

PALM PASSION SUNDAY
March 28, 2021
1st Presbyterian of Rockaway

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Ride On, King Jesus”

Traditional Spiritual
Arr. by Gina Sprunger

CALL TO WORSHIP

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.

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

Hosanna in the highest!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ.

Today he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed

Messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way.

Let these branches be signs of his victory, and grant that we who carry them may

follow him in the way of the cross, that, dying and rising with him, we may enter

into your kingdom; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the

Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

Mark 11:1-10

HYMN 196

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!

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

Refrain

**All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!**

**The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present.**

Refrain

**All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!**

**To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.**

Refrain

**All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!**

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

Refrain

**All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess that we have sinned, and although we would like to deny it, we have forsaken you. We are horrified by the suffering we cause – to you, ourselves, and the world you have created. Open the gates of your forgiveness and restore us in your love, for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord God helps us; we will not be disgraced. The Lord God helps us; who can declare us guilty? Sisters and brothers, beyond the shadow of a doubt, our sins are forgiven. By the mercy of Christ, let us stand together forgiven and free.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come Holy Spirit, source of all life. As we hear again the stories of this most holy time, let the same mind be in us that was in Christ, who was a servant that we might be free. Awaken our ears, open our hearts, and sustain the weary with your Word.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

ISAIAH 50:4-9A

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the
beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷ The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸ he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

⁹ It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

PSALM 31:9-16

Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;
my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.

¹⁰ **For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.**

¹¹ I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbors,
an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.

¹² **I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken
vessel.**

¹³ For I hear the whispering of many— terror all around!—as they scheme together
against me, as they plot to take my life.

¹⁴ **But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, “You are my God.”**

¹⁵ My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

¹⁶ **Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.**

SERMON

WALKING TO THE CROSS

MARK 14:1-15:47

HYMN 216 BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, a nest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me;
And from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess:
The wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;
I ask not other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;

**Content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord!

MINUTE FOR MISSION LAURIE MORSE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER ON CHRIST'S PASSION

Our Redeemer suffered death, was buried and rose again for our sake. With love let us adore him, aware of our needs.

Christ our teacher, for us you were obedient, even to death:

Teach us to obey God's will in all things.

Christ our life, by dying on the cross you destroyed the power of evil and death:

Enable us to die with you, and to rise with you in glory.

Christ our strength, you were despised, and humiliated as a condemned criminal:

Teach us the humility by which you saved the world.

Christ our salvation, you gave your life out of love for us:

Help us to love one another.

Christ our Savior, on the cross you embraced all time with your outstretched arms:

Gather all the scattered children of God into your realm.

Jesus, Lamb of God,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,

grant us peace.

Eternal God, as we are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ, so give us the grace of repentance that we may pass through the grave with him and be born again to eternal life. For he is the One who was crucified, dead, and buried, and rose again for us, Jesus Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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 220 GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE

Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's power;
Your Redeemer's conflict see; watch with him one bitter hour;
Turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned;
O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.

Calvary's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet,
Mar the miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete;
"It is finished!" hear him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.

Early hasten to the tomb where they laid his breathless clay:
All is solitude and gloom. Who has taken him away?
Christ is risen! He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise.-+

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Lead Me to Calvary"

Tune: Duncannon
By William J. Kirkpatrick
Arr. by Gina Sprunger

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HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

MAUNDY THURSDAY, 7:00 PM APRIL 1, 2021

GOOD FRIDAY, 7:00 PM APRIL 2, 2021

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EVENING PRAYER
Wednesdays, 7:00 pm
Feb. 24 - Mar. 31, 2021

You are invited to participate in Evening Prayer on Wednesdays during Lent. We will be praying using lectio divina and will be praying selected psalms. Lectio divina is an ancient form of prayer using reading, meditation, prayer and contemplation. This form of prayer can be done in community or as a personal discipline. If you would like to participate, simply join us using the Zoom link below. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Nancy at yougnancy501@gmail.com.

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SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Time: 09:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

We will not meet April 11 but will start a new study on April 18. We will be reading *The Bible Tells Me So...Why Defending Scripture Has Made Us Unable to Read It* by Peter Enns.

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TUESDAY MORNING STUDY

Everything Is Spiritual: Finding Your Way in a Turbulent World

by Rob Bell

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