

## MUSIC AND WORSHIP NOTES FOR MARCH

Sermon texts are underlined.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT; SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S TABLE

Sermon: *The Delicate Subject of Blindness*

Anthem: Rutter – “Open Thou Mine Eyes”

**1 Samuel 16:1–13.** Samuel anoints David to succeed Saul as king... before Saul's reign is over.

**Psalms 23.** The Shepherd Psalm.

**Ephesians 5:8–14.** We are “children of light.”

**John 9:1–41.** Jesus gives sight to a man born blind.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT; AMISTAD SUNDAY; DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

Sermon: *Thanatopsis*

Anthems: Peeter – “It is a Precious Thing”

Michael – “Hearken! Stay Close to Jesus Christ!”

**Ezekiel 37:1–14.** As a wind blows, dry bones suddenly spring to life as human beings.

**Psalms 130.** A psalmist waits for the redemption of God.

**Romans 8:6–11.** Paul employs metaphors of flesh and spirit, to talk about death and life, sin and righteousness

**John 11:1–45.** Jesus resuscitates Lazarus.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

PALM OR PASSION SUNDAY

Sermon: *Choosing the Terrorist*

Anthems: Mathias – “Lift Up Your Heads”

Leighton - “Solus and Victimam”

**Matthew 21:1–11.** Anticipating the Passover festival, Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey and her colt.

**Psalms 118:1–2, 19–29.** Most biblical scholars argue that this psalm was used to frame Matthew 21, but traditionalists argue that it actually predicted the Passion story.

**Isaiah 50:4–9a.** Isaiah assumes the voice of the Suffering Servant.

**Psalms 31:9–16.** A servant of God suffers, crying out to God for aid.

**Philippians 2:5–11.** An ancient hymn proclaims Jesus coequal with God.

**Matthew 26:14–27:66.** The Passion, according to Matthew

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 7:00 P.M.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

**Exodus 12:1–14.** How to celebrate Passover.

**Psalms 116:1–4, 12–19.** A psalm of thanksgiving for freedom.

**1 Corinthians 11:23–26.** Paul describes Jesus' last meal, at which he invited his disciples to remember him with bread and wine.

**John 13:1–17, 31b–35.** Jesus washes his disciples' feet.

*Rituals will include a remembrance of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples, and the sacrament of the Lord's Table.*

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

EASTER, OR THE DAY OF RESURRECTION

Sermon: *To Be Announced*

Anthems: Ferguson “Easter Fanfare”

Parker - “Light's Glittering Morn”

Beethoven - “Hallelujah” (Mount of Olives)

Handel - “Hallelujah” (Messiah)

Widor/Lornson – “Festival Alleluias”

**Acts 10:34–43.** Peter preaches Christ crucified and raised, for all people to know God's glory.

**Psalms 118:1–2, 14–24.** The rejected stone is the cornerstone (see note for Psalm 118, for March 16).

**Colossians 3:1–4.** Paul advises Christians to live as if they themselves have been resurrected.

**John 20:1–18.** Mary Magdalene sees the risen Jesus.

*Or*

**Jeremiah 31:1–6.** God's everlasting love restores what has been destroyed.

**Psalms 118:1–2, 14–24.**

**Acts 10, instead of Colossians 3.**

**Matthew 28:1–10.** An angel announces the resurrection to women disciples.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

EASTER 2

Sermon:

Anthems: Sangor - “O Filii et Filiae”

*A guest speaker will be present, as Pastor Dave takes a Sunday off.*

Harris - “This Joyful Eastertide”

**Acts 2:14a, 22–32.** At Pentecost, Peter testifies as a witness to Jesus' Resurrection.

**Psalms 16.** A psalm that Jesus could have said about his Resurrection.

**1 Peter 1:3–9.** An assurance to sufferers that their ordeals will have all been worth it.

**John 20:19–31.** Thomas doubts others' sightings of Jesus, but then himself sees the risen Savior.