



ROYAL LANE

BAPTIST CHURCH



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

APRIL 13, 2025



WELCOME TO LENT

Welcome to this sacred season of Lent at Royal Lane Baptist Church. Whether you are a longtime member or joining us for the first time, we are grateful for your presence as we journey together through these forty days of reflection, growth, and transformation. Lent is a season of both challenge and grace, inviting us to turn our hearts toward God in preparation for the truth and celebration of Easter.

This year, our Lenten series, *Everything In Between*, is inspired by the Narrative Lectionary (Year 3) and guided by the Gospel of Luke. Throughout this season, we will explore the spaces between the polarities that so often define our lives—faith and works, rest and growth, grief and hope. These ideas are often seen as opposing forces, but scripture invites us into a deeper truth: these dichotomies are false. In the sacred in-between, we find nuance and complexity. And above all, we find God.

Lent is a time to open ourselves to transformation, to notice where God is meeting us beyond the categories we create. This season at Royal Lane is for anyone seeking a spiritual life that does not shy away from complexity but embraces it with faith and intention. May this journey draw us closer to God and to one another.

Welcome to Lent.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Victoria Robb Powers'.

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers, Senior Pastor


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THE **WORSHIP OF GOD**

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY



Worship begins with the Chiming of the Hour and the Voluntary.
To help maintain the spirit of worship, please silence all electronic devices.

 = *please rise in body or in spirit*

Chiming of the Hour

In the city you'll hear horns, the clatter of the subway,
mothers calling to their children, saying, "Take my hand before we cross the street."
You'll hear church bells, Salvation Army bells,
people asking for spare change, while others ask for directions.
You'll hear the whistle from the traffic cop,
the exhaust from the bus,
that *a train is arriving in two minutes*.
You'll hear mothers selling fresh mango,
theater kids selling tickets,
and religious groups selling ideas.
But even with all that shouting,
even with all that noise,
the birds still sing.
Against all odds,
thanks be to God,
the birds still sing.

Voluntary

Carillon
by Herbert Merrill

David Weigle

☩ Call to Worship & Invocation

Rev. Harry Wooten & Congregation

On this day, Jesus marched

**in between the city walls and the Temple,
in between joyful Hosannas and doubtful whispers,
in between oppressive poverty and greedy power,
in between rampant fear and hope unfurled.**

On this day, Jesus marched in between what had been and what could be.

So may we meet Christ in that liminal space.

May we lay down our coats in that messy middle.

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in between!

Let us pray:

Speaking God,

Most days we are inundated with noise.

Some of it is good—laughter, music, storytelling.

Some of it is hard—arguments, slurs, the sound of bomber planes.

Every day we live between silence and shouting, rotating through quiet and noise.

So in the midst of this messy middle, help us to hear what is yours.

Help us to hear your song, your story, your good news.

Help us to hear your voice, your Spirit, your will.

And show us how to release the rest.

We are listening.

Amen.

☩ Procession of Palms - Hymn 175

Congregation

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ST. THEODULPH

Words of Welcome

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Christ be with you ... **and also with you!**

If you are a guest with us this morning, we invite you to register your attendance by filling out a "New Here" card which can be found in the pew racks. You may also register online at royallane.org/register or with the QR code.



Scripture Lesson

Benjamin P.

Luke 19:29-40

[Page 854 of the pew Bible]

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.' " So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

For the Word of God in Scripture, For the Word of God within us,
For the Word of God among us, **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

Children's Choir

Hosanna! Hosanna!
arranged by Vicki Hancock Wright

Hosanna! Hosanna!
Let all the people sing.
Hosanna to our King!
Open wide the gates of Jerusalem.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Time for Young Disciples

Rev. Beth Johnson

Children 3-years of age through 3rd grade are invited to Godly Play.

Children Grades 4 through 6 are invited to Young Theologians.

You may collect your children following the service in the Christian Education Building.



Congregation

Lord, What a Parade!

LYONS



1. Lord, what a pa - rade! The crowd quick - ly grew; What noise they all
2. They wel - comed you in, a con - quer - ing king, Yet what kind of
3. Did those in that crowd ex - pect some - thing more Than one who reached
4. Lord Je - sus, it's true, we give you glad praise, Yet liv - ing for

made in wel - com - ing you. "Ho - san - na!" they shout - ed. "It's
reign would you real - ly bring? It was - n't a war horse you
out in love to the poor? Did they think a sav - ior with
you will chal - lenge our ways. So may we be o - pen and

Da - vid's own son! Ho - san - na! Come save us! God's reign has be - gun!"
rode on that day; A crea - ture of peace car - ried you on your way.
arm - ies was best, Or did they re - mem - ber: the peace - ful are blessed?
wel - come your reign. Ho - san - na! Come save us! Re - new us a - gain!

Call to Confession

Kenny Wade & Congregation

Friends, we are truth-tellers in the prayer of confession.

We are honest about the fact that we are works in progress. We tell the truth of our lives.

We lay it all out before God.

But this moment of prayer isn't just about us.

In the prayer of confession we also reveal who God is, and our God is merciful. Our God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

So let us pray, knowing that God's truth will always mean grace for us.

Confession of Sin

Great Creator, forgive me

**when I speak before listening,
when I speak over my neighbor,
when I speak with barbed words.**

Creator God, forgive me

**when I listen to society,
when I listen to my friends,
when I listen to the news,
but I do not listen to you.**

Creator God, forgive me

**when I shout out, but do not shout your name,
when I listen, but do not listen for your voice.
Forgive me.**

Create in me a heart like yours.

Amen.

We now silently confess our sins together.

Promise of Forgiveness

Friends, whether or not you stuck to your Lenten goals this year,
whether or not this is your first time in church or your thousandth time,
whether or not you know to speak to God or listen for God's voice,
God listens to you.

God is merciful.

God is abounding in steadfast love.

There is nothing you could do or leave undone that could keep God from loving you.

So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

We are seen. We are heard. We are loved. We are forgiven.

Not a day goes by that we ever walk alone. Hosanna in the highest! Amen.

Solo

Rita Nsumbu

Ride on King Jesus

arranged by Hall Johnson

Ride on, King Jesus! No man can hinder me.

*For He is King of kings, He is Lord of lords,
Jesus Christ, the first and last, No man works like Him.*

King Jesus rides a milk-white horse, No man works like Him.
The river of Jordan He did cross, No man works like Him.

King Jesus rides in the middle of the air, Oh!
He calls the saints from everywhere, Ah!

Sermon

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

“Shouting and Silence”

Moment of Contemplation

Offertory Prayer

Brittany Jones

We thank you, O God, for your generous Spirit
We praise you for Christ's gift of self,
and your never-failing love.
For your many gifts,
we thank you.
For walking with us in our weakness,
we praise you.
Receive these gifts in token and thanks
for the love you offer us—
a love that makes us well and whole. Amen.

Offertory Anthem

Choir & Congregation

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

arranged by Fred C. Mallory
(sing on direction)

When I survey the wondrous cross,
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but lost,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorry and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown.

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small,
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

*We invite you to use
this time to give to
Royal Lane's Ministry.*



Blessing and Welcoming New Members

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Gloria Chang

Cara Craggett

Jennifer Dutschmann

Dustin Eastwood

Alma Pandya

Matthew Robinson & Julianna Hudnall Robinson

Owen

Merrill Swenke

Justin & Rebecca Thomas

Calvin, Jonathan, & Samuel

Tiffany Thomas

Do you desire to continue your journey into Christ as a member of Royal Lane Baptist Church?

New Members: We do.

Will you commit yourself to seek and serve Christ in this community of faith and pledge to work, pray, and give to build up our common life?

New Members: We will, with God's help.

To the members of Royal Lane Baptist Church, will you witness these promises and do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

All: We will.

Benediction

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

As you leave this place,
may you find God in every messy middle.
May you know that the world is bigger than two sides.
May you trust that you are made in the image of God,
and therefore, you contain multitudes.
So may you move through this world with an open heart,
with a curious mind, and with the confidence that you do not go alone.

God is with us in the mountains,

God is with you in the valleys,

God is everywhere in between.

Believe the good news, and go in peace.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Valet will ich dir geben by J.S. Bach

Please place your palm fronds on the cross in the front lawn as you make your way to Vickrey Hall for the congregational lunch and quarterly church conference.



ROYAL LANE *HAPPENINGS*



Maundy/Holy Thursday Dinner & Service

Thursday, April 17, 6:00pm, Northway Christian Church

Join us in the Fellowship Hall at Northway Christian Church for this collaboration service. Dinner will take place at 6pm with a service to follow at 7pm. Please RSVP for the dinner to mail@northwaychristian.org or 214-361-6641.



Good Friday Service

Friday, April 18, 7:00pm, Sanctuary

Next Friday, we gather to honor this important day in our church calendar. This will be a somber Good Friday service where Communion will be served. Childcare will be provided.



Flowering of the Cross

Sunday, April 20, 9:00am, Sanctuary

This service begins in the sanctuary and culminates on the south lawn. You may bring flowers or use ones that will be supplied on Sunday morning to adorn the cross.



Easter Brunch

Sunday, April 20, 9:45am, Vickrey Hall

Bring the family and join us for an Easter Brunch before Worship next Sunday! Chef Julie Anne is preparing a hot line as well as continental breakfast options. Food will be served at 9:45am and Worship starts at 11am.

See Coming Events on our website for more information.

ROYALLANE.ORG

HOLY WEEK *SCHEDULE*

Sunday, April 13

12:15 pm: Community Lunch/Church Conference — Vickrey Hall

Wednesday, April 16

10:00 am: Communion & Contemplation — Church Library

12:00 pm: Lunch + Learn — Vickrey Hall & Zoom (Lunch line opens at 11:30 am)

Menu: Cheeseburger Casserole, Condiment Salad, and Dessert

Program: Kaswanna Kanyinda, *Lenten Voices*

1:30 pm: Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building, Room 212 (1:30 - 3:30 pm)

6:15 pm: Children's Choir — Christian Education Building, Room 202

6:15 pm: Youth Gathering — Harris Youth Cottage

7:15 pm: Choir — Sanctuary

Thursday, April 17

6:00 pm: Maundy Thursday Service and Dinner — Northway Christian Church

Friday, April 18

7:00 pm: Good Friday Service and Communion — Sanctuary

Saturday, April 19

2:00 pm: Questers Class — Zoom

3:00 pm: Children's Walk Through Holy Week — Vickrey Hall (white door entrance)

Sunday, April 20 - Easter Sunday

9:00 am: Flowering of the Cross — Sanctuary

9:45 am: Easter Brunch — Vickrey Hall

9:45 am: Children's Christian Education — Christian Education Building

9:45 am: Youth Christian Education — Harris Youth Cottage

11:00 am: Morning Worship — Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel



EASTER
FLOWERS



place orders by Wednesday, April 16



WEDNESDAY APRIL 16 LUNCH+LEARN SERIES

Kaswanna Kanyinda

Lenten Voices

This Wednesday, we will be joined by Kaswanna Kanyinda, a Mezzo-soprano who has been praised for her dramatic presence, vocal warmth, and as a “talent to keep a sharp lookout for.” She will share her musical gifts with us and take part in meaningful conversation. Come to lunch at 11:30am and stay for the program, which starts at noon.



WALK THROUGH HOLY WEEK ROYAL
kids

SATURDAY APRIL 19 WALK THROUGH HOLY WEEK

Family Event

Tours at 3pm, 3:15pm, 3:30pm, & 3:45pm

Meet at the white door entrance of Vickrey Hall for Walk Through Holy Week! This family event is a scavenger hunt that includes gathering eggs. Please bring a basket to fully enjoy this kid-focused event.



Bible 101

Library, 2nd /4th Sundays, 9:45 am

- Led by Kenna Curry and Rev. Alan Wright
- Description: A space for engagement and discussion of the biblical texts. The class teaches both Bible basics and sustainable practices for reading and interpreting Scripture.

Sacred Rhythms

Home of Theresa & John Helms, Sundays, 9:45 am

- Contact church office for address
- Led by Brad Eason
- Description: A different take on a "Bible Study." The class uses spiritual practices from ancient Church Mothers and Fathers to bring the church's weekly texts to life. Scriptures are seen from a new angle as the Spirit is invited into our readings. No experience needed in spiritual practices. Beginners welcome.

Foundation Stones

Room 212, Sundays, 9:45 am

- Led by Scott Bryant
- Description: Members come to the class from a variety of faith backgrounds. The goal of the class is to help members move to a deeper knowledge and understanding of the principles and truths which form the foundation of our Christian faith.

Formations Class

Portable 1, Sundays, 9:45 am

- Led by Paulette Harrison, Patsy Meier, and Mike Keith
- Description: Designed to help participants study Scripture seriously within the context of the larger Christian tradition and, through the process, find their faith renewed and strengthened. The class enjoys open discussions which create a venue for participants to express their faith while respecting the views of other classmates.

Questers

Zoom, Saturdays, 2:00 pm

- Zoom link available on the church website
- Led by Nancy Ferrell
- Description: A culture of dialogue and questioning. The class reviews books and topics of interest and reflects on them for the purpose of applying new insights to our Christian journey. Most often, the class uses book studies to spark conversation.



*Scan for children
and youth program
options.*

THROUGH EVERY AGE AND STAGE

*Loving, embracing and
finding purpose in every
stage of life*

APRIL 25-26, 2025
SISTER GROVE FARM
VAN ALSTYNE, TX
Registration - \$70



SPEAKER: KIM VERRIERE
SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR
& RETREAT LEADER



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Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

VBS &
MUSIC/ARTS
CAMP
2025

AGE 3
THROUGH
COMPLETED
GRADE 5

JUNE 23-27

9AM-12PM VBS

1PM-4PM MUSIC/ARTS CAMP

\$40 FOR VBS / \$70 FOR BOTH



Scholarships Available
contact bjohnson@royallane.org

**Reservations are filling up fast, so be sure you reserve your spot soon!*

WORSHIP *NOTES*



Cover Art

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Inspired by Luke 19:29-40

Pen and ink on paper

It is said that the true confession that flows from one's heart and lips and professes that they are a sinner and desire to be healed, is essentially the key to unlocking one's salvation. Amid a sometimes turbulent and chaotic world, if we enter with faith and Christ in our hearts we shall be delivered. The figure's hands are lifted in praise as he navigates the flood of life which can be overbearing. He recognizes that the flood of life is symbolic of sin and separation from God. He closes his eyes, humbles himself before God, and he is delivered into a new chapter of his life, triumphant. —**Steve Prince**

Liturgy Notes

Prayers and Liturgy by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

Hymn Notes

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Words: Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1854, alt.

Music: Melchior Teschner, 1615

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Melinda Ramseth Hoiland, arr. Vicki Hancock Wright

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Lord, What a Parade!

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When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Words: Isaac Watts, 1707 (Gal. 6:14)

Music: Lowell Mason, 1824

HOW TO *CONNECT*

Event Details

See the Weekly News & Journal or Web Calendar for Links and details for In-Person, Livestream, Virtual or Zoom events.

royallane.org/resources/event

Prayer Requests

We invite you to use the green prayer cards, available in the “pockets” on the back of each pew, to submit prayer requests. You can also submit requests by filling out the prayer request form on the website at royallane.org/prayer. Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plate.

*REQUEST
PRAYER*



Deacons on Call

Adam Visconti & Jeanie Chuang

GIVING AT ROYAL LANE

We encourage you to support the missions and ministries of our church. Text “GIVE” to 214-609-1200 or scan the QR code. Follow the prompts to complete the process. Standard text message rates may apply. You can also donate online at royallane.org/give.

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