

Worship Service ~ *The Old Cross-Over Trick*

Easter 3, Year A,

19th April, 2026

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 / Genesis 48

Prelude

played by church musician Annie Center,

Gathering Together

Welcome

Good morning, my name is *Jonny Finlayson*. It's my pleasure to welcome you to worship with Olympic View Community Church. Please stand with me, if you're able, and hear the Lord call us into worship.

Call to Worship

One: Shout with joy to the LORD, all the earth!

All: Worship the LORD with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy.

One: Acknowledge that the LORD is God! He made us, and we are his.

All: We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name.

All: For the LORD is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation.

Invocation

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son. May we taste of your new life today. May we experience the fruitfulness of your presence. May our joy and gladness be contagious.

Because you live, Lord Jesus, renew your life in us by your Spirit, through your word, in your worship, as your church. Because you have called us, and therefore we ask in your name, Amen.

Opening Hymn *All Hail the Power of Jesus Name ~ 106*

Engaging with God Together

Scripture Reading Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

2 Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

14 The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

15 Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,

16 the right hand of the LORD exalts, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!"

17 I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

18 The LORD has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

20 This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

21 I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

23 This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Let's greet one another with the peace of Christ as we pass the peace.

Pass the Peace

Sharing Announcements and Prayer Requests

In a moment we are going to pray together, but before we do, does anyone have any announcements to share about anything in the life of the church coming up?

[let people share announcements]

Does anyone have any joys or concerns to share?

[let people share prayer items]

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer by pastor

Hymn

Take My Life ~ 389

Hearing the Word Together

Sermon Passage ~ Genesis 48

1 After this, Joseph was told, “Behold, your father is ill.” So he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. **2** And it was told to Jacob, “Your son Joseph has come to you.” Then Israel summoned his strength and sat up in bed. **3** And Jacob said to Joseph, “God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan and blessed me, **4** and said to me, ‘Behold, I will make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will make of you a company of peoples and will give this land to your offspring after you for an everlasting possession.’ **5** And now your two sons, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, are mine; Ephraim and Manasseh shall be mine, as Reuben and Simeon are. **6** And the children that you fathered after them shall be yours. They shall be called by the name of their brothers in their inheritance. **7** As for me, when I came from Paddan, to my sorrow Rachel died in the land of Canaan on the way, when there was still some distance to go to Ephrath, and I buried her there on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem).”

8 When Israel saw Joseph's sons, he said, “Who are these?” **9** Joseph said to his father, “They are my sons, whom God has given me here.” And he said, “Bring them to me, please, that I may bless them.” **10** Now the eyes of Israel were dim with age, so that he could not see. So Joseph brought them near him, and he kissed them and embraced them. **11** And Israel said to Joseph, “I never expected to see your face; and behold, God has let me see your offspring also.” **12** Then Joseph removed them from his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth.

13 And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought them near him. **14** And Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on the head of Ephraim, who was the younger, and his left hand on the head of Manasseh, crossing his hands (for Manasseh was the firstborn). **15** And he blessed Joseph and said, “The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has been my shepherd all my life long to this day, **16** the angel who has redeemed me from all evil, bless the boys; and in them let my name be carried on, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.”

17 When Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand on the head of Ephraim, it displeased him, and he took his father's hand to move it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head. **18** And Joseph said to his father, "Not this way, my father; since this one is the firstborn, put your right hand on his head." **19** But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know. He also shall become a people, and he also shall be great. Nevertheless, his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his offspring shall become a multitude of nations." **20** So he blessed them that day, saying,

"By you Israel will pronounce blessings, saying,
'God make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh.'"

Thus he put Ephraim before Manasseh. **21** Then Israel said to Joseph, "Behold, I am about to die, but God will be with you and will bring you again to the land of your fathers. **22** Moreover, I have given to you rather than to your brothers one mountain slope that I took from the hand of the Amorites with my sword and with my bow."

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Responding to the Word Together

Welcome to the Table of the Lord (*Responsive Reading*)

One: God shows his love for us

All: in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

One: Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life;

All: whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

Prayer

Lord's Supper

(Give short explanation of the supper and its significance, then ask servers to come and assist)

Pastor: The Apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26: "For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

(Remind the congregation to wait until all have been served, then we'll eat and drink together).

All: *The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.
(eat your bread)*

All: *The cup which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.
(drink your cup)*

Reflection ~ Played during distribution of elements by church musician Annie Center,

Prayer

Closing Hymn *God be With You ~ 430*

Benediction

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Short prayer by pastor

Postlude

played by church musician Annie Center,

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