

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Palm Sunday
April 5, 2020

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

How scornfully the soldiers watched
That small procession go;
With what great pride and arrogance
Their legions wheeled to show
The might of Rome. But Caesars pass—
The court, the throne are dust,
The sword, the eagle-blazoned shield
And spear, alike, are rust.

Yet still through earth hosannas ring
In ever swelling tides,
And still across the centuries
The Galilean rides!

—Leslie Savage Clark

CALL TO WORSHIP

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Josh Johnson

☒ DOXOLOGY

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.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674. Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, attr. to Louis Bourgeois (1551).

☒ *Congregation stand as able.*

☒ READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Tracy Stephens

Zechariah 9:9-11,16-17

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹⁶On that day the LORD their God will save them, as the flock of his people; for like the jewels of a crown they shall shine on his land. ¹⁷For how great is his goodness, and how great his beauty! Grain shall make the young men flourish, and new wine the young women.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

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!

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.

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!

Words: Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 820; tr. by John Mason Neale, 1854; alt. Music: Melchior Teschner, ca. 1615.

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

John 11:45-12:19

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, ⁴⁶but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. ⁴⁷So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. ⁴⁸If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." ⁴⁹But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all.

⁵⁰Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish." ⁵¹He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, ⁵²and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. ⁵³So from that day on they made plans to put him to death. ⁵⁴Jesus therefore no longer walked openly among the Jews, but went from there to the region near the wilderness, to a town called Ephraim, and there he stayed with the disciples. ⁵⁵Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and many went up from the country to Jerusalem before the Passover to purify themselves. ⁵⁶They were looking for Jesus and saying to one another as they stood in the temple, "What do you think? That he will not come to the feast at all?" ⁵⁷Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that if anyone knew where he was, he should let them know, so that they might arrest him.

¹Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ²So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at table. ³Mary therefore took a pound of expensive

ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, ⁵“Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” ⁶He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. ⁷Jesus said, “Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me.” ⁹When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ¹⁰So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well, ¹¹because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. ¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵“Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” ¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

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.

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.

“Hosanna in the highest!” that ancient song we sing,
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!

Words: Jeanette Threlfall, 1821-1880. Music: Gesangbuch der H.W.k. Hofkapelle; adapt. and harm. by W.H. Monk; tune: ELLACOMBE.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dan Edwards

*Almighty God, our Heavenly Father,
Who sent Your Son to reign over us forever as our good and gracious King,
we acknowledge with great sorrow that we have rebelled against Your Majesty,
and thus we all justly deserve Your wrath and displeasure;
but You are full of steadfast love and mercy;
therefore, with bold humility, we plead for full forgiveness
and renewal of our sinful hearts,
that we may forever bow to Your sovereignty and shout Your praise,
to the honor and glory of Your Son Jesus Christ the King. Amen.*

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

PRAYER FOR GOD'S MERCY

"Trisagion"

Ho - - ly God,

3 Ho - ly and Migh - ty,

5 Ho - - ly im - mor - tal One, have

7 mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

Words: Book of Common Prayer. Music: Fernando Ortega. CCLI # 147209.

❏ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save;
 he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love;
 he will exult over you with loud singing.

—Zephaniah 3:17

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you forgiveness of all your sins,
 true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of
 His Holy Spirit.

☒ 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 Ghost,
 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 Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
 the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
 the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

☒ 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, amen.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

Liz Richardson and Daniel Smith

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
 Hear all the tribes hosanna cry;
 O Savior meek, pursue your road
 With palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
 In lowly pomp ride on to die.
 O Christ, your triumphs now begin
 O'er captive death and conquered sin.

Refrain:

Ride on to die, ride on to die!
 Then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
 The hosts of angels in the sky
 Look down with sad and wand'ring eyes
 To see th' approaching Sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
 Your last and fiercest strife is nigh.
 The Father on his sapphire throne
 Awaits his own anointed Son.
 (Refrain)

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
 In lowly pomp ride on to die.
 Bow your meek head to mortal pain,
 Then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign.
 (Refrain, twice)

Words: Henry Hart Milman, 1827. Music: Zac Hicks, 2018.

☒ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the LORD be with you.

And also with you.

Greet one another with words of peace and reconciliation.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**THE MORNING PRAYERS**

Steve Stigler

MESSAGE

"THE CHRISTIAN IN CRISIS: UNDERSTANDING JESUS"

Sandy Willson

PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

This we pray in the name of the One who taught us to pray, saying:

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.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

☒ HYMN OF DEVOTION

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

Take my life and let it be
 Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
 Take my moments and my days;
 Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
 Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
 At the impulse of Thy love.
 Take my feet and let them be
 Swift and beautiful for Thee,
 Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
 Not a mite would I withhold.
 Take my intellect and use
 Every power as Thou shalt choose,
 Every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine;
 It shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart it is Thine own;
 It shall be Thy royal throne,
 It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 At Thy feet its treasure-store.
 Take myself, and I will be
 Ever, only, all for Thee,
 Ever, only, all for Thee.

Words: Frances R. Havergal, 1874. Music: H. A. Cesar Malan, 1827.

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 Michael Latta
 Charlie Logan
 Paul Loyless
 Bob Schaffeld
 Lee Sheppard
 Steve Stigler
 Mark Taylor
 John Wood

2021

Eric Getty
 Russell Martin
 Daniel Murray
 Warren Norville
 Sandy Stradtman
 Clay Wheeler

2022

Ty Dedmon
 John Hamilton
 Mark Hogewood
 John James
 David O'Dell
 Norman Pless
 Kurt Senn

DEACONS

2020

Tripp Alexander
 Paul Darden
 Jay Evans
 Bryan Flores
 John Gant
 John David Gray
 Marty Martin
 Bud Miller
 Tyler O'Connor
 John Shults
 Danny Smith
 Robert Stephens
 Clark Worrell

2021

Nick Baggett
 Ward Bailey
 Samuel Bragg
 Trey Clegg
 Will Graham
 Jeff Hicks
 Jim Jenkins
 Alan Spooner
 Patrick Strong

2022

Jim Bennett
 William Edwards
 Merrill Johnston
 Randall Lancaster
 Mark Midyette
 Stephen Mince
 Clyde Prather
 John Shank
 Matt Thomas
 Greg Tomlinson

BIBLE READING PLAN

These readings are provided as a personal, family, or group worship resource. Use them along with your worship guide as resources for readings, prayers, and hymns. The scripture readings are from Ligonier Ministries and are designed around a one-year cycle that will allow you to read through the New Testament or the entire Bible in 2020.

MARCH READING PLAN

	JOSHUA	LUKE
28/29	<input type="checkbox"/> 19-22	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:17-6:26
30	<input type="checkbox"/> 23-34	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:27-49
	JUDGES	
31	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-2	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:1-30

APRIL READING PLAN

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9	<input type="checkbox"/> RUTH	<input type="checkbox"/> 11:29-54
	1 SAMUEL	
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	2 SAMUEL	
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