

**CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Worship Service – March 28, 2021**

*Revised Common Lectionary Readings*

*Palm/Passion Sunday*

*Year B*

Liturgy of the Palms

Liturgy of the Passion

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Psalm 31:9-16

Mark 11:1-11

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 14:1-15:47

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Opening Prayer\***

God of salvation, our Lord entered the city amid shouts of praise and deliverance; and he entered his passion to raise us to life. As we follow him, help us to learn the way of the cross and entrust ourselves to his faithfulness. By your Spirit at work, let our worship this morning give way to changed lives. Amen.

**Call to Worship**

Mark 11:1-11

*When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back immediately.’*

*They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, ‘What are you doing, untying the colt?’ They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,*

Hosanna!

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Blessed is the coming kingdom!

**Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

*Then 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.*

**Hymn**

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

The Presbyterian Hymnal, #88

Calvin Virtual Choir

**Confession\***

Psalm 118:19-25

*“Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD...I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone...save us, we beseech you, O LORD!”*

Lord, on this day when we join with those who celebrated your entrance into Jerusalem with shouts of praise, we confess that our lives so often contradict the praises we proclaim. We are too comfortable with the sin in our lives and in this world; help us learn to lament our sin.

We need you, Lord. Do not reject us. We need you to enter in, and save us. Open that gates of your forgiveness and redemption, and restore us in your love; for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

*\*portions adapted from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion,  
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*(personal confession)*

### **Assurance and Peace**

*Psalm 118:26-29*

*"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD...the LORD is God, and he has given us light...O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever."*

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God**

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

### **Hymn of Peace**

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna  
The Presbyterian Hymnal, #89*

### **Scripture and Sermon**

*Of Laments, Hosannas, and the One Who Enters In...  
Mark 11:1-11, Matthew 23:37-39*

### **Hymn**

*You Are My Refuge, Faithful God (Psalm 31)  
Glory to God Hymnal, #214*

### **Minute for Mission**

*One Great Hour of Sharing*

Betty Conlon  
Community Care Committee

### **Offering**

Psalm 31:14

*"But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, 'You are my God.'"*

Trusting in the faithfulness of God, let us prayerfully consider the time, talents, or gifts you have received, and how they can be given to bear much fruit in love and service to God and others.

### **Prayer of Dedication\***

Holy God, we thank you for your saving love made known to us and in us, in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. Bless these our gifts, that they may bring life on earth as in heaven.

### **Announcements**

## Prayers of the People\*

Lord, on this Palm Sunday, and this Passion Sunday, we come with both praise and our our need for you to renew and restore. Help us, O God, to be ever attentive to your presence in our midst. Help us to see that the crucifixion we remember on Good Friday is present in small and large ways throughout our communities and world. We pray for those places – in nations, communities, homes, and hearts – where this continues to be our response to your righteousness, justice, and faithful steadfast love. And all the more as we continue to see so violence and hate playing out again and again.

We continue to lift up our sisters, brothers, and neighbors of color. Especially the Asian community, targets of rising prejudice and mistrust. We pray for those mourning the death of loved ones in the shootings last week.

And yet another mass shooting this week, Lord. We grow weary with grief, and again lament and ask, “How long, O Lord?” We pray for those injured, and all who lost loved ones.

We pray for all who sit in grief, fear, and anger, Lord.

And we pray for those seeking safer, and better lives for their children. Lord, may mercy and compassion lead our way.

O God, we pray for the our leaders, local and national, elected and appointed. We pray that they would have the courage and inspiration to work for the common good for all the people. Give them wisdom, clarity, merciful and humble judgment.

And we continue to pray for those struggling during this pandemic. Help us all to support those bringing and providing needed aid. For those coordinating vaccine distribution. For those continuing to work on what has become this past year the front lines of this pandemic.

We pray for those in need of healing...

We continue to pray for our sisters and brothers of the Martin Luther King Community Presbyterian Church as they continue the path of healing after the arson attack on their church.

We remember all at the Oak Hill, Chapel Hill, Waterman Lake, Madonna Manor, the Highlands, and Atria assisted living facilities, and all who are separated from family and friends in this time...

Finally, Lord, we offer a moment of prayer for all those on our hearts and in our minds; and for all those whose names and faces we may never know, but whose needs are fully known to you...

Holy God, your Son humbled himself, even to death, fully showing, embodying, and enacting your steadfast faithfulness to us and to this world. Strengthen us to follow

him, that through him we may be agents of your loving and steadfast faithfulness in this world. May the prayers of our lips become the work of our hands and the paths of our feet, through Jesus Christ, who taught us to prayer together with boldness,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

**Hymn**

*A Stable Lamp is Lighted*  
Glory to God Hymnal, #160

**Charge and Benediction**

Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Jesus is the very faithfulness of God entering into our lives, and the life of the world.

May the love of God the Father, the grace of Jesus the Son, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now and forevermore. Amen.

\*portions of the Opening Prayer, Prayer of Dedication, and Prayers of the People adapted from  
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and Rev. Roger Gench, Presbyterian Outlook, *Liturgy for the Palm/Passion Sunday, 2021*