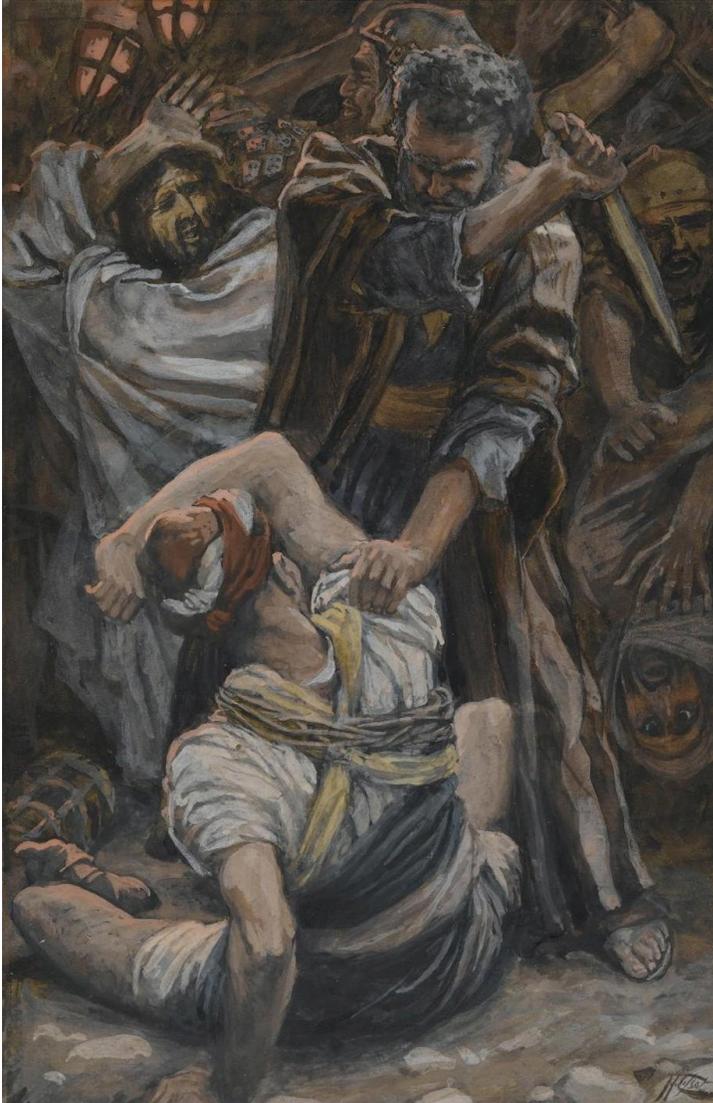


HOPE CHURCH



The Ear of Malchus (L'oreille de Malchus), James Tissot, 1886–1894.

Palm Sunday
March 29, 2026

Reflections

“The conflict which lies before Jesus is the cup which cannot be turned aside. As the psalmists and prophets had said many times, ‘In the hand of the Lord there is a cup... and all the wicked of the earth shall drain it down to the dregs’ (Psalm 75:8). In the strange mercy of God, the cup of his righteous wrath against the sin of the world is given into the hands, not of his enemies, but of his beloved Son. And he will drink it down to the dregs until the moment comes when ‘I thirst’ gives way to ‘It is finished’ (John 19: 28-30).”

Lesslie Newbigin

“Followers of Jesus are not trapped in a cycle of despair; we are on a journey of hope. Love will come out of evil.”

Paul Miller

“Now my soul is deeply troubled. And what should I say - ‘Father, save me from this hour’? Oh no, it is for this purpose that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!”

John 12: 27-28

Order of Worship

GATHERING

Hosanna

Hosanna hosanna
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna hosanna
Hosanna in the highest

Hope Kids Leading

Lord we lift up Your name
With hearts full of praise
Be exalted oh Lord my God
Hosanna in the highest
Lord we lift up Your name
With hearts full of praise
Be exalted oh Lord my God
Glory to the King of kings

Glory glory
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WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation is he,

humble and mounted on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

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

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God,

and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

for his steadfast love endures forever!

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Come Thou Fount

Hope Kids

Come, Thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it;
mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger,
interposed His precious blood.

Oh to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it!
Seal it for Thy courts above!

PRAISE SONG

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

Hope Kids

Praise is rising
Eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring
Hearts are yearning for You
We long for You

'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away
(Washed away)

Hosanna hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of
Hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your Kingdom
Broken lives are made new
You make us new

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you, we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's, that our faith is often more show than substance, that our hearts are in need of cleansing.

Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives.

Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.

Psalm 130:3-4

RENEWAL SONG

Who Is Like the Lord Our God?

Our Father, He lifts from the ashes
He raises the poor and the lost;
He seats them to dine at his table,
To feast without money or cost.
The lonely he settles in families
The barren, a mother he makes;
O happy the heart of the stranger
Who's welcomed by this King of Grace.

Who is like the LORD our God?
Who with glory fills the sky?
But humbles himself with the broken to dwell
Who is like our God?

Though equal to God in His glory,
Christ Jesus became like a slave;
He humbled himself in obedience
To Death, and the Cross, and the Grave.
Victorious, he rose to the highest;
In glory, the Savior was raised.
His name above all names exalted;
The heavens and earth sing His praise

O Saints, fix your eyes on the Savior
And count all your righteousness lost.
Be found in his love and his favor,
And share in his death on the cross.
That all of his power in victory,
Imparted to you, may abound;
And sharing the suff'rings of Jesus,

You share in his glory and crown

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CHILDREN DISMISSED (Both Services)

LIFE TOGETHER

PREACHING OF THE WORD

“Jesus, Lord at Thy Death”

David Speakman

¹ When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. ² Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. ³ So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴ Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, “Whom do you seek?” ⁵ They answered him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, “I am he.” Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. ⁶ When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground. ⁷ So he asked them again, “Whom do you seek?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” ⁸ Jesus answered, “I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go.” ⁹ This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: “Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one.” ¹⁰ Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) ¹¹ So Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?”

¹² So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him.

John 18:1-12

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon Notes

RESPONSE

SONG OF RESPONSE

Trisagion

Ho - ly God.

Ho - ly and might - y.

Ho - ly im - mor - tal One,

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Have mer - cy, have mer - cy, on us.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

Take Us O Lord

O, how He takes the cross;
O, how He lifts it up
to take the weight from us.

O, how He pays the cost;
O, how He drinks the cup
to make a place for us.

Hear how He breaks the curse;
hear how He cries aloud;
hear how His voice resounds.

O, how He forms the words;
O, how He cries them out:
"See, it is finished now!"

Take us, O Lord, and all we have known;
Shape us, O Lord, and form us into your own!
Take ev'ry heart, and know ev'ry sin.
Break us, O Lord, that we may be whole again!

How deep the wounds He wears;

how dark the scars He shows.
How well the name He knows:

Written upon His palms,
O what a name to find
—the name before him, mine!

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

COMMUNION SONG

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts:
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

SENDING

SENDING SONG

All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all

Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all

As we lift our eyes
To the Risen King
Every knee will bow, every tongue will sing
As our voices rise,
Let our praises fall
On the one who is crowned as the Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred ev'ry tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all
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And crown Him Lord of all

BENEDICTION

“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.”

Numbers 6:24-26

LIFE TOGETHER

SERVE

Bagging Up Blessings - Feb. 15-Apr. 5: Fill barrels by entries with nonperishables.

Hope Kids Camp - June 1-4: Register now to volunteer!

CHURCH LIFE

Palm Sunday Egg Hunt + Brunch - Mar. 29th 10am: Bring a basket!

Gathering Hour - Mar. 30 8pm: Women invited for fellowship at Lot63.

Maundy Thursday - Apr. 2 7-8pm at Hope: Communion service of song and liturgy.

Good Friday Service - Apr. 3 7pm at Hope: Register for childcare.

Street School Lunch - Apr. 7: Link to donate/volunteer in Looking Up.

Town Hall & Dinner - Apr. 8 5:30-7:15pm: Register for childcare.

Small Group Q&A Sessions: Register if you cannot make your Life Group gathering.

Congregational Meeting - May 3 10am: Kids SS and Nursery provided.

PARENTS & CHILDREN

HS Carowinds Trip - Apr. 11 8am-8pm: Register now.

Summer Conference Registration Now Open for the Edge and RYM.

Hope Kids Camp - June 1-4: Register now for current K-5th!

Kids Connection - *April Verse* - I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live. John 11:25

FINANCIAL UPDATE AS OF MARCH 24TH, 2025

	Actual to Date	Budget through 3/31	Difference	
Income	\$276,737	\$355,242	-\$78,505	-22.10%
Expense	\$374,206	\$398,699	-\$24,493	-6.14%
Surplus (Deficit)	-\$97,469	-\$43,457		

ANNUAL MINISTRY BUDGET: \$1,558,309

MAKING ROOM FOR MORE UPDATE

Campaign Goal	Campaign Commitments	Gifts Received Beyond Commitments	Total Funds Received to Date
\$8.6 million	\$5,243,302	\$734,667	\$4,411,684