

Palm Sunday

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Even the Stones Cry Out by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman
Inspired by Luke 19:28-40



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The Journey of Holy Week

Today, Palm Sunday, marks the beginning of our Holy Week journey. As the crowds celebrated Jesus' entry into Jerusalem many years ago, we too shout our "Hosannas to the Lord." However, we know that we must face Maundy Thursday and Good Friday along our pilgrimage to Resurrection Sunday. May God grant us courage to seek and find mercy and grace as we travel along this pathway of faith.

Please silence your cell phones during this time of worship.

The Chiming

Guy Younce

The Greeting

Rev. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

The Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

Holy God, sometimes life feels like a parade rushing by us as we stand on the sidelines and try not to miss it. There are hundreds of things that catch our eye, but the thing we fear missing the most is your presence. So, help us slow down the speed of this parade today. Paint the colors of this sanctuary a little brighter that we might see and understand the symbols set before us. Speak clearly through the text of our hymns and scripture passages until it is impossible to miss you today. God, we are here. We are seeking to find you in the parade. Hear our "Hosannas," both spoken and unspoken! Amen.

The Prelude

Guy Younce

Fanfare and Processional for Organ, Douglas Wagner

(The children will process into the sanctuary with palms and lay them at the cross and then lead us in The Lord's Prayer as it is written in the worship folder.)

The Call to Worship

Elisa Mae Davis

Tell the people of Jerusalem, your King is coming to you! He is humble, riding on a donkey. When Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey, many of the people cut branches from the trees and laid them on the road, and they shouted, "Praise God for the Son of David! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Praise God in the highest heaven!" Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna!

The Lord's Prayer

Children and Congregation

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your 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 do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***The Hymn of Praise**

Congregation

All Glory, Laud and Honor, No. 204
(Stanzas 1, 3, and 5)

The Prayer of Confession

Rev. Susan Reed

God of street parades and hosannas, we know that you are counting on us to speak out against oppression, to speak up for love and to speak hope in the midst of fear, but so often we are silent. We worry that we will say the wrong thing, so we choose not to say anything at all. We worry that we will offend, so we keep our convictions to ourselves. We worry that we will speak up and won't be heard, so we stay silent. And meanwhile, the parade marches on. Unravel our fears, spark conviction in us, and give us the courage to yell, "Hosanna!" Amen.

The Words of Forgiveness

Friends, even when we are silent, even when we are anxious, even when we miss the moment, we belong to God. There is nothing said or unsaid, done or undone, that can undo that truth, so rest in this good news: We are forgiven. We are known. We belong to God, every day and always. Amen.

***The Hymn of Redemption**

Congregation

Hallelujah! What a Savior, No. 226

(Children, ages pre-K to 3rd grade, will leave for their time of worship and exit through the door located to the left of the pulpit.)

***The Gospel Lesson**

Rev. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

Luke 19:28-40

The Choral Response

Chancel Choir

Hosanna Deo!, Gilpin

The Sermon

Rev. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

Full to the Brim: Even the Stones Cry Out

*The Hymn of Discipleship

Congregation

Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated, No. 568

The Dedication of Henry Gardner-Sinclair

Rev. Susan Reed

Pastor: We are here today to present to the church and to consecrate Hank to God. Who brings this child for this holy purpose?

Parents: We, the parents, do.

Pastor: What do we affirm about Hank?

People: We affirm that he is a child of God by creation; that he is loved and will be included in the experiences of this congregation.

Pastor: As Hank grows into childhood, what will we tell him about his heritage?

People: We will tell him about God, about Abraham and Sarah, about Moses, about Ruth, and about the prophets. We will tell him about Jesus, the woman at the well, the apostles, and the worship and mission of the church.

Pastor: What will we hope for him?

People: We will look to the day when he will declare faith in Jesus Christ, confirm the heritage we will pass along, and become a servant within and beyond the walls of our church.

Pastor: Do you, as the parents of Hank, assume primary responsibility for keeping him in touch with such hopes and expectations?

Parents: Yes, we accept this responsibility.

Pastor: And so do you, the congregation, pledge to work toward creating a nurturing Christian environment for Hank?

People: Yes, we do, for he is a part of this family of faith at Broadway Baptist Church.

Pastor: Thanks be to God.

ALL: Amen.

***The Offertory Prayer**

Rev. Susan Reed

The Offertory

Guy Younce

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended?, Johannes Brahms

***The Offertory Response**

Congregation

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.

***The Benediction**

Rev. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

***The Postlude**

Guy Younce

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded, Jean Langlais

New Member Pledge: **In response to your decision, we pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place. We offer you our love, our care, our kinship, and our hopes. We hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you by God's grace.**

The palms in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God by the McCoy family in memory of Bryan S. McCoy, Jr.

Prayer Concerns

Sympathy to the family of Jim Ratcliffe, who died on April 1

Sympathy to the family of Judy Gilpin, who died on March 31

Dick Brown, recent surgery

Robin Riddle, recent surgery

Carol Lundberg, recent fall

Bob Wagoner, health concerns

Brenda Hale, mother of David Hale, health concerns

Jeff Sanders, recent surgery

Stephanie Lanier, cousin of Carolyn Sue Kays, health concerns

Tim Kelley, friend of Martha Watson, health concerns

Cathern Reeves, mother of Mary Lucy Hook, health concerns

Miles Reynolds, health concerns

Bill and Susan Ohlendorf, brother and sister-in-law of Elaine Baker, health concerns

Joe and Debby Lin, brother and sister-in-law of Steve Lin, health concerns

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Serving and Growing Together

Maundy Thursday Dinner and Service

We begin with an informal, catered meal prepared starting at 6:00 p.m. At 7:00 p.m., we will have a Service of Shadows as we reflect on Christ's Last Supper and Crucifixion in the Passion Story. Everyone is welcome, but dinner reservations are required. Please make your meal reservation(s) **by noon on the MONDAY** prior to the dinner. Cost is \$10 per person for ages 13 and up, \$3 per person for Kindergarten–6th grade, and Pre-K is free.

Menu for April 14:

Pulled Pork Sandwich
BBQ Beans
Coleslaw

To make your reservation, go to our homepage or call the office at (502) 895-2459.

Small Group - Prayer Experience

Throughout the month of April we will have a small group meeting on Mondays at 2:00 p.m. in Friendship Hall or the prayer garden. This group will learn about different tools to guide us as we pray (Lectio Divina, the Prayer Labyrinth, guided prayer, etc.). You're welcome to come for just one week or join us for the entire month! The schedule is listed below:

Monday, April 11 - Prayer Labyrinth, Friendship Hall

Monday, April 18 - Lectio Divina, prayer garden (weather permitting)

Monday, April 25 - Praying in Color, Friendship Hall

Prayer Labyrinth- April 11-14

During Holy Week the Prayer Labyrinth will be available in Friendship Hall during office hours for those who would like to walk the path.

Maundy Thursday Dinner and Service, April 14

Join us for dinner at 6 p.m. and then at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary for a Maundy Thursday Service. RSVP is required for dinner.

Easter Egg Hunt, April 16 at 10 a.m. on the grounds; age-appropriate hunts designed for babies/toddlers, Pre-K, lower and upper elementary. Invite your friends and neighbors! FREE Krispy Kreme donuts while they last!

Resurrection Sunday, April 17

We will gather outside, weather permitting, and enjoy the symbolism of the newness of the blooming trees and flowers that surround us as we celebrate the Resurrection.

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