

The First Presbyterian Church *in the City of New York*

PALM SUNDAY

Procession to Washington Square Park

April 10th, 2022 | 9:30 a.m.

CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home;

**God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us
and waste the gifts we have been given.**

God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day;

**let us celebrate and rejoice in God's presence forever;
let us worship God together.**

OPENING PRAYER

We praise you, God, for sending Christ to be among us. We remember today his entry into Jerusalem, as the crowds proclaimed him Messiah and King and spread garments and branches along the path. As we who carry these branches today gather, let us remember that Christ's entry marked the new possibilities of your love coming into the world in the most unexpected ways. Remind us that dying and rising with Christ, we are brought close to you. Amen.

SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:28-31

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, 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. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"

MOMENT OF SILENCE

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:32-35

So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PRAYER OF BLESSING OF PALMS

On this day when we remember the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem riding on a colt, and how people greeted Jesus with branches of palm. Today, we bless these branches. Let these branches be for us symbols of Christ's journey, teachings and prayers. May we who carry them today be reminded to follow you in all the ways that lead to life. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:36-38

As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now 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, saying,

“Blessed is the king
 who comes in the name of the Lord!
 Peace in heaven,
 and glory in the highest heaven!”

HYMN 196

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:39-40

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

PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week and gather in this place of prayer and reflection, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Be with us as we follow his path this week, a path that included triumph, pain, and sorrow.

We praise you that you love us and that you have come to us in Jesus to reconcile the world to yourself. We thank you that Jesus walked the difficult path all the way to the cross and that you then raised Jesus up to draw us to yourself. Teach us, like Jesus, to hand ourselves over in love to you, for one another, for all people. May we take part in your work of redeeming love, lifting up the oppressed, binding the brokenhearted, comforting those who are suffering, challenging the powerful, and drawing all into a community of love. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

BLESSING AND GOING FORTH

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God. May the blessings of God, Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit go with you always!

Today

9:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Processional to
Washington Square Park
11:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship
11:15 a.m. Church School
12:00 p.m. Coffee Fellowship
12:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday

5:30 p.m. Qigong
7:00 p.m. Introduction to the New Testament

Tuesday

6:00 p.m. PRISM - College Ministry
6:30 p.m. Visual Arts Bible Study

Wednesday

12:30 p.m. Lenten Bible Study

Thursday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship

Friday

12-3:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship
7:00 p.m. Current Events

Saturday

10:15 a.m. St. Joe's Soup Kitchen

Next Sunday

8:00 a.m. Easter Communion Worship
8:30-11:00 a.m. Ongoing Easter Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Easter Worship
11:00 a.m. Easter Worship
12:00 p.m. Coffee Fellowship
12:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt

Next Monday

Church building will be closed



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