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He Endured the Cross

“...Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God”.

- Hebrews 12:2, LSB

I find it difficult to focus for very long upon the excruciating experience of Jesus on the Cross. Mel Gibson’s “The Passion of the Christ” was eye-opening, but also heart-wrenching. If we have any love at all for Jesus, we are pained to consider the brutal experience of the events leading up to and including his crucifixion on that dark day. I do think it is a dangerous thing, however, to avoid the image of the cross altogether. We should not find ourselves in such empathy that we shift immediately to the resurrection.

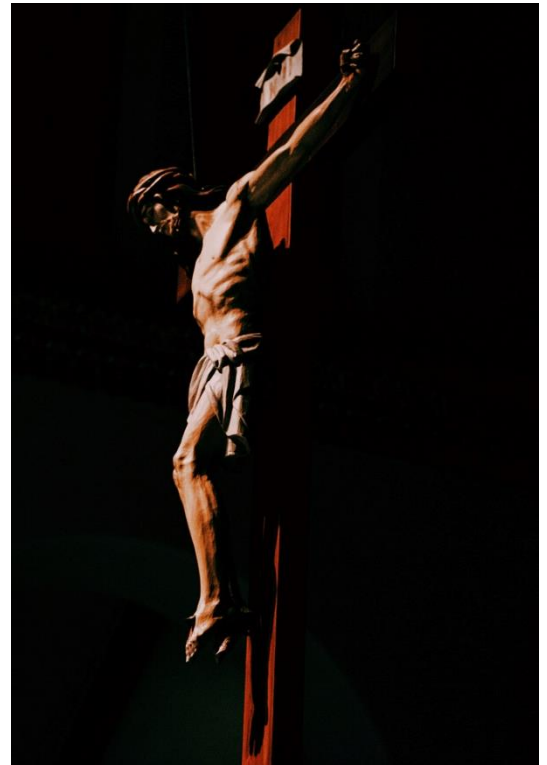
We should stay with the cross for a time. As we consider the seven sayings of Jesus on the cross, we are exposed to the thoughts of the dying Savior. The immense pain, both physically and spiritually, of Jesus on the cross did not remove him from his mission nor his heart for humanity. The suffering of the Messiah is a reminder of the great price that was paid so that we could be freed from the eternal consequences of our sin.

“Who Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that having died to sin, we might live to righteousness; by His wounds you were healed.” - 1 Peter 2:24, LSB

The beautiful old hymn “Rock of Ages” was written by Augustus Toplady. He died in 1779 at the age of 38 of consumption. As he neared the end of his earthly life, he said, “My prayers are now all converted into praise.” This can only be true because of the cross.

Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling, Naked, come to Thee for dress: Helpless, look to Thee for grace: Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.

In a more contemporary hymn, we sing, “Thank you for the cross, Lord.” Yes, this instrument of death was experienced by Jesus so that we could find release from death. Thank you, Jesus, for enduring the cross.



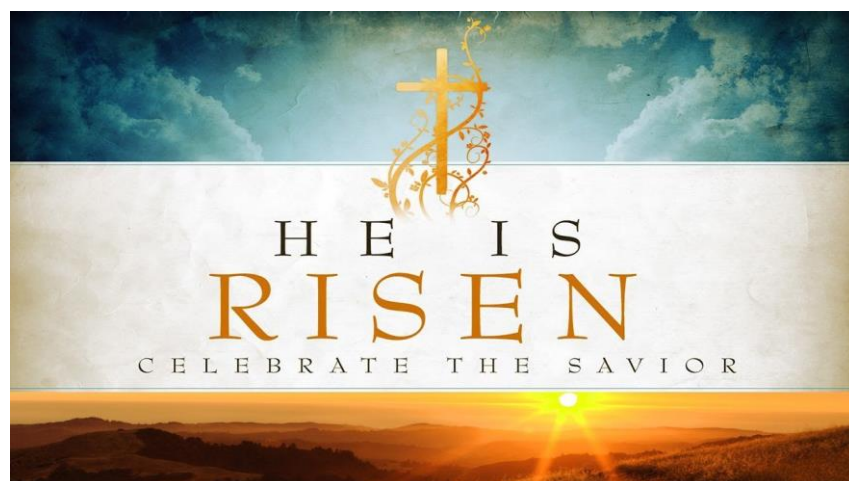
- John Dobbs

Easter Schedule

- 6:00 am - Sunrise Service at Bob & Sharon’s home 15115 STEVENS RD S, East OLALLA, WA 98359
- 9:00am - Easter breakfast – downstairs at the building
- 9:30 – ***There will not be an Adult Bible Class - There will be a Children’s Class***
- ***There will not be Children’s Church***
- 10:30 am – Worship
- After worship – egg hunt for the kids

Our Prayer List

- Pray for healing for Heather's aunt who is in the hospital.
- Brooke Armenta's cousin, Joe passed away. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Brooke is on a new medication. She's having dizzy spells and bad headaches. Pray this will pass for her.
- Prayers for Matt and Dallita Goins whose son, Jadon was killed when a truck lost control and killed him. Keep the family and all the loved ones in your prayers as they deal with this tragedy.
- Continued prayers are requested for Daniel (Fry's grandson) and his mother, Lisa.
- Lynn and Virginia Chapman aren't recovering very quickly from the flu they had. Pray for their recovery.
- Rosalie Palmer had surgery on March 20. Pray for her recovery.
- Lift up Evelyn Savage in your prayers. She is recovering from a heart attack.
- Lift Mary Carter and her loved ones in prayers over the passing of her husband Ruben.
- Keep Barbara Byrd in your prayers. She isn't doing very well.
- Pray for Paula Hill's father, Ken Stratton who is recovering from a fall and is in a lot of pain.
- Pray for Jim Scott and family over the passing of his wife Theresa.
- Jon's brother, Fred Powless passed away on Sunday. Pray for his wife Barb, daughter Tiffany and the rest of his family.
- Please continue prayers for Zach and Meredith's twins who are now at 2 lbs. and are growing. The concerns are their brains are ok.
- Please add our recent baptisms to your prayer list so we can help them grow: Greg Wood and his daughter Alexia Wood, Stafford Carter, Stan Whisenant, Hal Williams, Rich Hurd, Barbra Hurd, Ben Thomas, and Danika Armenta.
- Pray for the Mercy Mobile ministry, led by Cisco and Heather Velez as they minister to the homeless.
- Pray for Ukraine.
- Remember to thank and praise God for our many blessings, both physical and spiritual.
- Pray that the rampant drugs running in our community can be curtailed.
- Pray for wisdom for those who enforce drug abuse and for their safety.
- Pray for our leadership team and all our ministries.



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- Weekly Bulletin – Go to <http://pococ.weebly.com/> then click on Bulletin & Newsletters
- Pre-Covid audio sermons are also still online. Click on Teachings
- Current Event Calendar - Click on News & Events
- Live stream of worship services on YouTube Channel - Previous video recordings, too:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ then click on the desired video.
Please subscribe to be notified when new videos post or when we go live.



Sunday Worship for April 9, 2023 (10:30 am – 12:00 – noon) (Children are dismissed for Children’s Church after communion) Watch live-stream or after our worship time: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ		
Speaker: Trent Herbert	Singing: Bob & Praise Team	We Serve an Awesome, Risen Savior!
May Servers – Brian Bungart Dave Lawrence Elijah Herbert Terry Bratcher		
Easter Sunday Schedule – See Front Page		
Call Laura Fry or the Church Office (360-876-2604) for Zoom Meeting ID		
Men’s Fellowship Downstairs Fellowship Room Tuesdays - 10:00 am	Ladies in the Word Conference Room Tuesdays - 10:00 am	
Bible Class & Prayer Ephesians (in person or on Zoom) Wednesdays: 5:00 - 6:00 pm	Ladies Prayer Group LaDonna's home Thursdays 10:00 am	
Port Orchard Church of Christ 4135 Carr Lane SE Port Orchard, WA 98366 360-876-2604 - churchpococ@gmail.com	April 2, 2023 Tithes & Offerings – \$ 3,176.00	
	If you have any questions, please give me a call. God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104	
Call Laura Fry or the Church Office (360-876-2604) for Zoom Meeting ID		

Communion and Tithes & Offerings

The bread and fruit of the vine will be served during our communion time. You also have the option to pick up your communion supplies as you enter the auditorium. It contains both the juice and the bread.

There are also a few options for giving your tithes & offerings:

- 1) The collection box is in the foyer at the entrance to the auditorium.
- 2) Online bill-pay with your bank or credit union. Your bank will mail your check for you.
- 3) Mail your tithe/offering check directly to the Church address below. We have a lock mailbox.

Happy Birthday!

April: Jim Snead – 6, Jacob Hammock – 10, Brandon Karn – 10, Rick Velasco – 13, Misty Hammock – 15, James Greer – 17.

May: Isaac Benjamin – 2, Gary Chasteen – 3, Julia Karn 17, Barbara Chasteen – 25, Levi Herbert – 26.

Eye Of The Storm

Chorus

In the eye of the storm You remain in control
In the middle of the war You guard my soul
You alone are the anchor when my sails are torn
Your love surrounds me in the eye of the storm

Verse 1

When the solid ground is falling out from underneath my feet
Between the black skies and my red eyes I can barely see
When I realize I've been sold out by my friends and my family
I can feel the rain reminding me

Verse 2

When my hopes and dreams are far from me and I'm runnin' out of faith
I see the future I picture slowly fade away
And when the tears of pain and heartache Are pouring down my face
I find my peace in Jesus' name

Verse 3

When the test comes in and the doctor says I've only got a few months left
It's like a bitter pill I'm swallowin' I can barely take a breath
And when addiction steals my baby girl And there's nothin' I can do
My only hope is to trust You - I trust You Lord

Interlude

Oh in the eye of Lord in the eye of the storm
I know You're watchin' me yeah eh

Bridge

When the storm is ragin' (When the storm is ragin')
And my hope is gone (And my hope is gone Lord)
When my flesh is failin' You're still holdin' on Oh (repeat 2x)

Spoken Words

The Lord is my shepherd I have all that I need
He lets me rest in green meadows
He leads me beside peaceful streams
He renews my strength
He guides me along right paths
Bringing honor to His name
Even when I walk through the darkest valley
I will not be afraid
For You are close beside me

[Paraphrase from Psalm 23]



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