



April 13, 2025
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Palm Sunday Meditation

Jesus took the form of a servant and entered Jerusalem not to conquer by force, but to conquer hearts by love.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Greenfield Charge United Church of Christ
Mt Hope 8:30am Greenfield 9:50am
Palm/Passion Sunday / *Sent*

April 13, 2025
Grace 11:00am

Community News

Prayer List and Prayers of the People

Prelude/Lighting of the Candles

* *Call to Worship*

Inspired by Psalm 118

Give thanks to God, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever!

This is the day that God has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

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

God has given us light.

Give thanks to God, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever!

* *Invocation*

Gracious God, let us trust in your presence with us in all times, the sad and scary times as well as the joyous celebrations. Open us to receive you anew today. Amen.

* *Opening Hymn*

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

Mt Hope PH #155

Greenfield CH #300

Grace TH #135

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Gracious God, as we enter this Holy Week, we may be tempted to skip parts of the story that begins with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, There are challenging chapters ahead of us in this week. We may want to turn away from the betrayals and hardships and suffering in the Passion Story, just as we too often turn away from the hardships and suffering of people in our own time. Forgive us when our focus slips. Bring us back to the path you set before us. Renew our strength and increase our faithfulness. Amen.

Words of Grace

Receive this good news: God reaches out to us to draw us close. In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

Psalm Reading

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 NRSV

A Song of Victory

¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

² Let Israel say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

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 you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ This is the Lord’s doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes 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 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

²⁹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

* *The Reading of the Holy Gospel*

Luke 19:28-40 NRSV

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

TH #497

Jesus's Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

²⁸ After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

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

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

* *Gloria Patri*

Children's Message / Congregation Conversation

* *Meditation Hymn* "Ride on, Ride on in Majesty"

Mt Hope PH #175

Greenfield NCH #215

Grace TH #133

Today's Message

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

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Statement

Offertory (MH)

* Doxology

TH # 551

* Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, use our offerings and our lives to bring wholeness to this world. Amen.

** Closing Hymn*

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Mt Hope VH #100

Greenfield CH #297

Grace VH #100

**Benediction*

As we continue through Holy Week, listen for the voice and guidance of Jesus, rather than responding to the shouts of the crowd. Whatever this week brings into your life. God is with you. May you trust in the blessings of God today and always.

**Three-Fold Amen*

TH # 558

**Postlude/Extinguishing of the Candle*

Sent: Service Prayers for Palm/Passion Sunday in Lent Year C was written by the Rev. Ruth Garwood, a transitional pastor in the Heartland Conference, a certified facilitator of Sacred Conversations to End Racism, and a certified InterPlay leader.

Prayer List Continued:

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Ellen Pozgar

Tom Ringler

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Community

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Mission Giving

Our Sponsor Children

Penn West Conference

Camp Living Waters

Our Nation

National & World Leaders

Military Families

American POW's

War Torn Countries

The Unemployed

Victims of Natural Disasters

Victims of Domestic

Violence/Abuse

Victims of Addictions

Others in Need of Prayer