

ORDER OF WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Is your cell phone off? Thanks for checking.

MARCH 15, 2026

10:00 A.M.

***With doors wide open**, we welcome all to come and discover how
God's love in Christ connects us more deeply with each other,
our community, the world and with God.*

***With arms wide open**, we welcome all who are looking for something more,
who have questions, who want to make a difference as
they learn, serve and reach out in word and deed.*

***With hearts wide open**, we welcome you.*

PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

INTROIT: "Bless the Lord"

Taizé

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

(cf. Psalm 22)

Pastor: You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob,
honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

People: **For he has not despised or disdained the suffering of the afflicted
one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his
cry for help.**

*HYMN # 281 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *In Unison*

*Merciful God, we confess that we have often failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against
your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and have refused to hear the cry of
the needy.*

*Forgive us, we pray, and free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.*

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE: #579 Hymnal "Gloria Patri"

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM: "What Wondrous Love"

Sacred Harp hymnal

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

A TIME TO GREET ONE ANOTHER

HEARING GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT:

Psalm 23

Pew Bible, page 539

NEW TESTAMENT:

Luke 24:19-21, 25-27

Pew Bible, page 1025

SERMON TITLE:

"Sacrificial Death"

Jeff Prey

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN #316 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE: TAIZÉ # 36 "The Lord is My Light"

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation: in God I trust, in God I trust.

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OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY: "The Old Rugged Cross"

*THE DOXOLOGY, #592 Hymnal

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures

Here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TAKING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN # 335 "Though I May Speak"

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN: "Ubi Caritas"

Taizé

PASSING THE PEACE: "May God's peace be with you."

POSTLUDE

Worship has ended; let Service begin.

* Please stand in body or in spirit.

The Lay Reader this morning is Isa G.

~ Open Doors - Open Arms - Open Hearts ~

Thank you for worshiping with us. Please join us next Sunday.

Scripture Readings: Psalm 130; Luke 24:22-24

Sermon Title: "Silent Tomb"

MARCH 15, 2026... *During the musical prelude we ask that you prepare for worship by quiet prayer and reflection. If you are visiting our virtual worship service, we extend a special welcome. Chancel flowers are a great opportunity to honor, or remember loved ones and to celebrate special occasions. If you like to sign up, the flower chart is located in the office hallway or call the church office to make arrangements. Welcome Packets can be found at either door and are available for visitors, also available to take and share with your neighbors or anyone else, so as to introduce them to the church. Please feel free to visit our website www.oysterbaypresbyterian.org, or call the church office if you have any questions.*

OUR SPECIAL MINISTRY OF PRAYER ... Please keep the following people in your prayers: Sylvie, Darrell, Jen, Cindy, Richard, Hazel, Charlie and all those suffering from cancer, special prayers for those suffering from the wars in Ukraine, the Mideast, and other areas where conflict reigns, for the veterans and military personnel returning from service wounded in body, mind or spirit, and all those going through difficult times.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ... *are given to the glory of God.*

COFFEE HOUR...

Today: Janet L.
Gilbert L.
Next: Rita & Jim R.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY...

March 15 Adam Z.
Madeline Z.
Wesley Z.
16 Ken P.
17 Maureen A.
20 Lynn T.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER ... If you have need for special prayers, concerns or thanksgivings, please call the church office 922-5477 or Kristine L. 922-3126.

This week...

Today	Worship & Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
	Palm Sunday Pageant Practice	11:30 a.m.
Tue 3/17	Session Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Sun 3/22	Worship & Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
	Palm Sunday Pageant Practice	11:30 a.m.

Coming Up...

Bookies	March 25
A Celebration of the Life of Richard Longworth	March 28
Palm Sunday Pageant Worship	March 29
Easter Egg Hunt	

SERMON OUTLINE
“SACRIFICIAL DEATH”

Introduction: the Game Warden

I. As Predicted

 A. a purposeful...

 B. ... part of the plan

II. Finding Our Focus

 A. some things are worth it

 B. purpose

Holy Week and Easter Worship Schedule

March 29	Palm Sunday Pageant Worship	10:00 a.m.
April 3	Good Friday Tenebrae	8:00 p.m.
April 5	Easter Sunrise at SYC	6:30 a.m.
	Easter Worship	10:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday
Pageant Practice
TODAY – 11:30 a.m.
March 22 – 11:30 a.m.
March 29 – 9:00 a.m.

Stay Connected with our Presbytery of Long Island!

Did you know that our presbytery:

- meets four times a year to connect our congregations in ministry
- offers a preaching and communion class for elders, as well as support for clerks of session, treasurers, elders, deacons, and other leaders of the congregation
- provides a weekly gathering on Zoom to pray for our nation, congregations, and members
- shares announcements from Presbyterian churches across Long Island
- sends out resources to help churches with Christian Education, finances, property, leadership development, and more
- connects us with what's happening in the PC(USA), as well as with local ecumenical and interfaith partnerships

This information is shared in an email newsletter from our presbytery, called the "Nexus," that comes out three times a month and is available to all members of congregations in the presbytery. Sign up for the Nexus newsletter to stay updated on events, resources, ministry opportunities, and more within YOUR presbytery!

To join our mailing list, please email Laurie at laurie@presbyteryofli.org with your name and email address.

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Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA · 8.7.8.7.8.7.7

William Williams, 1745

Stanza 1 trans. Peter Williams, 1771

Stanzas 2-3 trans. William Williams, 1772

John Hughes, 1907



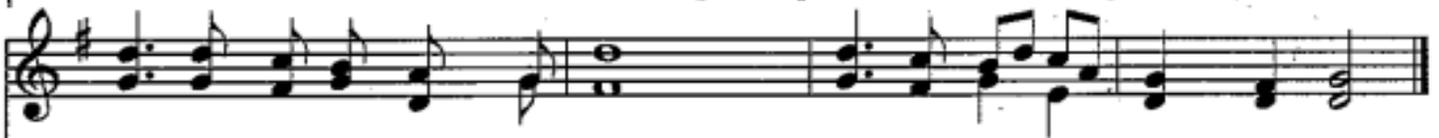
1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, Whence the heal - ing
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land; I am weak, but Thou art might - y; Hold me
stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me
fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, Land me



with Thy power - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through; Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
safe on Ca - naan's side; Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.
Be Thou still my strength and shield, Be Thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to Thee, I will ev - er give to Thee.

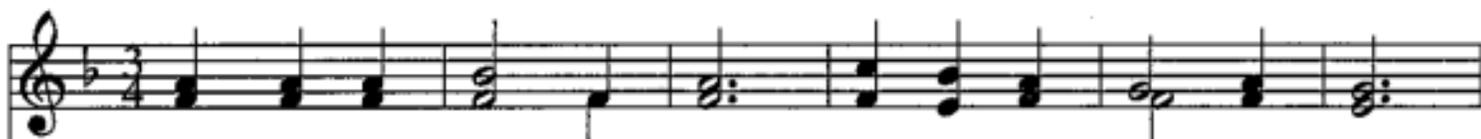
Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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Edwin Hatch, 1886

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Robert Jackson, 1894



1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life a - new,
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Un - til my heart is pure,
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am whol - ly Thine,
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I nev - er die,



That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.
Un - til with Thee I will one will, To do and to en - dure.
Un - til this earth - ly part of me Glows with Thy fire di - vine.
But live with Thee the per - fect life Of Thine e - ter - ni - ty.*



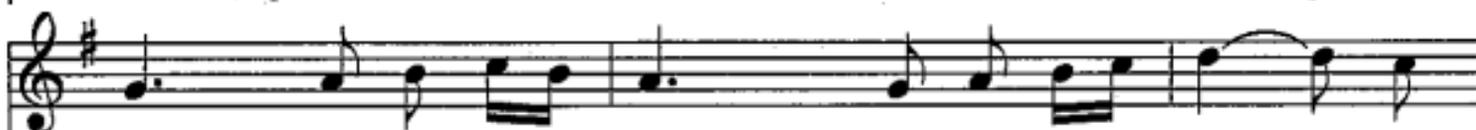
*Repeat stanza 1.

Though I May Speak

Hal Hopson, 1972

English folk melody
Harm. John Weaver, 1988

1. Though I may speak with brav - est fire, And have the
 2. Though I may give all I pos - sess, And striv - ing
 3. Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol, Our spir - its



gift to all in - spire, And have not love, my
 so my love pro - fess, But not be given by
 long to be made whole. Let in - ward love guide



words are vain; As sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
 love with - in, The prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
 ev - ery deed; By this we wor - ship and are freed.

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