



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

PALM SUNDAY
March 28, 2021



ENTRY OF CHRIST INTO JERUSALEM
Pietro Lorenzetti

For Christ, for His kingdom, and for the common good. Since 1785.

WORDS OF PREPARATION

“Jesus makes His triumphal entry on a donkey—a symbol of peace not war; of humility, not pride. Behind Him comes an entourage of twelve fishermen, called to be disciples, and a rabble of common people whom He has healed and set free. They serve as trophies of His conquest—not by bloody violence, but by unremitting love.”

– David McKenna

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

In celebration of Palm Sunday, all will be invited to gather at the front steps before worship. The congregation and choir will enter into the sanctuary during the processional introit to commemorate Jesus’ victorious entry into Jerusalem to observe Passover.

†PROCESSIONAL INTROIT

Ride On, King Jesus

arr. Alice Parker | Robert Shaw

Ride on, King Je - sus, No man can hin - der me,
 Ride on, King Je - sus, No man can hin - der me.

Congregation join on refrain while processing into the sanctuary.

Refrain:

I was but young when I begun, no man can hinder me.
 But now my race is almost done, no man can hinder me. *Refrain*
 King Jesus rides on a milkwhite horse, no man can hinder me.
 The river of Jordan he did cross, no man can hinder me. *Refrain*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Sarah Bird Kneff (8:00)
 The Rev. Joshua Rodriguez (11:00)

Pastor: King Jesus comes, King Jesus, Son of God, Son of Man, Messiah.

All: Hail! King Jesus, King of all!

Pastor: In praise we adore you, King Jesus.

All: Enter our hearts today as you entered Jerusalem long ago, and lead us by faith in the way of everlasting.

Pastor: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: Hosanna in the highest!

*†HYMN OF PRAISE

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Refrain:

*All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!*

**Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One. *Refrain***

**The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. *Refrain***

**To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *Refrain***

**Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King! *Refrain***

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rick Gernert (8:00)
Scott McConnell (9:30)
John Hollins (11:00)

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 53:1–5

¹ Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? ² For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. ³ He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Sandra Randleman (8:00)
Dr. Stuart Gordon (9:30)
The Rev. Adam DeVries (11:00)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you rode a donkey and came in peace, humbled yourself and gave yourself for us. We confess our lack of humility. As you entered Jerusalem, the crowds shouted "Hosanna: Save us now!" On Good Friday they shouted "Crucify!" We confess our praise is often empty. We sing "Hosanna," but cry "Crucify!" As the crowd laid palms in front of you, you took no glory for yourself. We confess that we want to be accepted and take the easy way. We do not stay true to your will. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to follow in the way of obedience.

A moment for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Hear the Word of the Lord from Psalm 118: Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

All: In Christ, God answers us and sets us free! In Christ, we stand forgiven at the cross! Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

The Power of the Cross
Keith Getty | Stuart Townend

Oh to see the dawn of the dark - est day. Christ on the road to
Oh to see my name writ - ten in the wounds, for through Your suf - f'ring

4
Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en then
7 I am free. Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live

10
nailed to a cross of wood. This the pow'r of the
won through Your self - less love! This the pow'r of the

13
cross. Christ be - came sin for us. Took the
cross Son of God slain for us. What a

blame, bore the wrath. We stand for - giv - en at the cross.
love, what a cost. We stand for - giv - en at the cross.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

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.

*HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus
Crusaders' Hymn

**Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down,
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host.
Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.**

**Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 11:1–11

¹ Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ² and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴ And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵ And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶ And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷ And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸ And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹ And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!” ¹¹ And he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. And when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

A Different Kind of King

Dr. Ryan Moore

“Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!” – Mark 11:10

OFFERTORY

Benedictus

Karl Jenkins

Benedictus, qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus, qui venit in nomine Domini.

Translation: Blessed is He, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, who comes in the name of the Lord.

As you reflect on the Lord’s goodness, you can make an offering by leaving your gift in the offering basket, texting “GIVE” to (707) 475-3005, or donating online at fpcnashville.org.

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.

*HYMN

Children’s Choir will sing the first verse (9:30)

Hosanna, Laud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

**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.**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

The congregation will be seated until after the choral response.

CHORAL RESPONSE

from *St. Matthew Passion*
J.S. Bach

When comes my hour of parting, then part thou not from me. When shades of death are dark'ning, thy steps my guide shall be. When anxious fears shall rend me, and close my heart enchain, Oh, then do thou befriend me through Thine own grief and pain.

***CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

March in E-flat
Niels Gade

** Those who are able, please stand.*

† Latecomers may be seated.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Ryan Moore, PhD – *Pastor*

Adam DeVries, MDiv – *Associate Pastor for Youth & Their Families*

Stuart Gordon, DMin – *Executive Pastor*

Sarah Bird Kneff, MDiv – *Associate Pastor for Discipleship & Engagement*

Sandra Randleman, DMin – *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Missions*

Joshua Rodriguez, MDiv – *Associate Pastor for Young Adult Ministry*

Raphael Bundage, DMA – *Director of Music*

Peter Rogahn, DMA – *Organist and Assistant Director of Music*

Rhonda Swanson, MM – *Assistant Organist*

Derek Meler – *Tenor*, Sari Reist – *Cello*, Chris Simonsen – *Baritone*, Greg Thomas – *Tenor*

FPC Children's Choir, Kelly Posey and Brianna Meler – *Directors*

Members of the FPC Bell Choir

Elijah Moore, Isaac Shapiro – *Crucifer*

Jonah Moore, Ada Shapiro – *Beadle*

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Spring Worship on the Porch | Sundays beginning April 4 | 4:30 p.m. | Front Porch

Worship on the Porch returns this Spring, beginning on Easter Sunday and continuing through May. Everyone is invited for a time of worship and fellowship with their church family outside in front of the sanctuary at 4:30 p.m. Watch for announcements about special Porch activities, such as Introducing the FPC Babies of 2020 on April 11 and Youth Confirmation on April 18. Bring your lawn chair or blanket. Please wear a face covering and practice safe social distancing. When weather is inclement, the service will be canceled.

Introducing the FPC Babies of 2020 | April 11 — The limitations of 2020's unprecedented lockdown meant that many of our new babies have not been introduced to their church family. On April 11, we will take an opportunity to rejoice together over these new lives as a full FPC family. During this porch service, Pastor Ryan will call forward all the families who welcomed or baptized babies in 2020. The families will come forward with their babies, face the congregation, be introduced, and receive a special blessing. This will be a wonderful opportunity for pictures, singing a song of praise, and rejoicing as our church family welcomes new lives into the fold!

Flowering the Cross — On Easter Sunday we invite you to be part of the Flowering of the Cross, an ancient and meaningful tradition that represents the transition from Good Friday to Easter, from meditation on Jesus' death to joyful celebration of the resurrection. As you come to worship on Easter, pause by the cross in front of the sanctuary and add some flowers to it. You can bring flowers from home or you can place flowers provided by the Flower Ministry. Christ's resurrection brings new life to the whole world—it is the beginning of the restoration of all things. Even the terrible, rugged cross, the instrument of Jesus' death, can become an emblem of new life in Christ when we cover it with flowers on Easter Sunday.

Hymns That Shape Us: Guest Lecture | April 14 | 6:30 p.m. | Sanctuary and Livestream

Join us Wednesday, April 14, as we conclude our spring Communities of Belonging series on *The Hymns That Shape Us*. We have the privilege of hosting Dr. Robert J. Morgan, author of the three-part book series, *Then Sings My Soul: The Story of Our Songs*. Dr. Morgan, a local pastor and prolific writer, will lead us in thinking about what we have learned about the scriptures and stories behind the hymns we sing every Sunday morning. Register to attend in-person in the sanctuary at fpcnashville.org. Free event. Limited seating. Masks and social distancing required. Registration ends April 13 or when capacity has been reached. This event will also be livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook.

LOOKING AHEAD

April 11 | Inquirers Class | Sundays through May 2 | 9:45 a.m.

April 15 & 22 | ME-in-the-Park | 11:30 a.m.

April 18 | Confirmands Lead Worship | 4:30 p.m. | Front Porch

May 2 | Youth Sunday

May 11 | Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering | 10:30 a.m. | Sanctuary

May 30 | Kirkin Sunday | Special Guest Speaker

For more information on events and mission opportunities, visit fpcnashville.org or sign up for our weekly Parish News email by emailing communications@fpcnashville.org.

HOLY WEEK 2021



MAUNDY THURSDAY | APRIL 1

6:30 p.m. (livestream) | Lord's Supper | Sanctuary

Communion kits can be picked up at the front desk for those worshipping at home.

Maundy Thursday begins the three days remembering the new commandment that Christ gave us in word and deed as he taught us how to love one another, washing our feet as a servant. We also celebrate the Lord's Supper, remembering the meal Christ shared with his disciples before his death.

GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 2

12:00 p.m. (livestream) | Sanctuary

Good Friday is the day we remember Jesus' crucifixion. The hours of noon to 3 p.m. are particularly significant as these commemorate the time Jesus hung on the cross. During worship we will be reading and reflecting on the seven last words of Christ from the cross.

EASTER | APRIL 4

6:30 a.m. | Front Porch*

8:00, 9:30 (livestream), 11:00 a.m. | Sanctuary

4:30 p.m. | Front Porch*

Registration has reached capacity for indoor Easter services. Please join us at an outdoor service.

**Please bring your own chairs for outdoor services.*

The Resurrection of the Lord (or Easter Sunday) is the center of our Christian year. On this occasion the church joyfully proclaims the good news that is at the very heart of the gospel: that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

Please note that nursery care is currently not provided.

INTERESTED IN GETTING MORE CONNECTED?

First Presbyterian Church extends a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us today. We are delighted you have chosen to join us in worship. Whether you are a guest or a longtime member, fill out the Connect Card (found in the pew racks) to get more involved, update your contact information, or sign up for church communications. Drop your completed Connect Card in the Offering Basket located in the narthex.

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