

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN

April 5, 2020 – 10:30 a.m.

Palm Sunday

From the triumphant “Hosannas!” to the Last Supper, the betrayal, and the agony of Gethsemane, we journey toward Good Friday and the glorious Resurrection with Jesus.

WELCOME

BLESSING OF THE “PALMS”

Almighty God, the people acclaimed Jesus as Messiah and King with palm branches in their hands, crying “Hosanna in the highest.” Although we might not have palms in our hands, we still have joy in our hearts, so we ask You, O Lord, to bless these items and make them holy.

May we, also, carry them forth from this place, acclaiming Jesus as our Messiah and King, following him in the way that leads to eternal life. Amen.

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

We raise our voices and wave, with joyful hope,
The palms of deliverance of God’s people.

Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David!

Our hearts are filled with expectation
As we welcome the coming King.

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

We receive into the crowded streets of our lives the one who is Savior,
Not only of us, but of all the earth.

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

*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.*

*From Olivet they followed, ‘mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven 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.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we have blamed You when the hosannas die and the parade turns into a mob scene. We heap our doubts on You even though our inaction adds power to those who shout, “Crucify!” We protest, but we know down deep that the victim of our silence is the way of love, the way of life. Forgive our cowardice, and help us to stand with Christ in a world that has forgotten humility and obedience to You. We ask this in Jesus. Name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI # 35

*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.*

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

Congregational Response:

*Breathe on me, Breath of God. Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.*

OFFERING SENTENCES

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*DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, Your Son Jesus expressed kingship not by taking, but by giving; not by demanding, but by sacrificing. Bless us now as we follow his example in the giving of ourselves in these signs of our lives – our tithes and offerings. We give them in Your honor, and for the good of the world. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Matthew 21:1-11

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef
“Blessed Is He Who Comes in the Name of the Lord”

COMMUNION HYMN

LET US BREAK BREAD

Let Us Break Bread Together

*Let us break bread together on our knees. (2x)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us drink wine together on our knees. (2x)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us praise God together on our knees. (2x)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us give thanks.

We give thanks, O God, because in Your own free gift of love, You have reached out to us. You have given life to us, touched our deepest needs, and called us to a life shared in memory and hope in these uncertain days. Send us forth in courage and joy in the name of Jesus Christ, that we, too, may become bread and peace for one another, and for the rest of our suffering world. Amen.

HYMN

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

ST. DROSTANE

*Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.
O Savior meek, pursue thy road with palms and scattered garments strowed.*

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

*Ride on! Ride on in majesty! The winged squadrons of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.*

*Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die. Bow thy meek head to
mortal pain, then take, O God, Thy power and reign.*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

God be with you till we meet again.

Loving counsels guide, uphold you,

With a shepherd's care enfold you.

God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet,

Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS

TO THE KITCHEN FOR COFFEE!