

# Palm Sunday

April 5, 2020

9:30 A.M.

## Thought for Reflection

*It looks like we're in this for the long haul. Be gentle with yourself and with others, and continue (or start) practices and simple joys that sustain your soul. Nurture your friendships and human connections. Pray daily and trust God.*

*From [www.pcusa.org/covid19/](http://www.pcusa.org/covid19/)*

**Prelude** *Hosanna* Wachs

## Welcome

**Silent Meditation** Meister Eckhart (c. 1260 – c. 1328)  
*"True spiritual life leads to perfect freedom from self and all things."*

## Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus is coming. Pave the way with branches. Jesus is coming. Hosanna!

**People: Hosanna. Jesus is coming. Hosanna to the Prince of Peace. Hosanna. Jesus is coming. Hosanna to the Prince of Peace.**

Leader: Hope for the downtrodden. Pave the way with branches.

**People: Hope for the downtrodden. Hosanna!**

Leader: Land for the landless. Pave the way with branches.

**People: Land for the landless. Hosanna!**

Leader: Debts are forgiven. Pave the way with branches.

**People: Debts are forgiven. Hosanna!**

Leader: Release for the captives. Pave the way with branches.

**People; Release for the captives. Hosanna!**

Leader: We have gathered to worship the living God, the God who came that we might have life and have it more abundantly.

## Opening Prayer

**Opening Hymn** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

## Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Dear God, we confess our distress when afflicted with pain. We often avoid those encounters that will cause us discomfort. It is easier to hide from distress than to be exposed to forms of misery and grief. We cannot hide from this pandemic. Yet our eternal faith is steadfast and we believe Christ was sacrificed for all. Help us to trust in him when he calls us to bear more than we are used to.

*(Moment of silence)*

## Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Our assurance of pardon is in Jesus, "who, 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...and became obedient to the point of death...on a cross." Through his obedience we are freed from whatever bondage enslaves us.

## Gloria Patri

### God Speaks Through the Word

## Children's Time

## Blessing of the Palms (in unison)

Eternal God, thank you for sending your Son and paving the way for our lives to be set free through Jesus' death on the cross. Thank you for what this day stands for – the beginning of Holy Week, the start of the journey towards the power of the cross, the victory of the Resurrection, and the rich truth that Jesus truly is our King of Kings. "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord..." Amen

**Solo** *The Palms* Faure  
Kathy Barbehenn

**Scripture Readings** *Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29*  
*Philippians 2:5-11*

**Hymn** *At the Name of Jesus*

**Scripture** *Matthew 21:1-11*

**Sermon** *Do You Know Him?* Rev. Phil Davis

**Offering** Mail in your gifts or look for instructions for online giving in the April *Pathway*

## Prayer Requests

## Prayers of the People

## The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

**Closing Hymn** *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*

## Benediction

**Response** *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

**Postlude** *All Hail the Power* arr. Broughton

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. WELCOME to Webster Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us today.
2. THE CHURCH OFFICE is being staffed on a limited basis to receive emails ([office@websterpres.org](mailto:office@websterpres.org), [Kboard@websterpres.org](mailto:Kboard@websterpres.org)) and return your phone messages (585-265-9700). Please check your email regularly for special announcements and prayer requests. If you have not been receiving emails from the church, contact us with your correct email address.
3. IN CASE OF EMERGENCY when the church office is closed, you may contact Barb Hach (746-0764), Elaine Wilbert (503-9141) or Georgia Hubbard (265-1224) for assistance.
4. SUNDAY SERVICES are being live-streamed at the church's Facebook site (<https://www.facebook.com/Websterpres/>) and can be viewed in real time or later at your leisure. We are also live-streaming on Zoom for those who do not have a Facebook account. See the instructions on how to access Zoom in the April *Pathway* which was emailed out to the congregation this past Wednesday.
5. JOIN US FOR AN OPEN DISCUSSION about the morning's service and other things that are on your mind at a Virtual Narthex this evening at 7:00. Link into Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/690945403>.
6. A \$500 CHECK from the Session Discretionary Mission Fund has been sent to Rochester Regional Health COVID-19 fund and will be used to pay for food that has to be ordered for front line workers such as doctors, nurses, technicians, etc. at RGH and Unity Hospitals as their cafeterias are not open to the staff.
7. FIRST QUARTER Financial Donor Statements will not be sent out this month. If you would like to know the status of your pledge donations, please call the church office (265-9700) and speak with Georgia Hubbard or leave a message on her answering machine and she will provide you with the desired information.

## LECTIONARY PASSAGES

### Today Palm Sunday

New Testament *Matthew 21:1-11*  
Psalm *Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29*

### Passion Sunday

Old Testament *Isaiah 50:4-9a*  
Psalm *Psalms 31:9-16*  
New Testament *Philippians 2:5-11*  
Gospel *Matthew 26:14 - 27:66*

### Next Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

#### Easter Sunday

Old Testament *Jeremiah 31:1-6*  
Psalm *Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24*  
New Testament *Acts 10:34-43*  
Gospel *John 20:1-18*

#### Easter Evening

Old Testament *Isaiah 25:6-9*  
Psalm *Psalms 114*  
New Testament *I Corinthians 5:6b-8*  
Gospel *Luke 24:13-49*

## MEMORY VERSE

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."*

*I Peter 4:10*

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