

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

APRIL 14, 2019

PALM SUNDAY

Our silence and reverence will enable others to prepare their hearts and minds for worship. Please take a few moments to sit quietly before God as you come into the sanctuary.

Worship bags are available for all children. The bags, containing activity pages and necessary supplies, hang along the back wall of the sanctuary. We encourage all children to use one each week!

Meditation

The story of Palm Sunday tells of how people removed their cloaks and spread them out in front of Jesus as he entered Jerusalem. The cloak we wear every day to face the world is both the persona we wish to present, and our defense against the elements. As we come to worship may we be willing to lay down our defenses and disguises, at the feet of the One who sees us as we really are. And then, set free for worship, may we offer our praises with open hearts and lives.

— Ann Siddall

Welcome

Russ Dean

Chiming of the Hour

Music for Preparation

Pæan

S. Oliphant Chuckerbutty (1884-1960)

Lighting of the Worship Candle

Acolyte

*Processional Hymn

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ST. THEODULPH

Refrain: **All glory, laud and honor to you, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

You are the King of Israel, and David's royal Son, now in the Lord's name coming, our King and blessed one. (Refrain)

The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went; our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. (Refrain)

To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. (Refrain)

*Litany of Worship (*responsively*)

Jacob Barner

Today, remembering the life of Jesus us, let us say:

God has given us light. Bind our festive procession with branches! O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. God's steadfast love endures forever.

Today, because Jesus showed us that God is always with us, let us say:

Save us, O Lord! God, give us success!

Today, because Jesus taught us that we sometimes need a hero, a savior, let us say:

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.

Today, because Jesus invites us follow him on the Journey, today – and every day – let us say:

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

— from Psalm 118

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Kathryn Zello

Our Father, which 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 trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Call to Confession

Dan McClintock

Discipline of Silence

Prayer of Confession

God of triumph and tragedy, how we love a good parade! We love the spectacle, the sensational; we love to be on the winning team, love to lord it over the losers; we love to be right and to pronounce others wrong. How sad when we realize we have been cheering for the wrong team. Forgive us, and open our eyes to the Way of Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ST. THEODULPH

Their praises you accepted, accept the prayers we bring, great author of all goodness, O good and gracious king.

All glory, laud and honor to you, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Anthem

Come, Sing Your Praise

Ruth Elaine Schram (b. 1956)

Children's Choir, Allyson Neeriemer, director

Come, sing your praise to David's Son, Jesus, oh, Jesus.

He rides into Jerusalem, Jesus, oh, Jesus.

Come, raise your palms and branches high, let your hosannas fill the sky,

Come, sing your praise to David's Son, Jesus, oh, Jesus!

Blessed is He whose name we praise, Jesus, oh, Jesus.

Save us, O Lord, our song we raise, Jesus, oh, Jesus.

Come, raise your palms and branches high, let your hosannas fill the sky,

Come, sing your praise to David's Son, Jesus, oh, Jesus!

We sing Your praise forevermore, Jesus, oh, Jesus!

Your name we worship and adore, Jesus, oh, Jesus!

Come, raise your palms and branches high, let your hosannas fill the sky,

Come, sing your praise to David's Son, Jesus, oh, Jesus!

Jesus, oh, Jesus!

Misunderstanding: Identifying the Problem

Russ Dean

Misunderstood Savior

Scripture Lesson

John 12.12-16

Kathryn Zello

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

Leader: You have heard the ancient STORY.

People: **Let us listen now for the word of the Lord.** †

Understanding: Seeking an Answer

Amy Jacks Dean

Learning How and When to Wave Those Palms

Prayer of Intercession

Joey Haynes

Mission Offering

Our April Offering will go to the

Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America ~ Bautistas por la Paz which is the largest network of Baptist peacemakers in the world, bringing peacemakers together in regional and international gatherings to work toward the common goal of a more just and peaceful world.

Our own LeDayne McLeese Polaski is the Executive Director, but will be transitioning out of that role next month.

Thank you, LeDayne! *Well done, good and faithful servant.*

Please designate **all checks and envelopes** as either "Annual Ministry Plan" (AMP) or "mission." In keeping with our initiative to "create a culture of generosity," **all loose cash** in the offering will be given to our mission for this month. If you write a check or put cash in an envelope, however,

please designate this gift.

Text-to-Give: 704.800.3901 and follow the prompts.

Offertory Anthem

Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates

William Matthias (1934-1992)

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, lift up your heads, O ye gates,
And be lift up ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? Who is this King of glory?

The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord strong and mighty,

The Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, lift up your heads, O ye gates,
Even lift them up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? Who is this King of glory?

Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, the Lord of hosts,

The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory, glory, glory!

— Psalm 24.7-10

*Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.
— adapt. William Abernethy

*Prayer of Dedication Dan McClintock

*Call to Discipleship
We offer all who worship this day an opportunity to commit to the challenge of Jesus: *“Come, follow me.”* This commitment may be made as a profession of faith, or as a commitment through membership in this church to join us in seeking to follow in the Way of Jesus. You are invited to come forward to be welcomed as we sing.

*Hymn of Commitment MARYTON
O Savior, Let Me Walk with You
O Savior, let me walk with you in earthly paths of service true;
Tell me your secret, help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
Teach me your patience; let me be in closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.
In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way,
In peace that only you can give, with you, O Savior, let me live.

Meditation of Commitment
God of the cross, tottering down the streets of Jerusalem on a donkey,
You are not the savior we expect. Your power doesn't look like the power we want our God to have. Your wisdom makes no sense to us. We are happy to join the crowd, waving branches, but not so sure we want to follow you through this Holy Week:
into the temple courts, into the upper room, into the Garden of Gethsemane, to the high priest's house, to the assembly of elders, to Pilate, to Herod, to the place of The Skull,
to the foot of the cross.
We need you to go with us on this journey.
— Joanna Harader

Benediction Russ and Amy Jacks Dean

Choral Response
Adoramus Te, Christe Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)
Adoramus te, Christe, et benedicimus tibi.
Quia per sanctam Crucem tuam redemisti mundum.
Translation: Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever;
for on the holy cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed.

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

†The challenge an ancient text presents to modern readers is to allow the truth that originally animated the text to become a “living Word” for us. Only as we interact with a given text in a continual “now” (“now” in the anthem, “now” in the sermon, “now” in the fellowship that follows worship, “now” in the work and service, the joys and sorrows of busy lives) can that Word truly become *“living and active”* (Hebrews 4.12).

Easter Sunday

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for our children immediately following worship next week!

Meet and Greet

After worship, please linger for a few minutes to get to know someone new, and to help us celebrate:

Our CDC is 50 Years Old!

The PRBC Child Development Center opened on April 14, 1969 and has been our church's signature ministry for half a century. Today we recognize our Director, Heather Gaskins, and our Assistant Director, Tammy Watkins, along with members of our CDC Committee as we give thanks for thousands of children who have been nurtured and loved within our walls.

Joey Haynes is a Graduate!

Joey has been working diligently, taking Saturday classes, all day long, nearly every Saturday of the year for five years! We celebrate his effort and the Master of Divinity diploma that he will now be able to proudly display.

Thank you to Jacob Barner and Kathryn Zello, two of our fifth graders, for assisting in worship leadership today.

The plants are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Anita Jacks and Kay Love Solomon by Kay's children Sandy, Lou, Missy and Julie.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

Please turn off all cell phones during worship.

Our newsletter, *Good Tidings*, and copies of past sermons are available in the sanctuary narthex.

A podcast of sermons is available at www.parkroadbaptist.org.

CDs of past worship services are available through the church office.

We encourage you to take the bulletin with you but you may leave it on the back pew to be recycled.

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Misunderstood

You have heard that it was said,

I know you think you understand
what you thought I said,
but I'm not sure you realize
that what you heard
is not what I meant.

but I say to you...