

Greenfield Charge United Church of Christ
Services Canceled
Online Only
Liturgy of the Palms

Apr 5, 2020

Sunday Morning Prayer

Jesus, during Your ministry on Earth You showed Your power and caring by healing people of all ages and stations of life from physical, mental, and spiritual ailments. Be present now to people who need Your loving touch because of COVID-19. May they feel Your power of healing through the care of doctors and nurses.

*Take away the fear, anxiety, and feelings of isolation from people receiving treatment or under quarantine. Give them a sense of purpose in pursuing health and protecting others from exposure to the disease. Protect their families and friends and bring peace to all who love them.
Amen.*

Prayer List

The George Burket Family		
The Ron Conley Family		
Linda A	Mel C	Mike L
Lou A	Donna F	Joan M
Cathy B	Bob G	Peggy P
Tubby B	Jean G	River T
		Unspoken Request
<i>HealthCare Professionals</i>		
Kera F	Nancy P	Emma & Cory W
Elizabeth Y	Tyler P	Many others...

Call to Worship

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing.

It is marvelous in our eyes.

Bind the festival procession with branches.

Jesus is the gate of the Lord.

The righteous enter through him.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Opening Hymn *"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S_CtiWSeVyY

Gathering Prayer

based on Matt 21, Phil 2

Blessed One, we are humbled by your example.

You entered Jerusalem in lowly estate,
riding on a donkey.

You emptied yourself and came as a servant to all,
forsaking the power to command.

Son of David, come to us now and be our King,
that we too many sing our hosannas!

Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Matthew 26-27

**God of righteousness,
this day places a mirror before our faces.**

**We would rather sing hosannas
with the cheering crowd,
than stand up for our convictions
in the face of an angry mob.**

**We would rather dine with Christ at his table,
than stand up for him in a courtyard of accusers.**

**We would rather see ourselves as Christ's champions,
than admit to ourselves that we too could betray him with a kiss.**

**Forgive our fickle faith,
and heal our hesitant hearts.**

In your loving name, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

God has opened the gates of righteousness,
And the righteous enter through it.
The one who is our cornerstone,
The stone the builders rejected,
Has become our salvation.
God offers us forgiveness and fullness of grace in Christ's name.

Psalm Reading

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

A Song of Victory

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever!
² Let Israel say,
"His steadfast love endures for ever."

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.
²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.
²¹ I thank thee that thou hast answered me
and hast become my salvation.
²² The stone which the builders rejected
has become the head of the corner.
²³ This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
²⁴ This is the day which the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
²⁵ Save us, we beseech thee, O LORD!
O LORD, we beseech thee, give us success!
²⁶ Blessed be he who enters in the name of the LORD!
We bless you from the house of the LORD.
²⁷ The LORD is God,
and he has given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar!
²⁸ Thou art my God, and I will give thanks to thee;
thou art my God, I will extol thee.
²⁹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures for ever!

Meditation Hymn

"In the Garden"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t8TeYfhudko>

The Reading of the Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11 NIV

Gloria Tibi (Glory be to Thee, O Lord.)

TH # 497

Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

And when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Beth'phage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If any one says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and he will send them immediately." ⁴ This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵ "Tell the daughter of Zion,
Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on an ass,
and on a colt, the foal of an ass."

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" ¹⁰ And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?" ¹¹ And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee."

This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ.
Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gloria Patri

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Children's Message

See the Children's Bulletin titled '*Jesus is Crucified*'

Today's Message

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FrN8NuxaLS8&t=296s>

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hades; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic/christian church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

Sung Response

"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

TH # 501

Closing Hymn

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-r2ikdu88cc>

Benediction

The gates of righteousness are thrown wide.

We go with God's blessings.

The path of salvation is made plain.

We go in Christ's truth.

The cornerstone of our faith is sure.

We go with the Spirit's grace.

Go with God and walk with Christ during this holy week.

In the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, one God, now and until the end of eternity. **Amen.**

Three-Fold Amen

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