

“Hosanna”

“BLESSED IS HE
WHO COMES IN
THE NAME OF
THE LORD!”

JOHN 12:13



ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Glorious Majesty"

Lani Smith

WELCOME

Liturgist

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Kaul

In returning to Me and waiting for Me, shall you be saved.

In quietness and confidence is your strength.

But we would trust ourselves and stand in our own strength and we shall be ashamed upon that day.

But the Lord still waits for you to show to you His love as He has said. And He, He will conquer you so that He may bless you with Himself.

Blessed are they who wait upon the Lord, for they shall weep no more, neither be afraid.

O my people in Jerusalem and all of the earth, weep no more, for the Lord shall be gracious unto you, and show to you His love, as He has said. And though He gives to us the bread and water of adversity, with your own eyes, you shall see your King and you shall say:

Blessed is He! Blessed is He! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!

Blessed is He! Blessed is He!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Tear down your images and the idols that you have made, for the Lord has prepared a fire to cover the earth.

And the glory of the Lord shall descend upon His hill upon that day.

And the law of the Lord shall go out from Zion in His name.

And all the nations of the earth shall bow before the One they have pierced. And the poor of the earth shall rejoice:

Messiah Is Come! Jesus! Emanuel! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Lion of Judah.

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the Highest! Amen.**

*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN #88

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Kaul

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liturgist

Christ our Redeemer, try as we might, we do not follow your example. We do not empty ourselves, we do not humble ourselves, we are not obedient. You simply ask us to care about this world you created, but we fail to do even that. Forgive us. You have given us the greatest, clearest example of love. Heal us, and help us to follow.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Kaul

Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI

HEARING THE WORD

ANTHEM

"A Joyful Hosanna" J. Paige/B. Buda

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:1-11

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SERMON

"Why Did Jesus Do It?"

Rev. Norlita Kaul

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #89

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory *"The Palms"* J. B. Faure

*Doxology

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION/THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #92 *"Breath Cross of Jesus"*

LENTEN CANDLE READING

The **Sixth Sunday in Lent:** (adapted from John 3:16, Luke 2:6-7, Isaiah 53:3, Mark 10:32-34)

All: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love.

THE CANDLE READINGS Marie D. & Yvonne C.

Pastor: Jesus blessed us with his life as Living Word, even as and when we, as human beings mock him and his own.

People: Lead us Lord, from death to life.

Prayer: Merciful God, strengthen us in prayer and for us on our journey. Help us lift up our world's brokenness to your healing power and saving love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

CANDLE READERS: Whether we walk with all faith or none, we look towards the cross, knowing it is both the most human and most divine of all journeys. Travel the road with courage, with love, and with the uneasy peace that is the gift of faith into this holiest of weeks.

(Extinguish candle)

Sung Response:#599 “Jesus Remember Me” sing twice

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BENEDICTION**

And now we lay down the palm branches and with them we lay down our belief that there is another way for you to be God.

As the last echo of the final alleluia fades, so our hope that this journey can end in any other way. The week stretches ahead glory-less and pain-full.

May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent, one from another. Amen. *(Mizpah Benediction)*

POSTLUDE *“Glory Be to Jesus”* R. A. Hobby

SYMBOLS:

- * - Those who are able, please stand.
- ☺ - Older children leave for Sunday School



LITURGIST- John A.

USHERS- TEAM #1

COFFEE/FELLOWSHIP HOUR- Yvonne C.

COUNTERS- WEEK A

FLOWERS- Given as a Thank you to those that helped arrange/pay for the Bowling & Pizza fellowship last Sunday. It was enjoyed by all that attended!

TODAY

Sunday, April 2, 2023
Holy Week Begins

(Worship in the Sanctuary)

Sunday, April 2nd - Palm Sunday

Procession of the Palms- Everyone that would like to join in our opening Procession-All ages of God's Children all ages are invited to participate! Please line up at 9:45 A.M.

HELP NEEDED!- Today in Bonham Hall you are invited to help stuff the eggs during fellowship time. Many hands make light work. Thanks for your donations, of time, help, candies etc. to make Easter Joyful!



NO ADULT FORUM TODAY

BCMA Spring Community Hymn Sing- Palm Sunday
April 2, 2023, 6PM, Bridgeton Nazarene (350 West Park Dr.)

Maundy Thursday Worship

When: **Thursday, April 6, 2023**

Where: First Presbyterian Church Bridgeton

Fellowship Covered Dish Dinner: 5:30-6:30 P.M.

in Bonham Hall (Please bring a covered dish to share)

(Table Service and Drinks provided)

Worship: 7:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary

We will celebrate with Communion and will go into the darkness of Jesus' Tomb.



Good Friday

Sanctuary is open for prayer **9:15-11:45 A.M.**
(please use Giles street door and ring the bell)

BCMA Ministry- Upcoming Events

-**Good Friday Service, April 7, 2023**, UBT, noon-3PM.

- **Easter Sunrise, April 9, 6:30 AM**, Sunset Lake.

-**Park Devotionals:** Tuesday's at 8AM at the Salvation Army

Easter Sunday, EASTER FLOWERS

Please have flowers delivered on **Sat., April 8th no later than 10am. Memorial announcements** for the bulletin need to be given to the church office by **tomorrow, Monday April 3rd**



Sunday, April 9

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Monday



THE DEACONS ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

We will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt for the youth and young at heart on Easter Morning after worship. Come and join us!

Easter Monday, April 10 - Office Closed

Board of Deacons

Deacons Meeting in Bonham Hall @ 7P.M.



Session Meeting

NOTICE CHANGE IN DATE!
Thursday, April 13 - Session Meeting
in Bonham Hall @ 6:30 P.M.

SAVE THE DATE
TIME OUT TUESDAY

"Celebrate Spring Make N Take"

Date: Tuesday, April 18

Time: 12 Noon

Place: Bonham Hall

Lunch will be followed by an easy project, with all necessary materials provided.

Please RSVP to the office (856)455-0809 by April 14.



Music Sunday: Together!



Help us keep our Installation Weekend party going!
On **Sunday April 30th**, we'll be having a
"Music Sunday" full of several musical selections, during
our worship service. We'd like to include 3 Hymns that our
congregation would like to sing. **Please submit the titles/
numbers of your favorite hymns to our church office by
April 15th.** The 3 most requested hymns will be included for
this day. We'll keep the list of hymns submitted for future
times of worship, such as this.

We're so blessed to have so many talented musicians in
our midst, along with our choir. We praise and thank God
for them, and our ability to praise our God through the gift
of music! Thanks for your help, The Worship Committee

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

Psalm 118:1-2,19-29

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

2 Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."

¹⁹ Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter.

²¹ I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

²² The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

²³ the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

²⁵ Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success!

²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

From the house of the Lord we bless you.

²⁷ 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.

²⁸ You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

²⁹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King

²¹ As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² 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. ³ If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵ "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.'"

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ 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!"

¹⁰ When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"

¹¹ The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

Palm Sunday History

The date of the first observance of Palm Sunday is uncertain. A detailed description of a palm processional celebration was recorded as early as the 4th century in Jerusalem. The ceremony was not introduced into the West until much later in the 9th century.

On the first Palm Sunday for the people, the celebration quickly spread throughout the whole city. People even threw down their cloaks on the path where Jesus rode as an act of homage and submission.

The crowds praised Jesus enthusiastically because they believed he would overthrow Rome. They recognized him as the promised Messiah From Zechariah 9:9:

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. (NIV)

Although the people did not fully understand Christ's mission yet, their worship honored God:

"Do you hear what these children are saying?" they asked him. "Yes," replied Jesus, "have you never read, " 'From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise'?" (Matthew 21:16, NIV)

Immediately following this great time of celebration in the ministry of Jesus Christ, he began his journey to the cross.

How Is Palm Sunday Celebrated Today?

Palm Sunday, or Passion Sunday as it is referred to in some Christian churches, is the sixth Sunday of Lent and the final Sunday before Easter. Worshipers commemorate Jesus Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

On this day, Christians also remember Christ's sacrificial death on the cross, praise God for the gift of salvation, and look expectantly to the Lord's second coming.

Many churches, including Lutheran, Roman Catholic, Methodist, Anglican, Eastern Orthodox, Moravian and Reformed traditions (such as Presbyterian), distribute palm branches to the congregation on Palm Sunday for the customary observances. These observances include a reading of the account of Christ's entry into Jerusalem, the carrying and waving of palm branches in processional, the blessing of palms, the singing of traditional hymns, and the making of small crosses with palm fronds.

In some Christian denominational traditions, worshippers take home and display their palm branches near a cross, or press them into their Bible until the next year's season of Lent. Some churches will place collection baskets to gather the old palm leaves to be burned on Shrove Tuesday (Fat Tuesday) of the following year and can be used in the next day's Ash Wednesday services.

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, a solemn week focusing on the final days of Jesus' life. Holy Week culminates on Easter Sunday, the most important holiday in Christianity.

<https://www.learnreligions.com/what-is-palm-sunday>

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