

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Celebration of Worship  
March 28, 2021 – Palm Sunday  
10:30 a.m.**

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*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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Deacon Barbara Small

THE 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.” With palms in our hands and joy in our hearts, we ask that you bless both our palms and our hearts 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 # 89

*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

*Sovereign God, we confess that we are just as fickle as the crowds in Jerusalem. When everything seems to be going well, we join the hosanna chorus, but in times of weariness or rebellion, praise can turn to insult. We hide our faith when it is under attack, and link ourselves with the scoffers. When there is opportunity to speak a good word for Jesus Christ, we are silent. We need Your forgiving love today, O God, more than ever. Hear our prayer and forgive us. Amen.*

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

#### 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.*

#### PRAYER CONCERNS

Elder Betty Chatfield

#### PASTORAL PRAYER & THE 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.*

#### INVITATION TO OFFERING

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#### 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.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*What You have done for us is marvelous in our eyes, Gracious God. Our gifts can never match Your goodness toward us. Your saving grace, Your healing light, Your personal sacrifice are so far beyond our imagining. We can only offer ourselves, all we have, and all we are, in response to the coming of Christ Jesus. Hosanna in the highest! Receive, O God, our humble service. Amen.*

A GIFT OF MUSIC  
Baritone

Peter Osterman,

*The Holy City (F. E. Weatherly and Stephen Adams)*

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Mark 11:1-11

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“A Triumphant Entrance”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

HYMN # 91  
DROSTANE

*Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*

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*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:

*Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God, our Creator, we are family.\*  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.*

*Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.*

(\*Original words: *With God as our Father, brothers all are we.*)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Welcome, Peter Osterman**

This morning, we welcome Peter Osterman, who will be singing the beautiful anthem, *The Holy City*. A resident of Massapequa Park, Peter has relatives who live in our area. He had his musical training at SUNY Potsdam's *Crane School of Music*. With music in his heart, Peter is studying for a career in the field of nutrition. Welcome, Peter!

### **One Great Hour of Sharing**

Today, we receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Special envelopes are included in your bulletin.

One third of your offering goes to the Presbyterian Hunger Program, one third to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and one third to the Self-Development of People Program.

When this program was started in 1949, the idea was for everyone to donate the equivalent of one hour's worth of wages; hence the title "One Great Hour of Sharing." Now people are simply asked to give whatever they choose.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### **Women's Choir Rehearsal**

The Women's Choir will rehearse immediately after church today.

### **Easter Flowers**

Today is the last day to reserve your Easter lilies at \$12 each.

Please sign up at the Welcome Table in the hall, then take an order form, fill it out, and give the form and your check to Betty Chatfield. Thank you!

### **Holy Week**

We will begin our Holy Week observance with the waving of palms today, as we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Those who wish may join our sisters and brothers at Sweet Hollow Presbyterian Church via Zoom for a Maundy Thursday service. Log-on information will be sent out this week.

FPCG will observe Good Friday with a Zoom service on April 2 at 7:30 p.m. Our service will be a Tenebrae Service, remembering the seven last words of Christ with readings and the extinguishing of the lights. Log-on information is as follows: The Meeting ID is: 929 3643 2633. The Passcode is:836542

Holy Week will conclude with a joyous in-person celebration of Christ's resurrection. Our Service will be full of prayers traditional Easter music, flowers, and much more. Our choir will sing *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* by J. S. Bach. Please join us at 10:30 in our Sanctuary on April 4, Easter Sunday morning.

### **Wednesday Lenten Services**

Our Wednesday Lenten Services have concluded. Thank you to those who participated.

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