

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Palm/Passion Sunday

11:00 a.m.

March 28, 2021

Welcome & Gathering Song/Prelude

Hymn 197

Hosanna, Loud 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.

ADORATION

Call to Worship

Mark 11:1-11

When Jesus and his disciples 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, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here 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 of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Hymn 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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CONFESSION

Call to Confession

We praise God for Jesus Christ who came riding into the city of Jerusalem on a lowly beast, victorious through love and not through violence. While we praise God we also acknowledge our need for help in understanding the meaning of power and of glory through Christ, who though being one with God, took on the form of a servant and shared our human life and sufferings. Let us come together to seek understanding, to give to God our misunderstanding, and to confess our complicity in world's sin.

Prayer of Confession

God of steadfast love and purpose, you know how we love to serve you in the sunshine of success and popularity, and how we shrink away when you ask us to walk through the fire of trial and suffering! Forgive our unfaithfulness, and teach us to walk with steady obedience in both joy and suffering, through Jesus Christ, your faithful servant. Amen

Declaration of Forgiveness

Go forth celebrating Christ's presence among us. Go forth reflecting on how quickly we change and reject the one we embrace today. Go forth in joy as we hear and believe the good news that comes from God

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Hymn

Kyrie eleison

PROCLAMATION

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

Mark 14:1-15:47

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE

Hymn 218

Ah, Holy Jesus

HERZLIEBSTIER JESU

Affirmation of Faith

Philippians 2:5-11

**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,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Prayers of the People

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.

Community Life and Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, we give thanks for your saving love made known to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Bless these gifts that they may bring life on earth as in heaven; in Christ's name we pray. Amen

Hymn 223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

Benediction

Postlude

Finale on a theme by Handel

Guilmant

We extend the prayers of the congregation to Marnel Williams on the death of her sister, Thelma Hutchinson on March 25, 2021. Cards may be sent to Marnel at 2290 SE Master Ave Port St Lucie, FL 34952.

We celebrate the following birthdays:
3/29 - Audrey Ling, Michael Strawther
3/30 - Chase Pantezzi, Chris Smith, Kevin Young
3/31 - Derek Smith

If we are missing your birthday, please contact Jeanne Grillo at admin@potomacpresbyterian.org.

We continue to keep in our prayers: *Members of the Armed Forces and their families; Ruth Andrew*, mother of Tom Andrew; *Bob Beardall*, father of Matt Beardall; *Louise Berman*, aunt of Pastor Emily; *Bob Conley; Bryan Conley*, son of Bob and Miriam Conley; *Josephine DiGioia*, friend of Louise Plumb; *Marion Fleisch*, grandmother of Marianne Beardall; *Elliot Friedman*, husband of Betsey Rudnic Friedman; *Naomi & Bob Gerwin*, sister and brother-in-law of Marcia Boogaard; *Dave Gorman*, son of Nancy Tietjen & brother of Beth Rudnic; *Greg Grigorian; Atef Griess*, brother of Magda Shalaby; *Hartzog family; Velma Killion; Gloria Leber; Tyler Painter*, nephew of Jon and Heather Davies; *Karen Ruan; Nettie Propps; Cam Sanders*, nephew of Marcia Boogaard; *Millie Rowan; Alex Shalaby*; and *Aleta Towle*, cousin of Sally O'Neal; *Bob Wasik*, friend of Potomac Presbyterian Church.

Marye Cotton has been hospitalized, please hold her in your prayers. Bill has requested no phone calls, only prayers and cards (11816 Winterset Terrace, Potomac, Maryland 20854).

We pray for health and wholeness for all suffering from COVID-19 and for all medical professionals and researchers seeking a cure, providing care, and helping to alleviate the strain.

We pray for individuals unemployed, those who have experienced with reductions in their work due hours, pay or responsibilities and those seeking new work due to Covid.

If you would like to be added to the prayer list, please contact Pastor Emily at emily.dandrea@potomacpresbyterian.org or call the church office at 301-299-6007.

Names will remain on the prayer list for six weeks, unless otherwise requested.