

PALM SUNDAY
April 13th, 2025 – 9:30 AM

WELCOME



Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter

this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.

- Preacher – The Reverend Diane Burkland
- Officiants – Pr. Rudy Schneider & Brian Griswold
- Worship Leader – Earl Hem

WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN 1: Hosanna

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest
Lord we lift up your name, With hearts full of praise.
Be exalted oh Lord my God. Hosanna in the highest.

Glory, glory, glory to the king of kings.
Glory, glory, glory to the king of kings.
Lord we lift up Your name, with hearts full of praise.
Be exalted, oh Lord, my God. Glory to the King of Kings.

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OPENING HYMN 2: Lord, I need You

1. Lord, I come, I confess,
Bowling here, I find my rest
Without you I fall apart,
You're the one
That guides my heart

Chorus

2. Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found, is where you are
And where you are, Lord I am free,
Holiness is Christ in me

Chorus

(Bridge)

So teach my song to rise to you, when
temptation comes my way And when I
cannot stand I'll fall on you, Jesus,
you're my hope and stay **Chorus**

Chorus:

Lord, I need you, oh I need
you Every hour I need you
My one defense, my
righteousness, Oh God, how I
need you

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CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One, **you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We many times do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not always welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. Sometimes we oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In ✝ Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day - Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GOD'S HOLY WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord...**Thanks be to God!**

Psalm: 31: 9-16

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

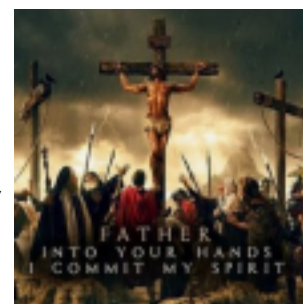
¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.**

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, "You are my God.** ¹⁵My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who



persecute me.

¹⁶ **Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.”**

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SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, ¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

HOLY GOSPEL

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of **Luke 19:28-40. Glory to you, O**

Lord! ²⁸After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’ ” ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ They said, “The Lord needs it.” ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.

³⁷ Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

SERMON – One Holy Week

Rev. Diane Burkland

HYMN OF THE DAY: Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

1. Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark! all the tribes Ho - san - na cry;
 2. Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly pomp ride on to die!
 3. Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty! The wing - ed squad - rons of the sky

O Sav - iour meek, pur - sue thy road With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed
 O Christ, thy tri - umphs now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 Look down with sad and wondering eyes To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.

4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
 Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh:
 The Father on his sapphire throne
 Expects his own anointed Son.

5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
 In lowly pomp ride on to die!
 Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
 Then take, O God, thy power and reign

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

□ At this time, we would like to also recognize those joining us via FaceBook Live, and give voice to any greetings or prayer requests submitted for our worship.

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need. *A brief silence.*

Guide your church this Holy Week as we follow in the servant way of Jesus. Protect those who face hostility or oppression for their faith. Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce their own power. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Make your creation a living witness to Christ's passion and resurrection: in waving palms, shouting stones, fragrant vineyards, murmuring wheat, and revealing fire. Make us attentive to your holy presence in the world, that we may care for the earth you love. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Let your face shine upon the leaders of nations and let the same mind be in them as was in Christ Jesus, so that those with the most power may humble themselves to serve the most vulnerable. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Protect those who provide protection for us and give us aid. Today we especially lift the Barnegat Light Fire Company and the Barnegat Light First Aid Squad members before you. May they not grow weary in well doing. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Sustain the weary with a word. Grant perseverance to political prisoners and to any who are exploited, unjustly accused, or wrongly convicted. Abide with all who are in jails, detention centers, or prisons. Console all who experience times of trial or suffering. Grace those from our families and community that we now name silently in our hearts, or out loud; with our prayers and your blessings. *(Please name silently or out loud).*

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Give strength to those who will lead worship during Holy Week: pastors, altar guilds, musicians, assisting ministers, ushers, and office staff. Instill in them awe and joy, that their service may reflect the love of Jesus. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks to you for our beloved dead, trusting that as the cross of Jesus led to the empty tomb, so you welcome those who have died into the paradise of your presence. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen.**

OFFERING & OFFERING PRAYER

Almighty God, As we come before you with our offerings, we are reminded of our constant need for you in our lives. You are our provider, our sustainer, and our strength. Without you, we are nothing. May these gifts be a symbol of our dependence on you, acknowledging that all we have comes from your hand. Help us to rely on you more fully in every aspect of our lives, trusting in your unfailing love and care. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love, you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray;

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 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 and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion – All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.



OUR TIME OF COMMUNION WITH THE LORD!

COMMUNION HYMN 1: Glorify Thy Name

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| <p>1. Father we love You,
We praise and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.</p> <p>2. Jesus we love You
We praise and adore You,</p> | <p>Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.</p> <p>3. Spirit we love You
We praise and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.</p> |
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22085334 COMMUNION HYMN 2: All that I can do

When the Father sent His Son To live with us Nothing in this world can woo me
our lives to mend He placed His love upon the altar From Your holy seat.
That with Him we might ascend.

Chorus

Lord the blessed life You give me And the
holy road You choose Lead me all the way to
Calv'ry And I'll only follow You.

Chorus

Lord, I only want Your blessing
As I'm sitting at Your feet.

Chorus

CHORUS:

All that I can do is thank Him,
All that I can do is pray.
All that I can do

Is lift my hands to sing His praise. © 1974 Lion
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Closing Prayer - Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love
might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing - God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ✝ bless
you now and forever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: Prepare the Royal Highway

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| <p>1 Prepare the royal highway;
the King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley
a level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory,
foretold in sacred story: Refrain</p> <p>2 God's people, see him coming:
your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before him!
Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you!
No more shall doubt assail you! Refrain</p> | <p style="text-align: right;"><i>n</i></p> <p>3 Then fling the gates wide open
to greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev'ry nation
its tribute too may bring.
All lands will bow before him;
their voices join your singing: Refrain</p> <p>4 His is no earthly kingdom;
it comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom
and justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding
for kindness so abounding: Refrain</p> |
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Refrain

Hosanna to the Lord,
for he fulfills God's word!

Dismissal: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you. **Thanks be to God!**