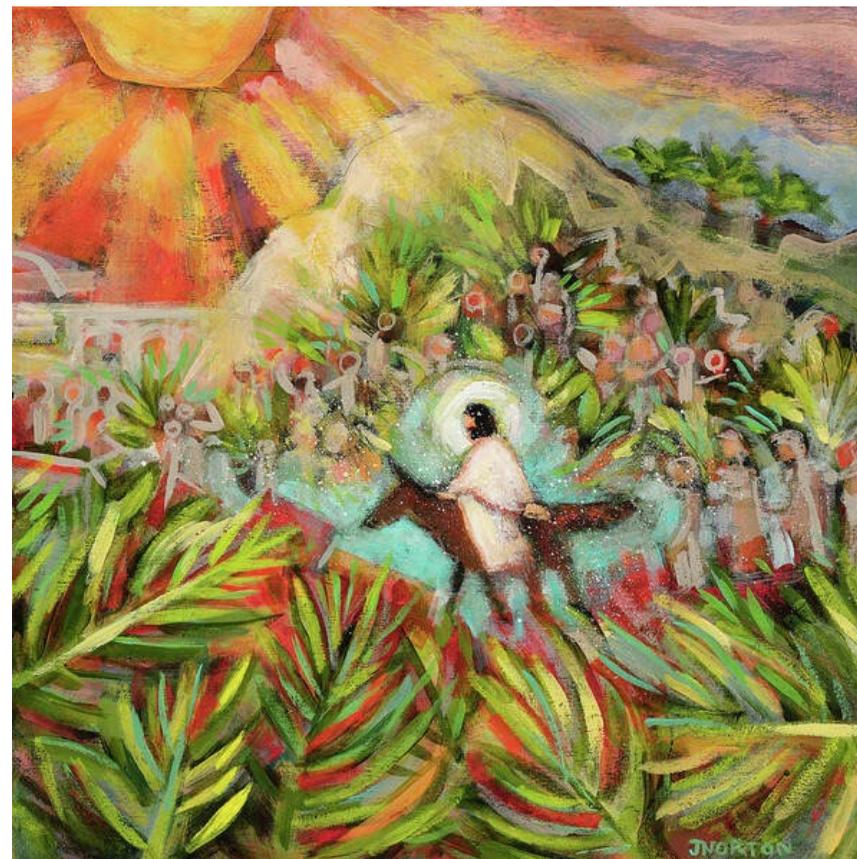


Orinda Community Church
Order of Worship
Sunday, March 24, 2024, 10:00 a.m.
Palm Sunday



Painting by Jen Norton

Reflection:

This is the kingdom of God, the kingdom of danger and of risk, of eternal beginning and eternal becoming, of opened spirit and of deep realization, the kingdom of holy insecurity. —Martin Buber

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

Nik Nackley

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT & RINGING OF THE HOUR

The Acolytes

WELCOME

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

THE CHANCEL RINGERS *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* Cynthia Dobrinski

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Mike Kersten

One: O God, it is your desire to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace.

All: Let the design of your great love shine on the ruin of our wraths and sorrows.

One: Give peace to all people of faith.

All: Create peace among all nations.

One: Bring peace into our homes.

All: We will follow on your path with peace in our hearts.



Elementary aged kids are welcome to join us in the Agape Center each week for some learning and fun!

Kids start in the Sanctuary for Sunday service and then are excused part way through, to go to Sunday School.

For any questions about Sunday School, or if you'd like to volunteer, please contact Amy Parlett at saparlett@comcast.net



Please keep bringing your clothing items to the church for the Trinity Center.

They are always especially in need of men's pants and shoes, but will accept all clean clothes with some life left in them. Women's clothes are needed as well.

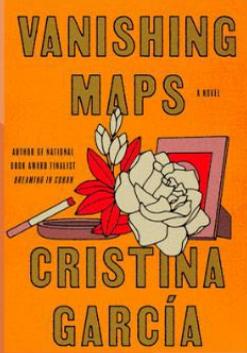
Contact Nancy Thursby if you have any questions:
nlthursby@comcast.net

THIS AFTERNOON AT 4 PM:



Alta Mesa Center for the Arts

March 2024 Reading: Cristina García



Vanishing Maps
A NOVEL
BY CRISTINA GARCÍA

Sunday, March 24th - 4pm PT on Zoom
Facilitated by Juliet Kinkade-Black



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HYMN* BH 213

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Jennette Threlfall

COMMUNITY PRAYER

by *Ted Loder*

Mike Kersten

Eternal One,
Silence from whom my words come; Questioner from whom my questions arise; Lover of whom all my loves are hints; Disturber in whom alone I find my rest; Mystery in whose depths I find healing and myself: enfold me now in your presence; restore to me your peace; renew me through your power; and ground me in your grace. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

ANTHEM

**Please stand, as you are able*

WE LISTEN

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mark 11:1-11

Mike Kersten

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'"

They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt? The disciples told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it.

Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

SERMON

The Procession

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

FELLOWSHIP HOUR



Volunteers are needed each week to make the coffee for the Fellowship Hour and to bring a treat to share.

The Ushers have the sign-up sheet.
Please sign up for a Sunday!

Thank you to

Roger & Jeane Samuelson

who volunteered to make the coffee and bring snacks today!



Thank you to this week's ushers:

[Leslie Dickson](#), [Phil Bernard](#),
[Breda Keogh-Hanks](#), and [Gail Mead](#)

WE RESPOND

BLACK WEALTH BUILDERS FUND



3 Sundays ago, Reverend Barry Cammer came to speak to us about the Black Wealth Builders Fund and performed a racial gap simulation.

If you are interested in contributing to this innovative program, please write “Black Wealth Builders Fund” in the memo portion of your check, and submit to an usher or to the OCC office.

Together, we can make steps to repair the decades of discrimination that has damaged black communities.

For more information about this program, go to <https://www.arlingtoncommunitychurchucc.org/bwb>

HYMN* RH 521 *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* African American Spiritual

A TIME OF PRAYER

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OUR LORD’S PRAYER

**Our God, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever. Amen.**

MOMENT FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please stand, as you are able*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

DOXOLOGY RH 94

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

HYMN* BH 5801

Lead Us from Death to Life

Marty Haugen

**Please stand, as you are able*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Please join us after the service TODAY in Fellowship Hall for a light lunch and to make birds as part of our Palm Sunday Peace Vigil.

Join us in the Narthex each Sunday during Lent at 9:30 am for a **Lenten Peace Vigil**, where we take some time for prayer and communion.



Each Thursday at 10 am, you can also join the Peace Vigil in the church library where we make birds to recognize and cherish the beloved lives of children lost in war, especially those now dying of starvation in Palestine.

SPONSORSHIP FORM
2024 Easter Memorial/Honorary Flowers

If you would like to remember or honor someone you love this Easter, complete this form to sponsor an azalea and/or lily for Easter morning services.



Your name _____

Name(s) of memorial or honoree (**PLEASE circle one**):

Number of Easter Lilies \$20.00 *each* _____

Number of Azaleas \$25.00 *each* _____

Check for \$ _____ enclosed

FORMS ARE DUE TODAY, MARCH 24th – they may be given to an usher.

Flowers may be picked up after the 10 am Easter Service on March 31.

BENEDICTION*

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

Our spirit is one with you, Loving God.

You strengthen us day and night to share our very best with our brothers and sisters.

You, whom we see in all of creation and in all people, you show your love for us.

Help us to know more deeply with your knowing.

Fill us with courage, generosity, respect, and wisdom, so that we can help each other walk in the path of understanding and peace.

POSTLUDE

Nik Nackley

**Please stand, as you are able*

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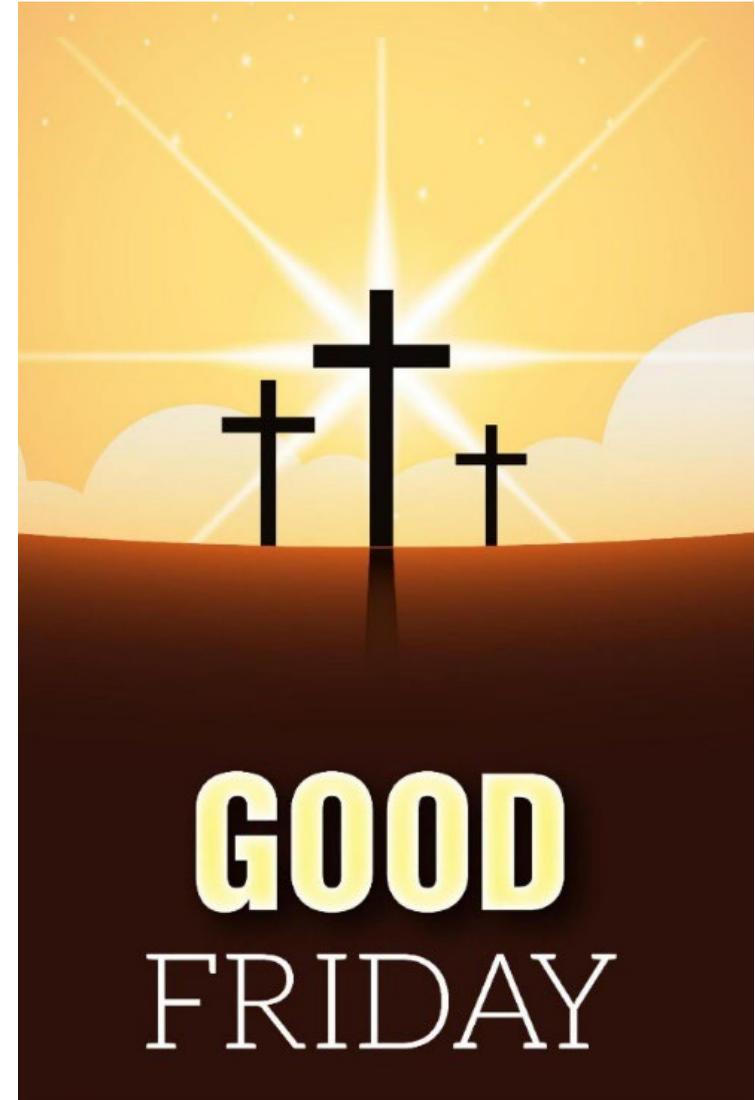
WEEKLY EVENTS

In addition to 10 am Sunday worship, we offer these weekly:

- ✚ Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel, we host Centering Prayer.
- ✚ Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m., we hold a brief Contemplative Service in the chapel, which includes readings, music, prayer time, and silence. This service also goes out electronically.
- ✚ Life and Loss Group meets every Thursday in the Fireside Room from 12:15 pm to 1:45 pm. No need to sign up. Please stop by if you are interested.
- ✚ Thursday afternoons at 2:00 p.m., our Theology and Scripture group meets via Zoom to discuss theology, the bible, and other topics. The next meeting is Thursday, March 28.

And these, every 2 weeks:

- ✚ Two Tuesdays a month, the Writers' Group shares and discusses their writings via Zoom at 10:00 a.m. The next meeting is Tuesday, April 2.
- ✚ Two Thursdays a month, starting at 3:45 p.m., the Reading Group meets via Zoom. The room opens 15 minutes early for welcome and chatting. Our next meeting is Thursday, April 4.



*There will be a multi-congregational service
on Good Friday, March 29th at 7:00 pm,
in the Sanctuary,
here at Orinda Community Church.*