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CHRIST



# ORDER OF SERVICE

## GATHERED BY GOD FOR WORSHIP

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Zechariah 9:9*

Songs of Praise

*This Is Amazing Grace*

*King of Love*

Prayer of Adoration

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Confession of Sin

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*Psalm 118:4-5, 14, 17*

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## SENT BY GOD

Song of Response

*Jesus Thank You*

Blessing

<b>General Offering: March 15 - March 21.....</b>	<b>\$ 15,176</b>
Weekly Budget Need .....	\$ 26,808
Last Week's Deficit .....	(\$ 11,632)
Budget Deficit (YTD) .....	(\$ 90,042)

This information can also be found at [valleysprings.org](http://valleysprings.org)

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# READINGS

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

<sup>9</sup> 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.

- Zechariah 9:9 (*English Standard Version*)

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Like the people who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem and then later pronounced "Crucify him," we are fickle people who often deny Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Remembering the events of Jesus' last week helps us see ourselves for what we are: sinners in need of a Savior, a Savior--Praise God--we have in Christ. In honesty and hope, we confess now our sins to God.

## DECLARATION OF GRACE

<sup>4</sup> Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures forever." <sup>5</sup> Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. ...  
<sup>14</sup> The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. ... <sup>17</sup> I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

- Psalm 118:4-5, 14, 17 (*English Standard Version*)

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## SCRIPTURE

<sup>28</sup> And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup> And they said, "The Lord has need of it." <sup>35</sup> And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" <sup>39</sup> And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." <sup>40</sup> He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

- Luke 19:28-40 (*English Standard Version*)

## PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

\* ("catholic" means "world-wide" in scope rather than regional or sectarian)

# SERMON OUTLINE

## Jesus Comes in Peace

*Luke 19:28-40*

*Because the steadfast love of the Lord endures forever... (Psalm 118:1-4, 26)*

**Jesus sent for an unbroken colt...a proof that he can bring peace to creation!** (Luke 19:28-35)

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**Jesus rode into Jerusalem...a proof that he can bring peace to humanity!** (Luke 19:36-37)

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**Jesus received praise as God...a proof that he can bring peace with God!** (Luke 19:38-40)

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## REFLECTION QUESTIONS (taken in part from the Serendipity Study Bible for Groups)

- What was the "big" parade in your hometown? What did you do in the parade?
- What task does Jesus give two of his disciples? Why? What problems might they have encountered in such a job?
- How do you picture the scene in Luke 19:35-38? What do you see? Hear? Feel?
- What were the people expecting Jesus to do when he reached Jerusalem? See also Luke 19:11 and Zechariah 9:9. How are their expectations different from his? How does this help explain Jesus' words and emotions in Luke 19:41-44?
- What does Jesus' reply to the Pharisees in Luke 19:39-40 imply about him?
- How does Luke 19:45-48 relate to Jesus' concern about Jerusalem? Why does he take such extreme action?
- If Jesus rode into your city today, what kind of reception would he get? After the people heard the message?

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# SONGS

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## **THIS IS AMAZING GRACE** *(Words and Music by Jeremy Riddle and Phil Wickham, 2013)*

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness, whose love is mighty and so much stronger,  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder,  
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

*This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,  
That you would take my place, that you would bear my cross.  
You lay down your life that I would be set free.  
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that you've done for me.*

Who brings our chaos back into order, who makes the orphan a son and daughter?  
The King of Glory, the King of Glory.

Who rules the nations with truth and justice, shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain! Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain! Worthy, worthy, worthy!

## **KING OF LOVE**

*(Words and Music by Adam Palmer, Jonathan Smith, Matthew Hein, Stephanie Kulla, Stuart Garrard)*

The King of Love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.  
I nothing lack if I am His, and He is mine forever, and He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth,  
And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

*Never failing, Ruler of my heart. Everlasting, Lover of my soul.  
On the mountain high or in the valley low,  
The King of Love my Shepherd is, the King of Love my Shepherd is.*

Lost and foolish off I strayed, but yet in love He sought me.  
And on His shoulder gently laid and home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark veil I fear no ill with Thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

Ohhhhhhhh, Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Ohhhhhhhh, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Your praise,  
Within Your house forever, within Your house forever.

## **THE LORD IS MY SALVATION** *(Words and Music by Frank Houghton)*

The grace of God has reached for me, and pulled me from the raging sea.  
And I am safe on this solid ground: The Lord is my salvation.

I will not fear when darkness falls, His strength will help me scale these walls.  
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun: The Lord is my salvation.

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*Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love.  
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won: The Lord is my salvation.*

My hope is hidden in the Lord, He flow'rs each promise of His Word.  
When winter fades, I know spring will come: The Lord is my salvation.

In times of waiting, times of need, when I know loss, when I am weak.  
I know His grace will renew these days: The Lord is my salvation.

And when I reach the final day, He will not leave me in the grave.  
But I will rise, He will call me home: The Lord is my salvation.

Glory be to God, the Father, glory be to God, the Son,  
Glory be to God, the Spirit: The Lord is our salvation.

## **I WILL GLORY IN MY REDEEMER** (Words and Music by Steve Cook & Vikki Cook, 2001)

I will glory in my Redeemer whose priceless blood has ransomed me.  
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails,  
And hung Him on that judgment tree.  
I will glory in my Redeemer who crushed the power of sin and death;  
My only Savior before the holy Judge;  
The Lamb, Who is my righteousness, the Lamb, Who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer; my life He bought, my love He owns.  
I have no longings for another; I'm satisfied in Him alone.  
I will glory in my Redeemer, His faithfulness my standing place;  
Though foes are mighty and rush up on me,  
My feet are firm, held by His grace, my feet are firm, held by His grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer who carries me on eagle's wings.  
He crowns my life with loving kindness; His triumph song I'll ever sing.  
I will glory in my Redeemer who waits for me at gates of gold;  
And when He calls me it will be paradise;  
His face forever to behold, His face forever to behold.

## **JESUS THANK YOU** (Words & Music by Pat Sczebel, 2003)

The myst'ry of the cross I cannot comprehend, the agonies of Calvary.  
You, the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son,  
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me.

*Your blood has washed away my sin, Jesus, thank You.  
The Father's wrath completely satisfied, Jesus, thank You.  
Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table, Jesus, thank You.*

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near.  
Your enemy You've made Your friend.  
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace,  
Your mercy and Your kindness know no end.

Lover of my soul, I want to live for You.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HOLY WEEK:** Special services for Maundy Thursday (April 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:30pm, on Bible Hill), Good Friday (April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30pm, outside and via livestream), and Easter Sunday (April 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:45am, outside and via livestream). Communion will be served at the Maundy Thursday service. Join us!

**NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE:** Beginning Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> (the Sunday after Easter) we are shifting our service times in order to prepare for warmer weather, and the expanded opportunity to use our building. Gospel Formation will continue at 9am, livestreamed as usual, and now also open for in-person attendance in the Chapel. Ignition (middle school) and U4IC (high school) will gather for "The Breakfast Club" in the Youth Room from 9am-9:45am. They'll study God's word and eat breakfast together before attending the worship service. At 9:15am, our "Family Worship Fifteen" will meet in a slightly expanded format. At 10am, we will all gather together for worship on the back lawn and via livestream. Don't forget to arrive a little early to grab a drink from "On Site Coffee", open every Sunday morning!

**PARK DATES:** Join other Valley Springs' moms for fellowship and playtime for our kids. Mondays from 3pm-5pm on April 12<sup>th</sup> (Maidu Park) and May 10<sup>th</sup> (Royer Park).

**MEN'S MINISTRY:** All Valley Springs men are invited for breakfast, Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 8am, on the Basketball Court. The Saturday men's Bible study begins 33theseries: Volume 2 on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:30am. Registration and more info at: [valleysprings.org/men](http://valleysprings.org/men).

**TEXT-TO-GIVE:** A new option to make giving easier. Simply text "give" to (669) 333-5880. You'll be asked to fill out a quick form to get set up for the first time. After that, giving is as easy as sending a text. Try it today!

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Valley Springs Presbyterian Church is an intergenerational community of grace, learning to love God, and serve our world, together.

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