

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.