



# Aiken's First Baptist Church

## Palm to Passion Sunday April 13, 2025

**Prelude** Hosanna, Loud Hosanna arr. Innes

### Chiming of the Trinity

*Entering worship, we step into a time  
that is not ours, but God's.*

**Welcome and Explanation of Service** John Carroll

### Responsive Call to Worship John Carroll

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his  
steadfast love endures forever!

**Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures  
forever."**

Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love  
endures forever."

**Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast  
love endures forever."**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the  
chief cornerstone.

**This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our  
eyes.**

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us  
rejoice and be glad in it.

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind  
the festal procession with branches, up to the horns  
of the altar.

**You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God, I will extol you.**

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**For his steadfast love endures forever.**

### THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

*Narrator:* The next day the great crowd that had come  
to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to  
Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and  
went out to meet him, shouting,

**People: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in  
the name of the Lord, the King of Israel!**

*Narrator:* Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as  
it is written: "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.  
Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's  
colt!?" His disciples did not understand these  
things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then  
they remembered that these things had been  
written of him and had been done to him. So the  
crowd that had been with him when he called  
Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the  
dead continued to testify. It was also because they  
heard that he had performed this sign that the  
crowd went to meet him. The Pharisees then said  
to one another,

*Pharisees:* You see, you can do nothing. Look, the  
world has gone after him!

**\*Hymn No. 175** All Glory, Laud and Honor

**Children's Message** Matt Waller

*At this time, children ages 1st Grade and below may  
follow our volunteers out for Children's Church.*

**Introit** Hosanna arr. Pfohl

### THE TOWEL & BASIN

*Narrator:* Now before the festival of the Passover,  
Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from  
this world and go to the Father. Having loved his  
own who were in the world, he loved them to the  
end. The devil had already put it into the heart of  
Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And  
during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had  
given all things into his hands, and that he had  
come from God and was going to God, got up  
from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a  
towel around himself. Then he poured water into a  
basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to  
wipe them with the towel that was tied around him.  
He came to Simon Peter, who said to him,

*Peter:* Lord, are you going to wash my feet?

*Narrator:* Jesus answered,

*Jesus:* You do not know now what I am doing, but  
later you will understand.

*Narrator:* Peter said to him,

*Peter:* You will never wash my feet.

*Narrator:* Jesus answered,

*Jesus:* Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.

*Narrator:* Simon Peter said to him,

*Peter:* Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!

*Narrator:* Jesus said to him,

*Jesus:* One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.

*Narrator:* For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said,

*Jesus:* Not all of you are clean.

*Narrator:* After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them,

*Jesus:* Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But it is to fulfil the scripture, "The one who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me." I tell you this now, before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am he. Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me; and whoever receives me receives him who sent me.

*Narrator:* After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared,

*Jesus:* Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me.

*Narrator:* The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. One of his disciples—the one whom Jesus loved—was reclining next to him; Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was

speaking. So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him,

*Beloved Disciple:* Lord, who is it?

*Narrator:* Jesus answered,

*Jesus:* It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.

*Narrator:* So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him,

*Jesus:* Do quickly what you are going to do. Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the festival"; or, that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

**\*Hymn No. 171**      What Wondrous Love is This?

## THE BETRAYAL

*Narrator:* Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them,

*Jesus:* Whom are you looking for?

*Narrator:* They answered,

**People: Jesus of Nazareth**

*Narrator:* Jesus replied,

*Jesus:* I am he.

*Narrator:* Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them,

*Jesus:* Whom are you looking for?

*Narrator:* And they said,

**People: Jesus of Nazareth**

*Narrator:* Jesus answered,

*Jesus:* I told you that I am he. So, if you are looking for me, let these men go.

*Narrator:* This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, “I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me.” Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest’s slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave’s name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter,

*Jesus:* Put your sword back in its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?

### THE DENIAL

*Narrator:* So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people. Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter,

*Woman:* You are not also one of the man’s disciples, are you?

*Narrator:* Peter said,

*Peter:* I am not.

*Narrator:* Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself. Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered:

*Jesus:* I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said.

*Narrator:* When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying,

*Witness:* Is that how you answer the high priest?

*Narrator:* Jesus answered,

*Jesus:* If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?

*Narrator:* Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him,

**People:** You are not also one of his disciples, are you?

*Narrator:* He denied it and said,

*Peter:* I am not.

*Narrator:* One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked,

*Witness:* Did I not see you in the garden with him?

*Narrator:* Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

**\*Hymn 413**      Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

### Offertory Prayer

**Offertory**      Alas, and Did My      arr. DeRousse  
Savior Bleed

*You may give in a variety of ways. Your gift may be given in the plate as it is passed, online at [fbcaiken.org](http://fbcaiken.org), or through the church app.*

### THE TRIAL

*Narrator:* Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate’s headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said,

*Pilate:* What accusations do you bring against this man?

*Narrator:* They answered,

**People:** If this man were not a criminal, we would have not handed him over to you.

*Narrator:* Pilate said to them,

*Pilate:* Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.

*Narrator:* They replied,

**People: We are not permitted to put anyone to death.**

*Narrator:* (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.) Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him,

*Pilate:* Are you the king of the Jews?

*Narrator:* Jesus answered,

*Jesus:* Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?

*Narrator:* Pilate replied,

*Pilate:* I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?

*Narrator:* Jesus answered,

*Jesus:* My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.

*Narrator:* Pilate asked him,

*Pilate:* What is truth?

*Narrator:* After he had said this, he went out to the Jews and told them,

*Pilate:* I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?

*Narrator:* They shouted in reply,

**People: Not this man, but Barabbas!**

*Narrator:* Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying,

**People: Hail, King of the Jews!**

*Narrator:* As they said this they struck him in the face. Pilate went out again and said to them,

*Pilate:* Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.

*Narrator:* So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them,

*Pilate:* Here is the man!

*Narrator:* When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted,

**People: Crucify him! Crucify him!**

*Narrator:* Pilate said to them,

*Pilate:* Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.

*Narrator:* They answered him,

**People: We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.**

*Narrator:* Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus,

*Pilate:* Where are you from?

*Narrator:* But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him,

*Pilate:* Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you and power to crucify you?

*Narrator:* Jesus answered him,

*Jesus:* You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.

*Narrator:* From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out,

**People: If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.**

*Narrator:* When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews,

*Pilate:* Here is your King!

*Narrator:* They cried out,

**People: Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!**

*Narrator:* Pilate asked them,

*Pilate:* Shall I crucify your King?

*Narrator:* The chief priests answered,

*Pharisees:* We have no king but the emperor.

**Anthem**            Ah, Holy Jesus            Courtney

## **THE CRUCIFIXION**

*Narrator:* Then he handed him over to be crucified.

So they took Jesus; carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read the inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate,

**People: Do not write, "The King of the Jews," but, "This man said, I am King of the Jews."**

*Narrator:* Pilate answered,

*Pilate:* What I have written I have written.

*Narrator:* When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another,

**People: Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.**

*Narrator:* This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots." And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother,

*Jesus:* Women, here is your son.

*Narrator:* Then he said to the disciple,

*Jesus:* Here is your mother.

*Narrator:* And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture),

*Jesus:* I am thirsty.

*Narrator:* A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said,

*Jesus:* It is finished.

*Narrator:* Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

**(Silence)**

**\*Hymn 137**            O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

*Our worship of God entails response. You may respond during this hymn or as you depart at the close of service by: Lighting a candle in recognition of Christ's light at the front left, dipping your hand into water as a reminder of your baptism at the front right, or kneeling and offering a silent prayer at the back of our sanctuary.*

## THE BURIAL

*Narrator:* Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, “None of his bones shall be broken.” And again another passage of scripture says, “They will look on the one whom they have pierced.”

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

**Closing Hymn No. 192**

Were You There?

**Dismissal in Silence**

*All are invited to stay in the sanctuary as long as they would like to contemplate and pray. When you are ready, please feel free to depart the sanctuary in silence.*

**At First Baptist Church, we extend a special thanks  
to all those who have worked so hard to put this  
service together, especially our:**

### **Sanctuary Choir**

#### **Readers:**

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| Narrator         | Susan LeGrand    |
| Jesus            | James Whittle    |
| Woman            | Casey Carroll    |
| Peter            | Randy Duckett    |
| Witness 1        | Rose Ann Pistole |
| Pilate           | Timmy Reid       |
| People           | Congregation     |
| Pharisees        | Sanctuary Choir  |
| Beloved Disciple | Cody Funderburk  |

## **This Week**

### **Sunday, April 13**

8:30 am - Church Council  
9:45 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am—Worship Service

### **Tuesday, April 15**

10:30 am - Caregiver Support Group  
6:30 am - Young Adult Gathering

### **Wednesday, April 16**

10:00 am - Women's Bible Study  
5:15 pm - Strategic Planning Committee

### **Thursday, April 17**

10:00 am - Prayer Quilt Ministry  
5:15 pm - Dinner  
6:30 pm - Maundy Thursday Worship  
7:30 pm - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### **Friday, April 18**

7:00 pm - Good Friday Tenebrae

### **Sunday, April 20**

9:30 am - Easter Pancake Breakfast  
And Egg Hunt  
9:45 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am - Worship Service

## **Upcoming Events and Announcements**

### **\*Thursday\* Night Menu**

Turkey, dressing and dessert.

**Maundy Thursday** - Join us for dinner and worship Thursday, April 17 from 5:15 to 7:30 pm.

**Good Friday** - Join us for service of scripture, music, and space for reflection on Jesus' crucifixion Friday, April 18 at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary.

**Easter Sunday** - Join us at 11:00 am to celebrate the risen Lord!

**Easter Lilies!** - Easter lilies are available to be purchased in honor or memory of someone. Forms are available in the church office and should be turned in to the office by Thursday, April 17. You can also order them online under upcoming events. Lilies are \$17.00.

### **Join us for Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast -**

Easter Sunday morning pancake breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for all age children. (There will be no children SS.)

**Churchwide Picnic** - Join us Wednesday, May 14 from 5:15 to 7:15 pm! This will be a fun night at the Gem Lakes Pavilion. Bring an entree, side, or dessert to share.

**Vacation Bible School** will be June 16-19 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm each day. This year's theme is "True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World." Use the QR code to sign up kids or volunteer.



## **Missions & Donations**

ACTS Collection Item for April is Canned Complete Meals. Our collection goal each month is 450 items. So far, we have collected 140 cans.

### **Mission: THERE Opportunity -**

Our church will send a team for storm recovery in Western North Carolina June 1-7. We will stay at FBC Asheville, and the church will cover the cost of travel on the bus, so the only cost for the trip is meals. You can come for the whole week or part of the trip. If you do part of the trip, transportation will be on your own. Use the QR code to sign up by May 5!



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