

**“Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's name.”**

**Psalm 118:26**



**Grace Presbyterian Church**

**Fort Wayne, IN**

**April 13, 2025**

**Palm Sunday**

**Community Worship on Zoom – Live Stream/Replay on Facebook**

## Sunday Service – April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

*How can we pray for you? Let us know at [prayerrequests@gpcfww.org](mailto: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 (done by the liturgist)**

Welcome to our worship all who are present in the sanctuary, and to those joining us on Live Stream. We are so glad you are able to join us in worship!

Today we welcome to our pulpit, Rev. Ann Pitman

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

#### **Call to Worship –**

Children of God, Rejoice!

Sing out in celebration, God's people!

Your King is coming to you,  
humble, riding on a donkey,  
on a donkey's foal.

**Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the one who comes  
in the Lord's name.**

**Glory to God! Hosanna!**

#### **Call to Confession –**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But when we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all righteousness. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

#### **Prayer of Confession –**

Lord Jesus Christ, we recognize that Your life among us was one of sacrifice. That You came to confront the hatred, fear, violence and evil in us. That You seek to throw over the tables of greed and injustice in us. Forgive us when we resist Your coming, when we reject You and seek to silence Your transforming and challenging influence.

**Assurance of Pardon —**

Have mercy on us, O God, do not cease to come to us and to call us to life. Help us to embrace the way of the cross and to live in the power of Your death-defying love. For Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

**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: O God, draw near to us for we open our ears to hear, and we open our hearts to receive, this your Holy Word. **Amen.**

**Scripture Reading: Hebrew Bible Reading — Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29**

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1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.

2 Let Israel say:  
“His love endures forever.”

19 Open for me the gates of the righteous;  
I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

20 This is the gate of the Lord  
through which the righteous may enter.

21 I will give you thanks, for you answered me;  
you have become my salvation.

22 The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;

23 the Lord has done this,

and it is marvelous in our eyes.  
24 The Lord has done it this very day;  
let us rejoice today and be glad.  
  
25 Lord, save us!  
Lord, grant us success!  
26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
From the house of the Lord we bless you.  
27 The Lord is God,  
and he has made his light shine on us.  
With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession  
up to the horns of the altar.  
28 You are my God, and I will praise you;  
you are my God, and I will exalt you.  
29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.

### **Choir Anthem #19 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”**

**Scripture Reading: Gospel Reading — Luke 19:28-40** p.1631  
28 After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. 29 As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 30 “Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 31 If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”  
  
32 Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. 33 As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”  
  
34 They replied, “The Lord needs it.”  
  
35 They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. 36 As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.  
  
37 When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

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

“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

40 “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

## Sermon

**Affirmation of Faith:** from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hymn of Response #198 “Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”

**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.

**One Great Hour of Sharing – Stacey Monnier**

## **Call to Offering** – from *Touch Holiness ~ Resources for Worship*

God has shown us the meaning of generosity in the beautiful diversity of creation, in the overflowing love of Jesus Christ, and in the never ending gift of the Holy Spirit! God has abundantly blessed us and called us to be a community that blesses others through the sharing of our love, our talents, and our possessions. Let us rejoice now in what we have been given and in what is ours to give as we present our morning offering.

**Offertory**                      *The Palms* by Faure

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

## **Prayer of Dedication —**

Let us pray. God of all good gifts, we thank you for showing us how to care for each other. May our gifts feed the hungry, build shelters and places of prayer for those who are homeless, and proclaim your desire that all creation live in peace. Give us grateful hearts, O God, in the name of the one who came to draw all people to himself, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Announcements**

**Closing Hymn #215** “What Wondrous Love Is This”

## **Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**                      *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty* by Paxton

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**One Great Hour of Sharing:** Next Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, we will be collecting our annual special offering for the One Great Hour of Sharing.

**Boy Scouts Easter Breakfast:** The annual Easter Breakfast, hosted by troop #15, is next Sunday, Easter Morning. The meal runs 8:30-10:00 AM. The spread is quite large and includes: pancakes, breakfast meats, fruit, and more! A free will donation is encouraged.

**Grace's Annual Tin Caps Outing:** Congregational Life has once again set up an excursion to see our local Tin Caps. The game is on May 18<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 PM. The cost is \$29. The deadline to sign up and pay is May 4<sup>th</sup>. Talk to Tammy for more information.

**Easter Candy Donations:** We are looking for candy donations for our Easter Egg Hunt at Grace event, April 19<sup>th</sup>. Donations can be brought to the narthex. There is a bin set up for them. We are also in need of volunteers. Sign up in the narthex.

**North Highland Neighborhood Association Garage Sale Opportunity:** During the community sale, June 13-14, Grace will be offering space for those that might want to join but don't have a local garage. For a \$10 donation you can reserve a table in our fellowship hall. For a \$5 donation you can reserve a spot (about two car spaces) in our parking lot. See Tammy for more information or to get your space.

### Birthday

MacGregor W. Lilly – April 15

### Anniversary

Alex & Amanda Bowers

April 20, 2019

## 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!

*to Refrain*

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

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## Glory Be to the Father

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

The first system of the musical score is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and A4, then a half note G4. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) consists of a steady eighth-note bass line: G2, F2, E2, D2, C2, Bb1, A1, G1.

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

The second system continues the melody. The vocal line has a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and A4, then a half note G4. The piano accompaniment continues with the same eighth-note bass line.

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

The third system continues the melody. The vocal line has a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and A4, then a half note G4. The piano accompaniment continues with the same eighth-note bass line.

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

The fourth system concludes the piece. The vocal line has a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and A4, then a half note G4. The piano accompaniment continues with the same eighth-note bass line, ending with a final chord of G1, Bb1, and D2.

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

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

## Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! 198

1 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the  
 2 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly  
 3 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of  
 4 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly

tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur -  
 pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs  
 an - gels in the sky look down with sad and  
 pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to

sues its road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.  
 now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
 won - dering eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 mor - tal pain; then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

This 19th-century Palm Sunday text is better understood as the reflections of someone standing outside the event rather than as coming from those participating in the actual procession. This poignant text is set to a tune written especially for it later in the same century.

TEXT: Henry Hart Milman, 1827; alt.  
 MUSIC: John Bacchus Dykes, 1862

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# 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

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## What Wondrous Love Is This 215

1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my  
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing  
 3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing

soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What  
 down, when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
 sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to  
 on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and

won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of  
 I was sink - ing down be - neath God's righ - teous  
 God and to the Lamb who is the great I  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful

bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my  
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my  
 AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will  
 be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing

soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!  
 soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!  
 sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!  
 on; and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on.

With its ballad-like repetitions before and after each stanza's central narrative lines, this meditative text needs performance in order to be effective. Its haunting melody proves the means of convincing us that the only adequate response to "wondrous love" is to "sing on."

TEXT: American folk hymn, c. 1811

MUSIC: Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. Carlton R. Young, 1965  
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