

Palm Sunday
April 5, 2020



PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
A Caring Christian Fellowship Reaching Out in Response to God's Love

The Diaspora Gather in God's Name

Welcome.
We are glad
you have chosen
to gather and
worship!
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Welcome

Tolling of the Bell - Rung three times to symbolize our Triune God

Time for Prayerful Preparation

Lord of abundant pardon and mercy, be with us this day as we parade through the Jerusalem gates, wanting the reign of God to be established immediately in the hearts of all people. Make us aware that fear and anger are powerful motivators for evil. Open our hearts to the words of Jesus, that we might find courage and healing for all our burdens. In his name, we pray. AMEN

Prelude

"Fanfare"

Joseph Lowe

Call to Worship

Jesus entered the gates of the Holy City. Crowds shouted his praise and waved palm branches. But within the city there were those who feared him. Even today, there are those who let fear claim their lives. Lord, enter our lives this morning with your healing presence. Be with us as we march with you toward the cross. AMEN.

Hymn

"Hosanna, Lord Hosanna"

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.

*The Affirmation of
Faith helps us
express the faith
and hope we have
as people of God.*

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*We confess our
sins as the
people of God
together, out
loud, and to
others because
of the incredible
power there is in
putting our
failures and
faults in the light
of God's love.*

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we confess that we would rather have a nice parade, with banners waving and people cheering and children processing down the center aisle than to be separated by distance and fear as we are this morning. But it is not so. For us, this morning, we worship together while being apart. Was it the same for Jesus on that Passion Sunday morning? As he walked toward the city where he would be arrested and crucified, was he separate from those gathered? As we continue our Lenten journey, forgive us, we pray, for our eagerness to leave the scenes of hurt, anger, and hostility and to march into the bright sunlight that will be Easter. Give our souls healing so that the reality of Easter may truly shine through us. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Words of Grace

Time with Young Disciples

Solo

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. Gilbert M. Martin
Robin Birdwell, soprano

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Reading

Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon

"Triumph and Tragedy"

We Give Thanks to God

Pastoral Prayer and 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.

We Go in Christ's Name to Serve

Benediction

Postlude

"The Palms"

Jean Baptiste Fauré

See live video
"Time with Young
Disciples," for a
special message
from Pastor Jeff to
our children.

See live video for
Pastor Jeff's
weekly message

A time to offer
prayer for others
and ourselves to
God.

Have a blessed week!