVENT

Sponsored by Buffalo Sunrise Rotary Club. Saturday June 17, 10am - 1pm at Westminster This service ensures safe and secure disposal of unneeded, outdated business and personal papers. The cost is \$10.00 per box (approx size 10"x12"x15") Rotarians will be on hand to assist with unloading boxes from your vehicle. For additional information about Rotary or this event call 716-479-8711 visit the Buffalo Sunrise Rotary Facebook page.

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Sunday, April 9 – Palm Sunday

8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care  
8:00 AM Senior Choristers  
8:15 AM Worship/Communion  
9:15 AM Palm Sunday Breakfast  
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 AM Worship  
10:40 AM Sunday School  
11:30 AM Dream Group 3  
11:30 AM Meet & Mingle  
1:30 PM Reserved for Evensong  
4:00 PM Evensong  
5:00 PM Evensong Reception

### Tuesday, April 11

7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
4:30 PM Choir School Rehearsal

5:00 PM Worship, Music & Arts

6:00 PM Zen Dharma

7:00 PM Knitting Group

### Wednesday, April 12

12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline  
12:00 PM Enews Info. Deadline  
4:30 PM Choir School Rehearsal  
5:00 PM CMH Board Meeting  
5:30 PM Pathways To Peace  
8:00 PM AA Meeting

### Thursday, April 13 – Maundy Thursday

7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
8:45 AM Centering Prayer  
4:30 PM Choir School Rehearsal  
6:00 PM Handbells

6:00 PM Maundy Thursday

7:30 PM Easter Rehearsal

### Friday, April 14 – Good Friday

12:00 PM Stations of the Cross  
7:57 PM Tenebrae Service

### Sunday, April 16 – Easter Sunday

8:00 AM Senior Choristers  
8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care  
8:15 AM Worship/Communion  
9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds  
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 AM Worship  
11:30 AM Easter Reception

# Worship in the Holmes Chapel - 8:15AM

*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.*

## 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.*

## Opening Voluntary

Fantasia on *Valet will ich dir geben*, BWV 735

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

## Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Yorty

## Call to Worship

*The people stand and remain standing for the hymn.*

## Hymn, No. 88

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DER GEBEN

## Prayer Of Confession

**Holy God, sure of your faithfulness even in your dying,  
comforted by your compassion toward your people in every age,  
we beg your mercy for our imperfect gratitude.  
We have looked to you for paltry favors, when you have given everything.  
We have withheld from your people, our neighbors,  
and from your creation, our Earth, the care and tending they deserve.  
We have rejected the cornerstone you sent to build a people of righteousness even here, today.  
Forgive our failings. Heal what we have broken, nurture what we have neglected,  
and lead us to your vision, so that we may know the peace of wholeness in you; in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*Time for silent prayer*

## Kyrie

*The people sing.*

John Weaver (1984)

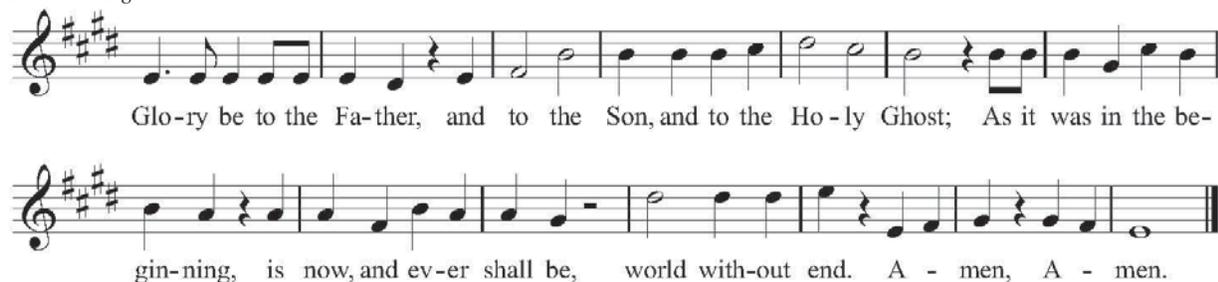


## Words of Assurance

## Response

GLORIA PATRI

*Stand to sing.*



## Peace of Christ

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

## Prayer for Illumination

## Psalm Lesson

Psalm 24

*Text can be found on page 4 of this bulletin.*

Chant: Joseph Barnby (1838-1896)

## Scripture Lesson

Matthew 21:1-11

*Text can be found on page 4 of this bulletin.*

## Anthem

It is a Thing Most Wonderful

George Bayley (b. 1927)

It is a thing most wonderful,  
almost too wonderful to be,  
that God's own Son should come from heaven,  
and die to save a child like me.

But even could I see him die,  
I could but see a little part  
of that great love, which, like a fire,  
is always burning in his heart.

And yet I know that it is true:  
he chose a poor and humble lot,  
and wept, and toiled, and mourned, and died,  
for love of those who loved him not.

It is most wonderful to know  
his love for me so free and sure;  
but 'tis more wonderful to see  
my love for him so faint and poor.

I sometimes think about the cross,  
and shut my eyes, and try to see  
the cruel nails and crown of thorns  
and Jesus crucified for me.

And yet I want to love thee, Lord;  
O light the flame within my heart,  
and I will love thee more and more,  
until I see thee as thou art.

## Meditation

The Crowd Speaks Too Loudly

## Prayers of the People

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

## Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*We will distribute the elements of communion today by intinction – simply take the bread and dip it in the cup. It is appropriate to say "Amen" or "Thanks be to God" when receiving the bread and the cup as they are gifts of God for the people of God. Westminster Presbyterian Church serves only gluten and dairy-free bread in Communion. Please take the aisle nearest you to the communion station at the front of that aisle, and return to your seat by the same aisle.*

## Sending Hymn, No. 92

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

*The people stand to sing.*

ST. CHRISTOPHER

## Benediction

## Closing Voluntary

\*\*\*\*Prélude et Fugue sue le nom d'Alain

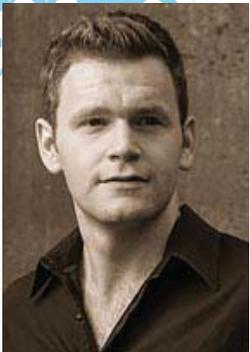
Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

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*Following the service, please join us for the Palm Sunday catered breakfast in the Holmes and Oak Rooms.*

## Worship Leaders

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty, Pastor  
Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries  
Brian Glikes, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar  
Senior Choristers of the Westminster Choir School  
Hillary Hunt and Veronica Shanchuk, Chorister trainers



**Christopher Keenan, singer-songwriter**

**Friends of Music Gala**

**Friday, May 12 - 7:30 PM at the Saturn Club**

**Diane Bish, organist**

**Choral Festival**

**Sunday, May 14 - 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary**

**Tickets: [www.wpcbuffalo.org](http://www.wpcbuffalo.org)**



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