

Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA
April 13, 2025 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

Message: Tammy Noss

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

WORSHIP LEADER:

he IS
the king of kings



Offering: 04/06
Attendance: 10
Local 776.00
Benev. 53.50
Improv. 45.50
OGHS 43.00
Total 918.00

Sunday April 13th
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Palm Sunday

Sunday April 20th
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Easter Sunday/ Breakfast
Before Worship

Join Us next Sunday as we celebrate Easter here at Bethany. Breakfast will be served prior to the 10:30 a.m. service. All are invited to attend.

One Great Hour of Sharing collection fish will be collected next Sunday. There is still time to collect your coins. Pick up a fish from the front pew or back of the sanctuary today.

A Maundy Thursday Service will be held this Thursday (April 17th) at 7 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church. This will be a joint service of our congregations and all are welcome.

Sign Ups for 2025 Lay Leaders are still being accepted. If you are interested in helping out, please sign up on the back bulletin board.

Orders are being taken for 2025 Flower and Bulletin Sponsorships. Order forms and more information can be found on the back bulletin board and can be placed in the offering plate. Orders can also be placed on the church website.



Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...	
Dawna Sheets	Dave & Karen Vivis
Jeanne Lehman	Joshua Holbay Family
Marie Whorl	Dominic Serratore
Bev Holbay	Loretta Davidson
Mark Todero	Irene Barefoot Bischof
Carl Newfield	Rodney Gramling
Beverly Rager	Randy Maurer
Mikey Ferante	Jim Kuntz
Jill Sheets	Taylor Short
Frank Cassat	Barry Ross
Nancy Kahl	Nancy Gibson
Linda Hayes	All Shut- Ins
Matt Molnar	All in Nursing Homes
Bobbie Johnson	All First Responders
Will Karalfa	All Service Men & Women
Nancy Thomas	All Healthcare Professionals

To Place Announcements Or Concerns List Names in the bulletin please email bethanyjtown@hotmail.com.

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Donations of non-perishable foods and cleaning products for the West End Food Pantry can be placed in the bins by the Blaine St. entrance. Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate. Thank you for your support.