

April 5 2020 Palm Sunday Worship @ Home Guide

Woodstock Presbyterian Church, 142 E. Court St., Woodstock, VA 22664

You are encouraged to use this as a guide for worship at home.

A recording of our worship will be posted on the church website and will broadcast on the church FaceBook page Sunday at 11:00am.

Join at a time convenient for you.

Songs and hymns are included

– you are invited to sing, hum, or simply pray over their words.

We gather in Spirit with trust in our ever-present God... +Pastor Kate

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS – see Wellspring.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

¹ 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 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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Isa. 50:7-9a

Please join me in the prayer of confession.

The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord GOD who helps me;

**God of heaven and earth,
we give you thanks for sending us Jesus Christ
in your name.
Even though we profess to follow him,
we confess that in times of trial we too often deny him.
Forgive us and heal us, we pray.
Help us to put our faith not in the princes of this world,
but only in the Prince of Peace.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Hymn #196 All Glory Laud and Honor

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All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820
Trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1859Melchior Teschner, 1614
Arr. William Henry Monk, 1861

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To Thee, Re-deem-er, King!



To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring. *Fine*



1. Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, Thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2. The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore Thee went;
3. To Thee, be - fore Thy pas - sion, They sang their hymns of praise;
4. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain



Who in the Lord's name com - est, The King and bless-ed One.
Our praise and prayers and an - thems Be - fore Thee we pre - sent.
To Thee, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
Who in all good de - light - est, Thou good and gra-cious King!

Reading Matthew 21:1-11

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵ “Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

MEDITATION

Rev. Kate Rascoe

What word, image or phrase caught your attention?

How has the assurance of God's presence comforted you in troubled times?

How are you being led by God today?

What does this word from God prompt you to change?

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – Apostles' Creed

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only 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 hell;
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 Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Lift your intercessions – joys and concerns for yourself or others – to God at this time.
These prayer requests have come from our community:*

+ a celebration: Margy Boyer turned 98 on Friday, April 3!

+JJ Walters, for her daughter Liz & fiancé, diagnosed with COVID-19

+Tiffany Newland has asked for: The family of Tammy Plaughter Epperly (my father's cousin). Tammy has fought a short but fierce battle with cancer for less than a year now. Just today the family received word that the cancer has become too aggressive; hospice has been called in.

The family of Clarence Bell & Heather Painter (my second cousin). Clarence and Heather were involved in a motorcycle accident on Saturday, where a tire flew off of a vehicle and hit them. Clarence was flown to UVA and has already undergone one surgery on his leg and has others ahead of him. Heather is home but in pain from the accident.

Our Savior comes to us humbly,
riding a donkey and proclaiming a message of peace.
Let us pray for the church,
for Earth and all its creatures,
and for all people in need, saying,
God of mercy, hear our prayer.

That Christians hear and share the word of God as true disciples,
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That all ends of the earth receive the words of the king of peace.
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That all leaders, of church and of state, prefer humble service
to empty power.
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That all people live with gratitude for the gifts of nourishment, friendship, family,
trust, patience, and hope with the courage and wisdom to change whatever fails
to be life-giving.
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That those who see the cross starkly revealed in their lives draw strength from the
name that is above every other name.
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That we might live with gratitude for our ancestors whose faith and witness have nourished our own, that all who mourn today will be comforted, and that we, who hope to greet Jesus when he comes again, will be ready and filled with joy.

God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our creator, you show your sons and daughters the way to freedom through the gentle obedience of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*We lift our prayers with our siblings in Christ around the globe,
praying as Christ taught:*

**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;
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**

HYMN #611 JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE



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Glory to God #611 ▾

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1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a-bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.

Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
 Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

+Palm Sunday Challenge – SHARE the Hope and Joy of Christ with those around you! Shout your HOSANNA! by posting it on your door, sharing your “parade” on social media, sending us your picture, or by doing something uniquely hopeful.