



**JEMEZ SPRINGS COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

Palm / Passion Sunday

March 24, 2024 10:00AM

Rev. Takako Terino, Pastor

————— GATHERING —————

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thurs day, March 28th: Maundy Thursday Agape Meal, 6pm in Fellowship Hall. This is the meal when Jesus broke bread with his disciples for the last time. All are welcome for this communal meal at the Lord's Table.

Sunday, March 31st. Easter Sunday Joint Easter Sunrise Service 8:00am at Jemez Historic Site
Community Pancake Breakfast at 8:30am, Fellowship Hall

One Great Hour of Sharing: A Special Offering to support the ministry of the Presbyterian Mission Agency is collected during the worship service on Easter morning.

Easter Lillies If you'd like to order lilies in honor or in memory of someone for the Easter Service, contact Pastor Takako.

PRELUDE

Ms. Beverly Musgrove

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 118)

Pastor Takako

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

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

One: This is the day the Lord has made;

All: let us rejoice and be glad in it!

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: Hosanna in the highest! Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN #198 *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor Takako

The proof of God's great love is this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Trusting in God's grace let us confess our sin.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you rode a donkey and came in peace, humbled yourself and gave yourself for us. We confess our lack of humility. Jesus, our Lord, we shout Hosannas to praise you. With eager hands, we place our cloaks and palms on the path before you. Yet, Lord, we confess that the mouths that seek to praise you often deny or defy you; the hands that seek to serve you often become fists. Mold us, we pray, to the ways of the Servant whose life we honor this morning. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Takako

Hear the good news: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Takako

Eternal God, whose word silences the shouts of the mighty: Quiet within us every voice but your own. Speak to us through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may receive grace to show Christ's love in lives given to your service. Amen

SUNG PRAYER *Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!*

Intro to the Gospel Reading:

Pastor Takako

When Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey, a symbol of meakness, there was another procession happening on the other side of the city. The Roman governor, preparing for any incident of riot or insurrection as the Jews gathered for their religious festival, entered the city on a war horse, a symbol of military power, to remind the people gathered there who was in charge...

THE ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

Mark 11: 1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

ANTHEM

The Servant King

JSCPC Choir

HE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO MARK

Pastor Takako: Having begun the service with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, we now read of his last hours. On most Sundays, the church reads only short passages from the Gospels. But today we hear the cornerstone of the Gospel message in its fullness: Judas' betrayal; Jesus' last supper with his disciples; his arrest and trial; and his suffering, death, and burial. Now, hear the story of the passion of our Lord, according to the Gospel of Mark.

MARK 14: 1 – 25

YD: It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill Jesus; for they said,

MIGUEL: "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

YD: While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger,

MIGUEL: "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor."

YD: And they scolded her. But Jesus said,

DEE: "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

MIGUEL: Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

YD: On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him,

MIGUEL: "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

YD: So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

DEE: "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

YD: So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said,

DEE: "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me."

YD: They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another,

MIGUEL: "Surely, not I?"

YD: He said to them,

DEE: "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

YD: While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body."

Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

HYMN

“Were You There” (verse 1, seated)

Were you there when they crucified our Lord? (x2)

O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

MARK 14: 26 – 52

YD: When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them,

DEE: "You will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."

YD: Peter said to him,

MIGUEL: "Even though all become deserters, I will not."

YD: Jesus said to him,

DEE: "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times."

YD: But he said vehemently,

MIGUEL: "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you."

YD: And all of them said the same. They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

DEE: "Sit here while I pray."

YD: He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And said to them,

DEE: "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake."

YD: And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said,

DEE: "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want."

YD: He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

DEE: "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

YD: And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them,

DEE: "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

YD: Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

MIGUEL: "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard."

YD: So when he came, he went up to him at once and said,

MIGUEL: "Rabbi!"

YD: and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them,

DEE: "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest

me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled."

YD: All of them deserted him and fled. A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

HYMN

"Were You There" (verse 2, seated)

*Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (x2)
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?*

MARK 14: 53 – 72

YD: They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying,

MIGUEL: "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'"

YD: But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus,

MIGUEL: "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?"

YD: But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him,

MIGUEL: "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?"

YD: Jesus said,

DEE: "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,' and 'coming with the clouds of heaven.'"

YD: Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

MIGUEL: "Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?"

YD: All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him,

MIGUEL: "Prophesy!"

YD: The guards also took him over and beat him. While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said,

MIGUEL: "You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth."

YD: But he denied it, saying,

MIGUEL: "I do not know or understand what you are talking about."

YD: And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders,

MIGUEL: "This man is one of them."

YD: But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter,

MIGUEL: "Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean."

YD: But he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

MIGUEL: "I do not know this man you are talking about."

YD: At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him,

DEE: "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times."

YD: And Peter broke down and wept.

HYMN

“Were You There” (verse 3, seated)

Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (x2)

O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

MARK 15: 1 – 13

YD: As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him,

MIGUEL: "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him,

DEE: "You say so."

YD: Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again,

MIGUEL: "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you."

YD: But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them,

MIGUEL: "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"

YD: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

MIGUEL: "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?"

YD: They shouted back,

ALL READERS [yell this]: "Crucify him!"

YD: Pilate asked them,

MIGUEL: "Why, what evil has he done?"

YD: But they shouted all the more,

ALL READERS [yell]: "Crucify him!"

YD: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

HYMN

“Were You There” (verse 4, seated)

Were you there when the sun refused to shine? (x2)

O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Takako: *After the verse is sung, please rise as you are able, for the remaining readings.* [Please rise as you are able.]

***MARK 15: 16 – 38**

YD: Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

MIGUEL: "Hail, King of the Jews!"

YD: They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

MIGUEL: They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

YD: It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

MIGUEL: "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!"

YD: In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

MIGUEL: "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe."

YD: Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

DEE: "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"

YD: which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

MIGUEL: "Listen, he is calling for Elijah."

YD: And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

MIGUEL: "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."

DEE: Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

YD: And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

Silence

***MARK 15: 39 – 47**

DEE: Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

MIGUEL: "Truly this man was God's Son!"

YD: There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem. When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph

bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where the body was laid.

* HYMN

“Were You There” (verse 5)

*Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (x2)
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?*

PRAYER The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ, who entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Let these branches be signs of his victory, and grant that we who carry them may follow him in the way of the cross, that, dying and in rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

GRACE & GRATITUDE

Ms. Margaia Forcier-Call

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

All that we seek to accomplish, all that we strive to achieve, all that we claim to possess – all of this amounts to nothing without the grace of Christ. Let us offer our lives to the Lord, who, out of his abundant love, has given his life to us. Amen.

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY #716 *God Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

*God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store,
nature’s wonder, Jesus’s wisdom,
costly cross, grave’s shattered door;
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Beloved people of God, as Jesus stretched out his arms on the cross to offer life and salvation to all, let us pray for the world that God loves so much.

Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit, guide the church and gather it throughout the world. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people.

Gracious and loving God, we pray for people of other faiths; gather into your embrace all those who call out to you under different names. Bring an end to interreligious strife, and make us more faithful in our witness to the love made known to us.

God of mercy, we pray for those who feel disconnected from the Spirit and abandoned by you; you created humanity so that all might long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that all may recognize signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of those who follow your Son, Jesus Christ, and experience the overflowing love you have all that you have created. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, make your divine presence be felt in the hearts of all those who feel separated from you.

Almighty and eternal God, we pray for the leaders and people of all nations; you are the champion of the poor and the oppressed. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority so that people everywhere may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation.

Hear now the prayer we lift up to you from this congregation:

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Lord, send your spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying;

send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Everlasting God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son to take our nature, to live to show your love and to suffer death upon the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection. We offer these prayers to you, spoken and unspoken, together with the prayer your Son taught us:

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

—— THE SENDING ——

*SENDING HYMN #223 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Takako Terino

PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE

Ms. Beverly Musgrove