

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT

### PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

April 5, 2020

9:30 a.m.

*Silent prayer for use in preparation for worship:*

*Merciful God,  
as we enter Holy Week and gather at Your house of prayer,  
may our hearts turn again to Jerusalem,  
to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ,  
that united with Christ and all the faithful  
we may one day enter in triumph  
the City not made with human hands,  
the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens,  
where with You and the Holy Spirit,  
Christ lives in glory forever, Amen.*

*From the **Book of Common Worship**, c. 1993*

#### INTROIT

*The Palms*

*J. Faure*

*The online congregation is invited to join in the refrain:*

*Join all and sing, His name declare, let every voice resound with acclamation,  
Hosannah! Praise ye the Lord! Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation.*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP / PRAYER OF ADORATION

*(from Psalm 24: 9-10, 118:26 and the **Book of Common Worship**, c. 1993)*

Lift up your heads, O gates! Be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of Glory may come in!

WHO IS THIS KING OF GLORY? THE LORD OF HOSTS, HE IS THE KING OF GLORY!

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

HOSANNAH IN THE HIGHEST!

Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's Paschal mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. The people welcomed Him with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before Him led to self-giving, suffering and death. Today we greet Him as our King, although we know His crown is thorns and His throne a cross. We follow Him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection by the dark road of suffering and death. Let us pray:

ASSIST US MERCIFULLY WITH YOUR HELP, LORD GOD OF OUR SALVATION, THAT WE MAY ENTER WITH JOY INTO THE CELEBRATION OF THOSE MIGHTY ACTS WHEREBY YOU GIVE US LIFE AND IMMORTALITY THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, AMEN.

#### \*HYMN

*All Glory, Laud and Honor*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(first silently, then in unison):*

ALMIGHTY AND MERCIFUL GOD, WE HAVE ERRED AND STRAYED FROM YOUR WAYS. WE HAVE FOLLOWED TOO MUCH THE DEVICES AND DESIRES OF OUR OWN HEARTS. WE HAVE OFFENDED AGAINST YOUR HOLY LAWS. WE HAVE LEFT UNDONE THOSE THINGS WE OUGHT TO HAVE DONE, AND WE HAVE DONE THOSE THINGS WE OUGHT NOT TO HAVE DONE. O LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US ACCORDING TO YOUR PROMISES DECLARED TO THE WORLD IN JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD. AND GRANT, O MERCIFUL GOD, FOR HIS SAKE, THAT WE MAY LIVE HOLY, JUST AND HUMBLE LIVES TO THE GLORY OF YOUR HOLY NAME, AMEN.  
*(From The Worship Sourcebook, c. 2004)*

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(responsively)*

Believe the good news of the Gospel.  
IN JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE FORGIVEN.

#### \*GLORIA PATRI

#### RESPONSIVE READING

#### SCRIPTURE READING

*Selections from II Chronicles 20*

#### \*HYMN

*Hosannah, Loud Hosannah*

#### SERMON

NOT YOUR BATTLE, PART II

#### \*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

#### OFFERING

*\*Doxology*

*\*Prayer of Dedication*

#### \*HYMN

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

*Nimrod (from Enigma Variations)*

*Edward Elgar*

*\*(Congregation standing, as able)*

## All Glory, Laud, and Honor

"Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the King of Israel!" John 12:13

1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,  
 2. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
 3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!  
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent:  
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

Thou art the King of Is - rael, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 to thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One!  
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

## Hail to the Lord's Anointed

In his days the righteous will flourish; prosperity will abound till the moon is no more.  
 Ps. 72:7

1. Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
 2. He comes with com - fort speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong;  
 3. He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;  
 4. O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest,

Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!  
 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth;  
 from age to age more glo - rious, all - bless - ing and all - blessed;

He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,  
 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,  
 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.  
 and righ - teous - ness, in foun - tains, from hill to val - ley flow.  
 his name shall stand for - ev - er—that name to us is Love.

# PASSION/PALM SUNDAY RESPONSIVE READING

From Psalm 118, Matthew 21, Luke 19, and Mark 11  
(New International Version, King James and New English Bibles)

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever.

**LET ISRAEL SAY: "HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER."**

It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.

**OPEN TO ME THE GATES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS; THAT I MAY ENTER THROUGH THEM AND GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD.**

This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

**I WILL GIVE YOU THANKS, FOR YOU ANSWERED ME; YOU HAVE BECOME MY SALVATION.**

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this is the LORD'S doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

**THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE; LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT. O LORD, SAVE US; O LORD, GRANT US SUCCESS.**

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless You.

**THE LORD IS GOD, AND HE HAS MADE HIS LIGHT SHINE UPON US. WITH BOUGHS IN HAND, JOIN IN THE FESTAL PROCESSION UP TO THE HORNS OF THE ALTAR.**

You are my God, and I will give You thanks; You are my God, and I will exalt You.

**GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD; HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER!**

They were now approaching Jerusalem, and when they reached Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples with these instructions:

**"GO TO THE VILLAGE AHEAD OF YOU, AND AS YOU ENTER IT, YOU WILL FIND TETHERED THERE A COLT WHICH NO ONE HAS YET RIDDEN. UNTIE IT AND BRING IT HERE."**

If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here without delay.'

**THIS TOOK PLACE TO FULFILL WHAT WAS SPOKEN THROUGH THE PROPHET: "SAY TO THE DAUGHTER OF ZION, 'SEE, YOUR KING COMES TO YOU, MEEK AND RIDING ON A DONKEY, ON A COLT, THE FOAL OF A DONKEY.'**"

They went and found a colt outside in the street, tethered at a door. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?"

**THEY ANSWERED AS JESUS HAD TOLD THEM, AND THE PEOPLE LET THEM GO. SO THEY BROUGHT THE COLT TO JESUS AND SPREAD THEIR CLOAKS ON IT, AND HE MOUNTED.**

Many people carpeted the road with their cloaks, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

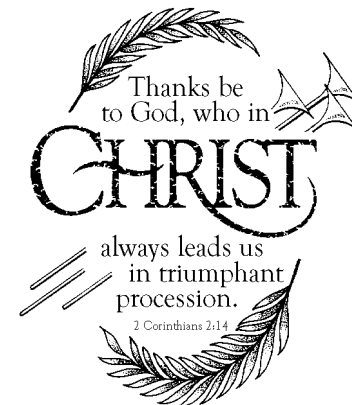
**"HOSANNAH! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD! BLESSED IS THE COMING KINGDOM OF OUR FATHER DAVID! PEACE IN HEAVEN AND GLORY IN THE HIGHEST!"**

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" "I tell you," He replied, "If they keep quiet, the stones will cry out." When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred. "Who is this?" people asked.

**AND THE CROWD REPLIED, "THIS IS JESUS, THE PROPHET FROM NAZARETH IN GALILEE."**

The Word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD.**



## II CHRONICLES 20:1-34

After this, the Moabites and Ammonites with some of the Meunites came to wage war against Jehoshaphat. Some people came and told Jehoshaphat, *"A vast army is coming against you from Edom, from the other side of the Dead Sea. It is already in Hazezon Tamar (that is, En Gedi)."*

Alarmed, Jehoshaphat resolved to inquire of the Lord, and he proclaimed a fast for all Judah. The people of Judah came together to seek help from the Lord; indeed, they came from every town in Judah to seek Him.

Then Jehoshaphat stood up in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem at the temple of the Lord in the front of the new courtyard and said:

*"Lord, the God of our ancestors, are You not the God Who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in Your hand, and no one can withstand You. Our God, did You not drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham Your friend? They have lived in it and have built in it a sanctuary for your Name, saying, 'If calamity comes upon us, whether the sword of judgment, or plague or famine, we will stand in Your presence before this temple that bears Your Name and will cry out to You in our distress, and You will hear us and save us. But now here are men from Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir, whose territory you would not allow Israel to invade when they came from Egypt; so they turned away from them and did not destroy them. See how they are repaying us by coming to drive us out of the possession you gave us as an inheritance. Our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you."*

All the men of Judah, with their wives and children and little ones, stood there before the Lord. Then the Spirit of the Lord came on Jahaziel son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite and descendant of Asaph, as he stood in the assembly.

He said: *"Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the Lord says to you: 'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's. Tomorrow march down against them. They will be climbing up by the Pass of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the gorge in the Desert of Jeruel. You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you, Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the Lord will be with you.'*

Jehoshaphat bowed down with his face to the ground, and all the people of Judah and Jerusalem fell down in worship before the Lord. Then some Levites from the Kohathites and Korahites stood up and praised the Lord, the God of Israel, with a very loud voice.

Early in the morning they left for the Desert of Tekoa. As they set out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, *"Listen to me, Judah and people of Jerusalem! Have faith in the Lord your God and you will be upheld; have faith in his prophets and you will be successful."* After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to

the Lord and to praise him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying: *"Give thanks to the Lord, for His love endures forever."*

As they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated. The Ammonites and Moabites rose up against the men from Mount Seir to destroy and annihilate them. After they finished slaughtering the men from Seir, they helped to destroy one another.

When the men of Judah came to the place that overlooks the desert and looked toward the vast army, they saw only dead bodies lying on the ground; no one had escaped. So Jehoshaphat and his men went to carry off their plunder, and they found among them a great amount of equipment and clothing and also articles of value — more than they could take away. There was so much plunder that it took three days to collect it. On the fourth day they assembled in the Valley of Berakah, where they praised the Lord. This is why it is called the Valley of Berakah to this day.

Then, led by Jehoshaphat, all the men of Judah and Jerusalem returned joyfully to Jerusalem, for the Lord had given them cause to rejoice over their enemies. They entered Jerusalem and went to the temple of the Lord with harps and lyres and trumpets.

The fear of God came on all the surrounding kingdoms when they heard how the Lord had fought against the enemies of Israel. And the kingdom of Jehoshaphat was at peace, for his God had given him rest on every side.

So Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah. He was thirty-five years old when he became king of Judah, and he reigned in Jerusalem twenty-five years. His mother's name was Azubah daughter of Shilhi. He followed the ways of his father Asa and did not stray from them; he did what was right in the eyes of the Lord. The high places, however, were not removed, and the people still had not set their hearts on the God of their ancestors.

The other events of Jehoshaphat's reign, from beginning to end, are written in the annals of Jehu son of Hanani, which are recorded in the book of the kings of Israel.

The Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Adapted from the Book of Common Worship, c. 1993,  
"Alternative Text for Use on Passion/Palm Sunday"

"Our Redeemer suffered death, was buried and rose again for our sake."

Christ our Teacher, for us You were obedient, even unto death:

**SO TEACH US TO OBEY GOD'S WILL IN ALL THINGS.**

Christ our Life, by Your death and resurrection You destroyed the power of sin and death:

**ENABLE US TO DIE WITH YOU, AND TO RISE WITH YOU IN GLORY.**

Christ our Strength, You were despised, rejected and humiliated as a condemned criminal:

**TEACH US THE HUMILITY BY WHICH YOU SAVED US.**

Christ our Salvation, You gave Your life out of love for us:

**SO HELP US TO LOVE YOU AND TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER.**

Christ our Savior, on the cross You embraced all time with Your outstretched arms:

**GATHER THE SCATTERED CHILDREN OF GOD OF EVERY TIME AND EVERY PLACE INTO YOUR KINGDOM.**

Jesus, Lamb of God,

**HAVE MERCY ON US.**

Jesus, Bearer of our sins,

**HAVE MERCY ON US.**

Jesus, Redeemer of the world,

**GRANT US THY PEACE.**

Eternal God: as we are baptized into Jesus' death, so give us the grace of repentance that we may pass through the grave with Him and be born again to life abundant and eternal. For He is the One who was crucified, dead, and buried, and rose again for us, Jesus our Savior, who taught us to pray, "OUR FATHER ..."

## Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

*Hosanna: Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.* Mark 11:9

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*Gesangbuch, Württemberg, 1784*

Jennette Threlfall, 1873

1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na The lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,  
3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang;  
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, And chant - ing clear and loud;  
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n, our King;

To Je - sus, who had blessed them Close fold - ed to His breast,  
The Lord of men and an - gels Rode on in low - ly state,  
O may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice,

The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.  
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.  
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice! A - men.

**GREENWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**Presbyterian  
April 5, 2020**



*WE WELCOME ALL* who are worshipping with us today via this online Service of Worship. As mentioned last week, this is brand new territory for us, so please be patient as we learn how to correct the inevitable technical glitches of this work in progress. We understand some had various “buffering” issues and/or other interruptions, while many experienced no difficulties at all. We’ve made some technical adjustments which may help; however, if any problems continue for you during this live streaming, know that the archived service will be made available later today. A special word of welcome is extended to any who are visiting with us on line this morning...whether you are visiting us for an hour or looking for a new church home, welcome to our fellowship.

Sadly, it looks like for the first time in our nation’s history of our nation churches will be closed for Easter Sunday. We will broadcast live stream at 9:30, and do plan to adorn the chancel with flowers as per our annual tradition. **The deadline for ordering flowers is TODAY, April 5.** If you would like to place an order, please email ([info@gccp.org](mailto:info@gccp.org)) or drop off the attached **Easter Flower Form** in our mailbox.

We will offer live stream worship services at **7:00 PM Maundy Thursday** and at **12:00 noon Good Friday**. Also, the **midweek Hymn Sing** hosted by John & Olivia Black via Facebook Live the past three Wednesdays has been a wonderfully refreshing and inspiring experience, with over fifty tuning in locally as well as from out of state. **Log on Wednesday at 7:00 PM!**

Following the offertory this morning we will be dedicating tithes and offerings received via mail; **THANK YOU** to all who have remained constant in your financial support of our church, especially during this time of economic hardship for many and when we are unable to meet together as a congregation. Some have given by utilizing “**Bill Pay**” options offered by most banks, others have **mailed or dropped off donations** to the church office, and an option for **on line giving** via a service provided by the **Presbyterian Foundation** is in the works ... we learned the Foundation has been somewhat overwhelmed by a flood of requests for their services at this time, and are themselves telecommuting/working largely from their homes, so there is a bit of a delay. Again, we’ll keep you posted as things develop;

**THE 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

**Easter Flower Form**

We would appreciate your participation in the beautification of our sanctuary for Easter by donating or lending Easter plants for our chancel. You may purchase your own plant and make arrangements for the delivery to the church by **APRIL 11** or you may order through the church. Please indicate your wishes on this form and return it to the church office no later than Sunday, **APRIL 5!**

Please check the appropriate choices below:

\_\_\_\_\_ I will lend a plant and pick it up after the 11:00 service on Easter Sunday.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will donate a plant which is to be given to a shut-in.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will bring my plant to church by Saturday, **APRIL 11**, between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will order \_\_\_\_\_ plants = \_\_\_\_\_ and have enclosed payment with the appropriate plants checked off below.

\_\_\_\_\_ Lily plant(s) \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Tulip plant(s) \$8.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Daffodil plant(s) \$8.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Hydrangeas (pink) \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Hydrangeas (blue) \$20.00

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**The deadline for ordering is: SUNDAY, APRIL 5**

