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John 12:13



Grace Presbyterian Church

Fort Wayne, IN

March 24th, 2024

Palm Sunday

Community Worship on Zoom – Live Stream/Replay on Facebook

Sunday Service – March 24th, 2024

How can we pray for you? Let us know at prayerrequests@gpcfww.org or in the
Zoom/Facebook Chat!

We invite you to join in the liturgy by speaking the parts in ***BOLD*** with us from your homes!

10:15 – Zoom Meeting Starts ~ ~ ~ 10:20 – Facebook Live Stream Starts

10:30 – Live Prelude Starts *The Holy City* by Adams

Welcome

Call to Worship – adapted from Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

Triumphant and victorious is he,

Humble and riding on a donkey,

On a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Opening Hymn #196 “ All Glory, Laud and Honor”

Call to Confession –

We have journeyed with our Lord Jesus Christ in the wilderness of testing and from Galilee to Jerusalem. We enter this week made holy by our Lord’s obedience to the Father and his love for all who would believe. Jesus has made this journey for our sake and the sake of all sinners. With thanksgiving for Christ’s selfless obedience, let us come before God In confession.

Prayer of Confession – from *The Worshipbook* - 1970

Eternal God: in Jesus Christ you entered Jerusalem to die for our sins. We confess we have not hailed you as king, or gone before you in the world with praise. For brief faith that fades in trouble, for enthusiasms that fizzle out, for hopes we parade but do not pursue, have mercy on us. Forgive us, God, and give us such trust in your power that, in every city, we may live for justice and tell your loving-kindness; for the sake of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Time for silent confession

Assurance of Pardon — adapted from *Homiletics - March 2003*

Leader: Hear the good news of the Gospel. We already know the ending of the story. Though we participate in Christ's betrayal, our salvation is sure because God raised Jesus from the dead. Hear and believe this incredibly good news. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Song of Assurance #581 "Gloria Patri"

Passing the Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The Peace and Love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you!

Please take a moment to greet your neighbor and others with the peace of Christ.

Children's Message

Time for Music & Meditation

Prayer for Illumination

Let us Pray: God of light: in the scriptures that you have inspired, your story of faithfulness across thousands of years is told. Promises made to Abraham, Hebrews freed from slavery and King David are fulfilled in the lives of exiles coming home from Babylon and in the life of Jesus our Lord. As we read from your sacred scriptures, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that we might hear the story of your unending faithfulness and love in the few verses that we read.

Amen.

Scripture Reading: Hebrew Bible Reading — I Kings 1:33-35

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³³ he said to them: “Take your lord’s servants with you and have Solomon my son mount my own mule and take him down to Gihon. ³⁴ There have Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him king over Israel. Blow the trumpet and shout, ‘Long live King Solomon!’ ³⁵ Then you are to go up with him, and he is to come and sit on my throne and reign in my place. I have appointed him ruler over Israel and Judah.”

Choir Anthem

Scripture Reading: Gospel Reading – John 12:12-16

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¹² The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. ¹³ They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting,

“Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Blessed is the king of Israel!”

¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

¹⁵ “Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion;
see, your king is coming,
seated on a donkey’s colt.”

¹⁶ At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.

Sermon

Promises Fulfilled

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,

died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of Response #318 “In Christ There Is No East of West”

Prayers of the People and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Ministry Moment – James Wolfe

Call to Offering

As our Lord Jesus Christ answered the call of his Father to a life of service, our king Jesus calls us to answer the call to serve in our time and place to the glory of God. Answering that call, let us present our offerings to the Lord with joyful hearts.

Offertory *The Palms* by Faure

Doxology #606 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Prayer of Dedication –

Let us pray. Generous and Gracious God; you have called us to grow in our love for Christ by walking the Lenten journey with our Lord. As we walk these last days to Good Friday and Easter, we are reminded that in Jesus Christ you have given your very self for our salvation. With hearts filled with wonder and love, we present our gifts and ourselves to you. Receive our gifts for your continuing work of salvation in the world. We pray in Christ’s name. **Amen**

Announcements

Closing Hymn #268 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Charge and Benediction

With hearts and minds open to all that our Lord would share with us in this week made holy by Christ’s death and resurrection, go out into the world to tell the good news that Christ our King rules with love and peace for all.

May the love of God, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and fellowship of the Holy Spirit rest upon us today and always. Amen.

Postlude

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna by Hofkapelle

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Just Neighbors: Grace is providing dinner for our local Just Neighbors’ clients March 10-15. We’ve a little less help this time around and could use assistance with sides and desserts. If you would like to be part of this, please contact Betsy Kachmar.

Grace’s Lenten Bible Study: The seven-week study meets each Wednesday of Lent at 5:30 PM. Even if you haven’t attended yet, you are still invited to join an upcoming evening.

Volunteers Needed for Easter Egg Hunt: Our Easter egg Hunt for the Foundations First children is Thursday, March 28, in the morning. If you can help please sign up in the narthex. We are also in need of candy donations. There is a bin in the Narthex. More exact details will be shared as the event comes together.

Communion Next Sunday:

Boy Scouts Easter Breakfast: Troop 15 will be providing their annual Easter Breakfast for Grace on March 31st. Please save the date. There is a signup in the narthex to help gage how much to cook (but don’t worry if you don’t sign up – they make extra). More information will be provided as it comes in.

Save the Date - Baseball: Grace and friends are scheduling another Tin Caps outing. The calendar date is May 19th and the cost is \$29. There is a sign up for the game in the narthex. More information will be shared as the plans come together.

Grace & the Neighborhood Garage Sale: Grace will be participating with the North Highlands garage sale day. If you have items to donate we will be collecting them in our library. Please no clothes. Proceeds from the donated items will go towards sprucing up the lower level women's restroom. Members and friends can reserve a table to join in the sale for a \$10 donation. More information will be posted as we approach the June 14th & 15th sale.

New Blood for the Tech Volunteers: There has been a request for additional volunteers to help with video and sound during our services. It's not difficult or scary -- and you will receive training. If you can help, please talk to one of our volunteers.

Birthdays

Karla Lee – March 29

ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS

To connect to our worship services on Zoom, follow these instructions to watch or listen. You can connect at 10:15 for fellowship; the service starts at 10:30.

Option 1: Automatically Join the Meeting

Follow the link in the email sent every week. This is by far the easiest way to connect to the live video.

Option 2: Manually Join the Meeting

You can download Zoom from <https://www.zoom.us>.

After you have installed the program/app, click on "Join" and enter this information:

Meeting ID: 9712063468 **Password:** 030414

Option 3: Call in to Listen (Audio Only)

On Sunday Morning, you can call to listen to the service. After you call, it will ask you to enter the Meeting ID and Password Below:

Phone Number: (301) 715-8592 **Meeting ID:** 9712063468 **Password:** 030414

All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

TEXT: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820; trans. John Mason Neale, 1851, alt.
 MUSIC: Melchior Teschner, 1614; arr. William Henry Monk, 1861

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN
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Glory Be to the Father 581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

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In Christ There Is No East or West 318

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in

him no south or north, but one great fel - low -
 high com - mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 e'er your race may be. All chil - dren of the
 him meet south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me,
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This text formed a very small part of an elaborate Christian missionary pageant in the early 20th century, yet it has endured while the grander aspects of that production have faded away. It is set to a simple 19th-century tune that does not get in the way of its message.

TEXT: John Oxenhorn, 1908; alt.
 MUSIC: Alexander Robert Reinagle, 1836

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 (alternate tune: MC KEE, 317)

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606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures
here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Or "God"

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDRETH
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Crown Him with Many Crowns 268

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;

hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound.