

St. James Presbyterian Church

April 5th, 2020

Palm Sunday

Online Service

GATHERING

Welcome

Introit

God Gather Us In

Focus your eyes on the LORD, come home to the embrace of God.

We are walking this path of Holy Week in a time like we have never seen before.

Let us walk this path away from our past errors, away from our bad deeds to a new day.

We will walk away from our fears and into a day of new hope.

Come home to the greatness of God, hear of His love and feel His protection.

We are walking toward His wholeness, along the path of joy and His promises.

Our hearts are filled with thanks and praise for His goodness and glory!

Let us come home today, and be with Christ to celebrate His triumphal entry!

And let us be with Christ in His sufferings as well this week.

God, help us to never leave your side. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

On grey days it is hard to see clearly, difficult to understand things that are happening around us right now. Yet all we are asked to do during this time is to be present with the sacred story as it is retold, and to the inexplicable, mysterious, wondrous work of God that was, and still is taking place. AMEN.

Hymn #88

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

(Refrain)

All glory, laud and honor
To Thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and blessed One.

(Refrain)

2 The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayers and anthems
Before Thee we present.

(Refrain)

3 To Thee, before Thy passion,
They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.

(Refrain)

4 Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King!

(Refrain)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you: we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's, that our faith is often more show than substance, that our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises and to receive us as your own.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Passing of Peace:

Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Chat with Theo

Prayer of Illumination

Powerful God, as we enter these days of Holy Week, help us to focus on you during all of our struggles and celebrations. Help us to meditate and hear from You this day, as we hear and read Your Holy Scripture presented to us now. AMEN.

Old Testament

Genesis 8:1-5

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Musical Meditation:

The King, He Comes

Ike Ndolo & Robbie Seay

The King, he comes on lowly steed, with palms spread out beneath His feet.
The crowd, they push, they long to see Jesus King of Glory.
Oh! The King, he comes to sacrifice, to take His cross and give His life.
His victory will be complete: Jesus, King of Glory.

Rejoice, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud! Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh!
Our King, He comes in glory for us now!

The King, he comes on lowly steed, with palms spread out beneath His feet.
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Rejoice, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud! Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh!
Our King, He comes in glory for us now!

The way your love is holding me, you light the dark for all to see:
it's bigger than my heart and it's overwhelming me.
The way your love is holding me, shining bright for all to see;
it's bigger than my heart and it's overwhelming me.

The King, he comes on lowly steed, with palms spread out beneath His feet.
The crowd, they push, they long to see Jesus King of Glory.

New Testament Reading

Luke 19:28-40, 23:44-49

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

It's Still Friday, But Sunday WILL COME!

Theo Camara

HYMN#467

How Great Thou Art

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

(Refrain)

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee.
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I
wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain
grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

(Refrain)

3 But when I think that God, His Son not
sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in--
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin;

(Refrain)

4 When Christ shall come with shout of
acclamation

And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou
art!"

(Refrain)

RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

Prayers of People & Lord's Prayer

Offering

Doxology # 592

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here
below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost. Amen.***

Prayer of Dedication

HYMN #89

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1 Hosanna, loud hosanna,
 The little children sang;
 Through pillared court and temple
 The joyful 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 earth and heaven
 Ride on in lowly state,
 Nor scorned that little children
 Should on His bidding wait.

3 "Hosanna in the highest!"
 The little children sang;
 For Christ is our Redeemer,
 The Lord of heaven our King.
 O may we ever praise Him
 With heart and life and voice,
 And in His blissful presence
 Eternally rejoice.

Charge & Benediction

HYMN

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

1. God be with you till we meet again;
 by his counsels guide, uphold you,
 with his sheep securely fold you;
 God be with you till we meet again.

3. God be with you till we meet again;
 when life's perils thick confound you,
 put his arms unailing round you;
 God be with you till we meet again.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

When God gathers us to worship, we share our joys and concerns with one another and commend them to God. Please pray for the people and churches whose names appear on this list, and add the joys and concerns that are shared during the service to theirs as you pray for others in the week to come.

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| The McNulty Family | The Morton Family |
| Christ Presbyterian Church (<i>Lebanon</i>) | |
| Mt. Olivet Presbyterian Church (<i>Hancock, MD</i>) | |
| Linda Hanner | Sam Rudy |
| Rhonda Newton & Steve Anderson (<i>376 High Street Milton, PA 17848</i>) | |
| Dick Geisel | Wallace Grissinger |
| Tim Young (<i>recovering from surgery</i>) | |
| Jim & Joyce Masters | Janet & Lin Sanders |
| Tom Trez (<i>heart procedure</i>) | Kay B (<i>cancer</i>) |
| Mary Asbury (<i>Clarence's mother- dementia</i>) | |
| Judy Blevins (<i>Clarence's sister - caretaker</i>) | |
| Pat Dudzinski (<i>Jane Michaliszyn's mom</i>) | |
| Edna Murphy (<i>Barbara Hughes' mother</i>) | |
| Marilyn Cooker (<i>Liz Kimmel's sister -pancreatic cancer</i>) | |
| Betty Brooks (<i>breast cancer</i>) | |
| Nicole (<i>struggling right now</i>) | |
| PNC Committee – Tom Dardick, Steve Grubb, Deb Hanner, Karen Howenstine, Ginger Johns,
Karen McLaughlin and Joyce Shirley | |