

Celebration of Worship

March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

9:30 A.M.

We are followers of Jesus Christ, living and sharing the love of God through faith and action, welcoming all.

Prelude

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Reflection

Barbara Brown Taylor, *An Altar in the World*

“When Christians speak of the mystery of the incarnation, this is what they mean: for reasons beyond anyone’s understanding, God has decided to be made known in flesh. Matter matters to God. The most ordinary things are drenched in divine possibility. Pronouncing blessings upon them is the least we can do.”

Ringling of the Bell

Gathering Song

Be Still for the Presence

Insert

Call to Worship

Leader: With crowds from ancient times we cry,

People: Hosanna! Save Us!

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

People: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

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

People: We bless you in the house of the Lord!

Leader: Lo, your King comes to you, triumphant and victorious is he,

People: Humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

All: Let us worship the living God!

Hymn

All Glory, Laud and Honor

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Prayer of Invocation

Leader: God of salvation, our Lord entered his passion to raise us to life. In this holiest of weeks, help us to walk the way of the cross, that we may be raised in a resurrection like his and dwell forever in you. Eternal God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

People: Merciful God, as we enter this Holy Week of Lent, solemnly gathered at your house of prayer, we turn our hearts toward Jerusalem. We want to walk the way with Jesus, to be present each step from the Mount of Olives to the cross to the empty tomb. And yet we fall away.

Forgive our stubborn resistance to Christ’s work and witness. Inspire us by your Spirit to follow in his way until we enter with him into the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Moment of Silence

What does blessing mean to you?

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The one who rode into Jerusalem to cheering crowds knew that the cross awaited. In this way, we might know the great love of God for us. Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, has defeated sin forever.

People: Hear and believe this good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Gloria Patri

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Time

Hymn

Blest Are They

Insert

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

Anthem

Hosanna to Jesus

Craig Courtney

Chanel Choir

Hosanna to Jesus, our Savior and King, to Jesus, the mighty to save.

The legions of darkness He captive has led, and opened the door of the grave.

Hosanna! Hosanna! All glory to Him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Through whom is salvation to all that believe and trust in His life-giving word.

The kingdoms of earth shall be crumbled to dust; their thrones and their splendor shall fall;

But Jesus, exalted forever, shall reign Creator and Monarch of all.

“Hosanna to Jesus,” O sound it abroad, His wonderful mercy make known

That every poor wanderer away from the fold may come and be saved at His throne.

Scripture Reading

Mark 11:1-11

Sermon

Blessed

Pastor Nadia Mullin

Blessing the Palms

People: Sovereign God, we thank you for these palms. By your blessing may they be for us signs of the victory of your Son. May we who carry them in his name ever hail him as our Messiah and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Invitation to the Offering

Please place your offering in the plates at the exit doors,
mail your gifts to the church, or click the WPC website "Give" button. Thank you!

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Blessing of the Offering

All: As the crowds cried, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord," we are truly grateful for the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ our Lord. Receive these gifts as a symbol of the dedication of our very selves to you, O God. Use our gifts and use us as a part of the inbreaking of your kingdom, which comes and is still coming into our world today. Amen.

Service of Holy Communion

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Hymn *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* # 89

Benediction and Choral Response

Postlude

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Service of Holy Communion

Invitation

Pastor: We come to the table, waving our palm branches high. And as we do so, we know that our shouts of Hosanna will soon become shouts of Crucify him! The table calls us back to Jesus, our Messiah. Young or old, rich or poor, broken or whole, you are welcome here.

Pastor: The Lord be with you,

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: Through a season of exile, we've journeyed together in the valleys of the dry bones, parched and looking for water in the mountains hoping to hear the voice of God, in times of tears drowning in the voice of the tempter, grieving for loved ones near and far.

And so we arrive at the gates of Jerusalem. With palms in hand, we seek the first sight of Jesus on a donkey. We are ready to proclaim at the top of our voices:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's name.

Pastor: For it's this week that Jesus entered into Jerusalem, flipping the tables of injustice, preaching and teaching for those yearning to hear the message of God.

And then came the night when Jesus was ready to gather with friends, celebrate their time together, and mourn what could have been. While they were eating, Jesus took the loaf of bread. After blessing and breaking the loaf, he said to his friends, "Take, eat; this is my body." And after supper, he took the cup and gave thanks for the blessings. He gave it to his followers, saying to them, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood, bound in covenant. Remember me as we drink together." Remember that God will forgive your sins.

They sang together one more time before Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. It is at this time that we remember that:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pastor: Spirit of God, bless our bread and cup. Bless all of us as we reflect together on this holiest of weeks. Bless our minds and hearts during our time at the table today as we seek the grace given to us by you. Amen.

The Distribution of the Elements

You will be receiving the elements in your seats today.

When you receive the bread, hold it so we can all partake together at the same time.

Please do the same with the cup after you receive it.

Gluten-free elements are available upon request to the server.

Concluding Prayer

All: As we enter this Holy Week, we thank you, O God, for the strength we gain from this meal. May we take our Hosannas and share them with all the world. Through Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Hymn

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude

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Lectionary Passages

Today, March 24th

Next Sunday, March 31st

Palms

Psalm Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Gospel Mark 11:1-11

Passion

Old Testament *Isaiah 50:4-9a*

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm *Psalm 31:9-16*

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

New Testament *Philippians 2:5-11*

Acts 10:34-43

Gospel *Mark 14:1 - 15:47*

Mark 16:1-8

Memory Verse

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?"

John 11:25-26

Be Still for the Presence

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.
Come, bow before Him now with reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found; we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

All Glory, Laud and Honor

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Refrain: (sung after each verse)

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 people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went.
Our praise and prayers 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 prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!

Gloria Patri

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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.

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. WELCOME to Webster Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us, whether in person or by live-streaming.
You can live-stream at 9:30 or later at your leisure using:
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Websterpres/> or
YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzM5thYxua2HQSPF6P71wA>
THIS SERVICE IS LIVESTREAMED on YouTube and Facebook. Participation in and/or observation of the service implies acknowledgement that your image may be seen on the stream at the time of the service and in the future.
2. ADULT ED. today concludes "A Journey Through Lent: Reflecting on Christ's Sacrifice for Us" DVD sermon series by the late Timothy Keller. We begin promptly at 10:45 in Room 9/10, addressing the topic "Prayer for Security" and referencing *Psalms 16*. To Zoom in, use the link below:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82938906726?pwd=NUlkaHpTY3hYR2pFZFhaN1U0NFE1Zz09>
NEXT WEEK - No class - Easter - Celebrate the risen Lord!
3. ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING envelopes are in the chair racks for those who like to donate to this worthy cause. Funds are used in the USA and internationally in 3 ways: to assist in major disaster relief, to provide emergency food and supplies to under-served areas, and to provide needy communities with self-help resources. Needs are especially great this year, so please consider making a generous contribution. Cash and checks made out to WPC will be collected through Easter.
4. DURING HOLY WEEK, the Labyrinth will again be available for prayerful walking in the Social Room, as well as a display of posters, visually depicting the Stations of the Cross which follow Jesus through His Passion from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Cross. On Holy Saturday morning at 9 AM via ZOOM, there will be a time of silent, contemplative prayer for 30 minutes; the link is:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8020641367?pwd=VnlXcDITWjZIS2d0NE96dmVFeVB4dz09&omn=88328754973>
5. FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT has been rescheduled for Friday, April 5th, at 7:00 in the Sanctuary. The movie will be The Super Mario Bros Movie. This event is free of charge with snacks and popcorn provided. All are welcome!
6. KITS FOR CHILDREN'S SURGICAL CAPS for Golisano Children's Hospital are on the table in the hallway opposite the office for interested volunteers to sew. Heart and Hand thanks you for your help with this project.

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday with Communion

7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

Good Friday

7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

Easter Sunday

9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Labrinth will be set up in the Social Room, available for walking in meditation and prayer from Maundy Thursday through Easter Sunday.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in PreK through 5th Grade
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. Lenten DVD Sermons Series in Room 9/10

Monday, March 25

- 5:30 P.M. Rachel Circle Dinner Event
Girl Scout Troop 752 in Room 9/10
- 6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social & Memorial Rooms

Tuesday, March 26

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:15 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10
- 7:00 P.M. Worship & Music Committee Meeting on Zoom

Wednesday, March 27

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys' Restaurant
- 4:00 P.M. Staff Meeting on Zoom
- 5:30 P.M. Nar-Anon Meeting in Room 9/10
- 7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

Thursday, March 28 - Maundy Thursday

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 7:00 P.M. Worship Service in the Chapel

Friday, March 29 - Good Friday

- 7:00 P.M. Worship Service in the Chapel

Saturday, March 30

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom (link below)
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8020641367?pwd=VnlXcDITWjZIS2d0NE96dmVFeVB4dz09&omn=88328754973>

Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in PreK through 5th Grade