

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026 at 10:30 AM

We welcome you to worship today. It is a privilege to have you as our guest.

As you join us today, begin to worship quietly with personal prayer.

Please turn off your cell phone and turn your hearts and minds toward God.

We prepare for worship

Take a moment and meditate on this as you prepare for worship...

There is no separate salvation for separate groups. Zion's King is the world's King; Zion's salvation is the world's salvation.

J. Alec Motyer

Prelude

O Worship the King

(Hanover) William Croft
The Aisquith Handbell Choir

Please quietly prepare your hearts for worship during the Prelude.

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

We praise our great God

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Psalm 24:7-10

⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates!

And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

⁸ **Who is this King of glory?**

The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle!

⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates!

And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰ **Who is this King of glory?**

The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory!

Invocation

Hymn No. 198

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

Truro

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near, the Savior of the world is here.

A helper just he comes to thee, his chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness, his scepter, pity in distress.

O blest the land, the city blest, where Christ the Ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes to whom this King in triumph comes!

Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for heav'n's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide!
Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal.

So come, my Sovereign, enter in! Let new and nobler life begin!
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.

We embrace Christ through His Word

Our Nature of Sin (Responsive)

Romans 3:10-18

- ¹⁰ "None is righteous, no, not one;
¹¹ **no one understands; no one seeks for God.**
¹² All have turned aside; together they have become worthless;
no one does good, not even one."
¹³ "Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive."
"The venom of asps is under their lips."
¹⁴ "Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness."
¹⁵ **"Their feet are swift to shed blood;**
¹⁶ in their paths are ruin and misery,
¹⁷ **and the way of peace they have not known."**
¹⁸ "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

Individual Confession of Sin

The Purpose of Christ's Incarnation

Luke 19:9-10

- ⁹ "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham.
¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Our Confession of Christ (Responsive)

Romans 3:21-26

- ²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it
²² **the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.**
For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
²⁴ **and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,**
²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.
This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.
²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time,
so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

The Promise of Christ

Hebrews 13:5b

[The Lord] has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Hymn No. 235

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

St. Theodulph

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One!

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present;
To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!
All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

We Prepare to Enter God's Presence

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question 104

What do we pray for in the fourth petition?

In the fourth petition, which is, *Give us this day our daily bread*, we pray that of God's free gift we may receive a competent portion of the good things of this life, and enjoy his blessing with them.

The Prayers of God's People and the Lord's Prayer (**in unison**)

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

William Runyan
The Aisquith Handbell Choir

The Doxology (Hymnal, pg. 731) and Prayer of Dedication

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. Amen.

We are nourished by God's Word

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 62:10-12

Pew Bible pg. 622

¹⁰ Go through, go through the gates;
prepare the way for the people;
build up, build up the highway;
clear it of stones;
lift up a signal over the peoples.

¹¹ Behold, the Lord has proclaimed
to the end of the earth:

Say to the daughter of Zion,
“Behold, your salvation comes;
behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.”
¹² And they shall be called The Holy People,
The Redeemed of the Lord;
and you shall be called Sought Out,
A City Not Forsaken.

Sermon

“Behold, Your Salvation Comes”

Pastor Ceselsky

Sermon Outline can be found on the back page of the bulletin.

We respond to God’s Grace

Hymn

Jesus Is Lord!

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“Jesus is Lord” – the cry that echoes through creation;
Resplendent pow’r, eternal Word, our Rock.
The Son of God, the King whose glory fills the heavens,
Yet bids us come to taste this Living Bread.

“Jesus is Lord” – whose voice sustains the stars and planets,
Yet in His wisdom laid aside His crown.
Jesus the Man, who washed our feet, who bore our suffering,
Became a curse to bring salvation’s plan.

“Jesus is Lord” – the tomb is gloriously empty!
Not even death could crush this King of love!
The price is paid, the chains are loosed, and we’re forgiven,
And we can run into the arms of God.

“Jesus is Lord” – a shout of joy, a cry of anguish,
As He returns and every knee bows low.
Then every eye and every heart will see His glory;
The Judge of all will take His children home.

Benediction and Three-Fold Amen (**Hymnal, pg. 740**)

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Postlude

The Palms

Faure’

Dr. Kenneth Dean, Jr.; Director of Music Ministries

Please be seated and quietly reflect upon the Lord’s grace during the Postlude.

Announcements

We welcome the Aisquith Handbell Choir as they contribute to our worship today.

Easter Cards for our Shut-Ins are located on a table in the narthex for you to sign as an encouragement to these dear saints. The cards will be available only through this Sunday.

Donations for Pastor Ceselsky to attend General Assembly may be made using the pink envelopes in the pews – please label the donation as “General Assembly” or “GA” for short.

Donations for the Roof repair can be made through the ARC Fund. Please use a pink envelope and label it “ARC” or “Roof.”

Birthdays and Anniversaries this week: Today is Gus & Debbie DeFord’s Anniversary and Brenda Franklin’s Birthday; Friday (April 3) is Jack & Mary Lou Wickham’s Anniversary; Saturday (April 4) is Bob Bell’s Birthday and Next Sunday (April 5) is Laura Newman’s Birthday.

Prayer Requests

1. Please continue to be in prayer for Mark & Betty Werner’s son-in-law, Tim’s, sister (Sarah) as she remains in critical care at a hospital in Washington State. Please pray for wisdom for those caring for her and that the Lord would be pleased to bring healing.
2. Please continue to be in prayer for Mercy Nnanna and her family as they mourn the sudden death of Mercy’s husband.
3. Please continue to be in prayer for George Johnson’s family in Israel. Jesse, George’s grand-nephew has to the Army in Israel – please pray for his protection and spiritual enlightenment.
4. Missions Prayer Request for the Week: Center for Pregnancy Concerns – The CPC (and other like-minded agencies) have noticed a large decline in Hispanic women and families seeking aide since the beginning of the year. This likely means that many are facing the difficulty of unplanned pregnancies without the aide, and spiritual guidance, needed during this time of struggle. Please pray that the Lord would continue to open the door to women and families in crisis during this time.
5. Please continue to be in prayer for those in our congregation who have on-going health concerns: Evelyn King, Betty Jo Norris, Robert Willis (Rick’s brother) & Ken Wilson.
6. Please be in prayer for Aisquith members, family members, and friends of the Aisquith Community who are currently struggling with various illnesses and other physical and emotional issues.

Weekly Calendar

TODAY:	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages Children – Rooms 16-17 Adults – Room 11
	10:30 AM	Lord’s Day Worship Service
Tuesday:	7:00 PM	Men’s Bible Study – Rooms 15-16 (Please prepare Lesson 87 on Daniel 7:1-28 (Pages 71-78))
Wednesday:	6:00 PM	Choir Practice – Rooms 26-27
Thursday	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Worship Service – Loch Raven Presbyterian Church
Friday	7:00 PM	Good Friday Worship Service – Aisquith
EASTER Sunday	10:30 AM	Lord’s Day Worship Service

Church Officers

Ruling Elders: Riley B. Franklin, Jeff Soule & Mark Werner (Clerk)

Deacons: Andrew Bell, Gus DeFord, Jonathan Frank, Ken Schumann (President), and Rick Willis

Women's Care Ministry: Christine Clark, Debbie DeFord, Judi Mason, Fran Oswinkle, & Jeanne Williams (Moderator)

Sermon Notes

Date: March 29, 2026

Text: Isaiah 62:10-15

Sermon Title: "Behold, Your Salvation Comes"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: The only Way of our salvation is through Jesus, our King.

Main Point 1: The Way is Prepared. (v. 10)

Point 1: The Banner is Lifted.

Point 2: The Road is Cleared.

Point 3: The Gates are Opened.

Main Point 2: The Way is Proclaimed. (v. 11)

Point 1: To All Peoples.

Point 2: Of Their Salvation.

Point 3: Bringing Reward.

Main Point 3: The Way Transforms. (v. 12)

Point 1: Sought Out.

Point 2: Redeemed.

Point 3: Holy.

Point 4: Never Forsaken.