

First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City
Sunday, April 5th
Palm Sunday



Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (responsive)

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

Triumphant and victorious is he,

Humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey. Amen.

Prelude

Hymn "All Glory, Laud and Honor" 173

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Loving God, you rode a donkey and came in peace, humbled yourself and gave yourself for us. We confess our lack of humility. As you entered Jerusalem, the crowds shouted, "Hosanna: Save us now!"

On Good Friday they shouted, "Crucify!" We confess our praise is often empty. We sing Hosanna but cry Crucify.

As the crowd laid their palms in front of you, you took the way of God: you took no glory for yourself.

We confess that we want to be accepted and take the easy way.

We do not stay true to your will. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to follow in the way of obedience. Amen.

1 All glory, laud, and honor
To Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring:
Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and blessed One!

2 The company of angels
Are praising Thee on high,
And mortal men and all things
Created make reply:
The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before Thee we present.

3 To Thee, before Thy passion,
They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise:
Thou didst accept their praises -
Accept the praise we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King!

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

**He himself bore our sins
In his body on the cross,
That we may be dead to sin,
And alive to all that is good.**

I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ,
We are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

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.”**

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Eternal God, whose word silences the shouts of the mighty: Quiet within us every voice but your own. Speak to us through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may receive grace to show God’s love in lives given to your service. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading: Psalm 118: 19-29

Open for me the gates of the righteous;
I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.
This is the gate of the Lord
through which the righteous may enter.
I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.
The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
the Lord has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
The Lord has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.
Lord, save us!
Lord, grant us success!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
From the house of the Lord we bless you.
The Lord is God,
and he has made his light shine on us.
With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession
up to the horns of the altar.
You are my God, and I will praise you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

2nd Scripture Reading: Matthew 21: 1-11

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethpage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

"Say to Daughter Zion,
'See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"

The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

Sermon: "A Tale of Two Parades"

Rev. Dan McKenty

Hymn "Let Us Break Bread Together" #323

1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees;

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink the cup together on our knees;
Let us drink the cup together on our knees; [Refrain]

3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees; [Refrain]

Affirmation of Faith (responsive)

some shout hosanna

some shout crucify

some shout Jesus

some shout Barabbas

some wave palms

some shake their fists

today we choose...

some break bread

some break silence

some proclaim Jesus

some deny Jesus

some carry the cross

some run from the cross

today we choose...

some are angry

some rejoice

some anoint with costly perfume

some complain at the waste

some like the light

some prefer the shadows

today we choose...

some weep

some conspire

some follow

some hide

some believe

some betray

today we choose

to shout for life

to follow the cross

to break bread

to hold belief

to trust love

and tell the world

we choose to follow Jesus

Sacrament of our Lord's Supper

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks and praise,

O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.

In your wisdom, you made all things
and sustain them by your power.

You made us in your image,

setting us in your world to love and serve you
and to live in peace with your whole creation.

From generation to generation you have guided us,
sending prophets to turn us from wayward paths
into the way of righteousness.

Out of your great love for the world

you sent your only Son among us to redeem us
and to be the way to eternal life.

Therefore, we praise you,

joining our voices with the choirs of heaven

and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty,

and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

As one of us, he knew our joys and sorrows,
and our struggles with temptation.

He was like us in every way except sin.

In him we see what you created us to be.

Though blameless,

he suffered willingly for our sin.

Though innocent,

he accepted death for the guilty.

On the cross he offered himself, a perfect sacrifice,
for the life of the world.

By his suffering and death,

he freed us from sin and death.

Risen from the grave,

he leads us to the joy of new life.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts,
we take this bread and this wine

from the gifts you have given us,

and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.

Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
as a living and holy offering of ourselves,

that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Praise to you Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death,

Rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Gracious God,

pour out your Holy Spirit upon us

and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,
that the bread we break and the cup we bless

may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ
and with all who are baptized in his name,
that we may be one in ministry in every place.

As this bread is Christ's body for us,

send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Lead us, O God, in the way of Christ.

Give us courage to take up our cross

and, in full reliance upon your grace, to follow him.

Give us strength to serve you faithfully
until the promised day of resurrection,
when, with the redeemed of all the ages,
we will feast with you at your table in glory.

**Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's prayer (responsive)

Christ, we pray that you would hear our prayers,
and graft in our minds the same mind that is in you,
that we might be vessels of your humility and grace.
Lord Jesus, you emptied yourself,
trading in the form of God for the form of a slave;
we pray for the Church, and all her people and ministers.
Form us into a Church that empties itself for others, and for you.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, you were born in human likeness,
and found in human form;
we pray for the whole human family, for the nations of the earth,
and for all who live in the midst of disease, pandemic, fear and anxiety.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, even after humbling yourself in your incarnation,
you humbled yourself even to the point of death;
we pray for our nation, our leaders,
and all the leaders of the world that they may guide us through this ordeal with compassion,
humility and grace.
Bless us with your humility.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus your humility and your love for us
was so broad and deep, it cost you your life.
We pray for those who we love who have died,
and as you were highly exalted, may they rest with you in glory.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your exaltation, O Lord,
you were given the name that is above every name;
we pray in your name for those who are poor,
those who are hungry,
and those who are hurting in any way.
Give them your grace.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those we hold dear to our hearts who are sick or struggling we pray for....
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You humbled yourself in the manger,
and you humbled yourself on the cross;
and to you O Lord we bend our knee
with those above and those below,
all Glory, Laud and Honor are yours Heavenly Father.

And now we pray to you the prayer taught to us by your Son, our Lord and Savior and we say....

Our Father 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; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" #173

1 Hosanna, loud hosanna
The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple
The lovely anthem rang;
To Jesus, who had blessed them
Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises,
The simplest and the best.

2 From Olivet they followed
'Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving,
And chanting clear and loud;
The Lord of men and angels
Rode on in lowly state,
Nor scorned that little children
Should on His bidding wait.

3 "Hosanna in the highest!"
That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer,
The Lord of heav'n, our King;
O may we ever praise Him
With heart and life and voice,
And in His blissful presence
Eternally rejoice!

Charge

Benediction

Postlude

