

Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA
April 10th, 2022 Palm/Passion Sunday
(Holy Week begins)

THE PALMS *(Based on Luke 19:28-40)*

L Today we recall the events of the first Holy Week so many years ago.

P We remember how it started with Jesus entering the Holy City.

L As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find a colt tied there which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it.'"

P Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as Jesus had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They replied, "The Lord needs it."

L They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen, saying:

P "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

L Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

P "I tell you," Jesus replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

HYMN OF PRAISE "All Glory Laud and Honor" #173
(Waving of Palms)

Response:

L: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

P: Hosanna in the highest.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Lord Jesus - your arrival in Jerusalem was welcomed with a show of palms and a shout of praise. Yet soon you were abandoned. Even your closest friends left your side. Jesus, we confess that we too make a joyful noise at your coming, but that we often turn our backs on you when the going gets rough. O Lord, we often serve you with our lips instead of with our whole lives. We intend to follow you wherever you go, but we often do not. Instead, like

Peter, we deny you. We try to fit in with the crowd. We avoid risking ourselves for your sake and for the sake of the gospel. Forgive us God for our timid and faltering faith. Forgive us Lord for our part in nailing you to the cross to suffer and die.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: God does not turn away when we fail to be faithful. God does not reject us when we do not trust fully. God continues to love us, to forgive us, to restore us.

P: It is God who helps us; it is God who saves us. It is all we need or ever will need.

L: Friends, Believe the Good News

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen

GLORIA PATRI

#623

CHURCH NEWS

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Please greet your neighbor by saying, "The Peace of Christ be With You.")

REDEDICATION OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

Offertory

Doxology

#625

Prayer of Dedication

THE PASSION

L It is true that the people welcomed Jesus into their midst. Their hosannas rang out, they called upon him as a savior, a mighty king.

P They hoped that the he would cast the oppressors out of their land and bring them glory and honor as did King David before him.

L But Jesus walked a different path to glory and worked in a different way to bring God's salvation to the people.

P The people did not understand this way - and when Jesus was betrayed into the hands of the authorities and did not fight, they turned on him, seeing him as a failure.

L Even as he lay down his life for them, those closest to him fled in fear.

P Even Peter, the rock upon which the church is founded thought of his own needs first.

A READING FROM LUKE 22:54-62

L After the trial of Jesus was over;

P After Jesus had been mocked and beaten;

L After the crowd who had welcomed him had demanded his death - although Pilate could find no fault in him,

P After all these things, Jesus was led away to be crucified.

A READING FROM LUKE 23:32-46

MEDITATION-PALMS TO PASSION Denise Ann Todero, CP

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(from Philippians 2:5-11)*

L Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.

P Who, being in the form of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant being made in human likeness.

L And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.

P Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name.

L That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

P And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

HYMN "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" #174

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Hear our prayers, O Lord. **P: And let our cry come unto Thee.**

L: Let us bless the Lord! **P: Thanks be to God.**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"To God Be the Glory (1st verse only) #66

ORGANISTS: John Griffin and Elaine Bilger

COMMISSIONED PASTOR: Denise Ann Todero

WORSHIP LEADER: Brenda Molnar

he IS
the king of kings



Offering: 04/10
Attendance:
Local 365.30
Benev. 25.30
Improv. 21.40
Total 412.00

Sunday April 17th
 Breakfast 9:15 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Easter Sunday

Sunday April 24th
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Upper Room subscription fees are due now. The cost is \$8 for the year and money can be given to Ray Sheets.

Session will meet on Sunday May 1st after Morning Worship.

Flower and Bulletin Sponsorships for 2022 are available for most Sundays. If you are interested, please sign up on the back bulletin board.

Donations for the West End Food Pantry can be placed in the bins by the Blaine St. entrance. All non-perishable food items are appreciated, especially as we approach the holiday season.



Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...	
Pastor Denise	Ruby Porch
Don Bennett	Christine Paratore
Phyllis Pfuhl	David Hayduk
Harry Thiel	Martha Minahan
Lois Henry	Susie Keefer
Dawna Sheets	Chloe Kern
Al & Linda Hockenberry	Jim Kuntz
Buzz & Jeanne Lehman	David Demo
Bob & Marie Whorl	Linda Hayes
Bev Holbay	Don Merritts
Wendy Manges	Mike Whorl
Mark Todero	David Varner
Diane Brewer	All Shut- Ins
The Todero Family	All in Nursing Homes
Shirley Gavazoni	All First Responders
Linda & Richard Oaks	All Service Men & Women
David Vivis	All Healthcare Professionals

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