



Palm Sunday

April 5, 2020 @ 10:00 am

Church of The Cross

475 West Higgins Road Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

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WELCOME ALL

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Psalm 118:1, 26-27a, 28-29

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,
God's steadfast love endures forever.

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

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is our God, and God has given us light.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to You.

You are my God, and I will extol you.

**O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,
God's steadfast love endures forever.**

OPENING HYMN

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

CCLI Song # 7101236

**Hosanna loud hosanna, The little children sang
Through pillared court and temple, The joyful anthem rang
To Jesus who had blessed them, Close folded to his breast
The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best
From Olivet they followed, 'Mid an exultant crowd
The victor palm-branch waving, And chanting clear and loud
Bright angels joined the chorus, Beyond the cloudless sky
Hosanna in the highest, Glory to God on high
Hosanna in the Highest, That ancient song we sing
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heaven our King
O may we ever praise him, With heart and life and voice
And in his blissful presence, Eternally rejoice**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²*adapted*

**Suffering God, the way of the cross is a hard road. It is draining.
It is demanding. It is fraught with danger. You ask us to stay by
your side as you walk toward Calvary. But weariness and fear
overtake us. Like the first disciples, we are quick to betray you,
to deny you, to abandon you.**

**Forgive us, God. Strengthen us for journey ahead. Give us courage
to face the pain and suffering of this world in these uncertain times,**

**and to respond with compassion in all time. As the darkness gathers,
renew our faith, fill us with hope, and startle us with your grace.**

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS¹

PASSING THE PEACE “Dona Nobis Pacem” (*Grant us Peace*) CCLI Song # 6383383

SHARE GOD’S LOVE

HYMN No. 188, vs1 “Jesus Loves Me”

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:1-11

This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Hosanna”

Rev. Julie Peterson

OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS’ NAME

HYMN “Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”

**Ride on ride on in majesty, hark all the tribes Hosanna cry
thy humble beast pursue its road,
with palms and scattered garments strowed.**

**Ride on ride on in majesty, the host of angels in the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes,
To see the approaching sacrifice.**

**Ride on ride on in majesty, In lowly pomp ride on to die
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, Thy power and reign.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Philippians 2:5-11

**Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though
he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as
something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of
a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human
form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of**

death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERINGS TO GOD AND OUR PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Just As I Am"

CCLI Song # 2648352

**Just as I am without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me
And that thou biddest me come to thee, O Lamb of God I come, I come!
Just as I am though tossed about, with many a conflict may a doubt,
Fightings and fears within without, O Lamb of God I come, I come!
Just as I am Thy love unknown, hath broken every barrier down
Now to be Thine yea Thine alone, O Lamb of God I come, I come!**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING⁴

May the God who gives us everything we need be with you.

May God be with you, so you lack nothing.

Let us empty ourselves of the shadows within.

May God fill our empty hearts with the light of love.

Trust in God in these moments, for God is with us.

We come to the One who saves us with love.

Like wheat, you sifted... With those who desire to feast with you, with those whose hearts are filled with nails, we offer our thanksgiving to you:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God whose heart aches with grief.

All creation mingles its tears with yours this week.

Have grace on all who journey in the coming days.

Blessed is the One who stands by you through everything.

Have grace on all who seek to find peace in the coming days.

Daring to imagine new life for your children... Though we fear to follow, we will; though we wonder how Jesus was obedient, still we proclaim this mystery called faith:

**In every moment, Jesus knew you were with him;
in the moment of death, Jesus committed himself to you;
in the moment of resurrection, you committed yourself to him;
in the moments to come, you will commit yourself to us.**

As we sit at our tables isolated during this difficult time... Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND LIFTING OF THE CUP

COMMUNING TOGETHER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION¹

Thank you, Gracious God, for nourishing us to brave this journey ahead. May this Bread sustain our souls during these stressful, isolating, fearsome days. May this Cup nourish our thirst for companionship, as it calms our uncertainties with Your Promise to always be with us. And may it empower us to share the promise of Your Unending Love with all who are in need. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

CCLI Song # 29509

Refrain **All glory, laud, and honor, To Thee Redeemer King
To whom the lips of children, Made sweet hosannas ring**

**Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son
Who in the Lord's name comest, The King and Blessed One**

Refrain

**The people of the Hebrews, With palms before Thee went
Our praise and prayer and anthems, Before Thee we present**

Refrain

**Thou didst accept their praises, Accept the praise we bring
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King**

Refrain

BENEDICTION

¹Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, <http://rev-o-lution.org>.

²Call to Worship 53.1 ©2019 Office of Theology & Worship Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) p74

Welcome All
Share God's Love
Offer Hope
... all in Jesus' name



Hearing Assistance Devices, large print copies of the bulletin and hymns are available from an usher.

ARE YOU A VISITOR OR DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

If you are a visitor today please fill out one of our visitor cards. If you have a prayer request, please fill out the prayer request card. Please drop your card in the offering plate.

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR...

Avonne (Laura D's mother)
Ed (Terri H)
Linda A (sister of Judy M)
Mary Lou A (friend of Larry & Dawn A)
Connie & Ed (Friends of Karen)
Sushma B
Mildred B
Mary Ann B
Virgil B (friend of Karen F)
Andree C
Becky C (former member)
Chuck C
Patrick C (Stu & Marie's son-in-law)
Renee C (Laura D's sister-in-law)
Jim C (Mary Ann's son-in-law)
Linda D (Jim & Sue's relative)
Betty F (Chris L's mother)
Shawn F (Karen F's son)
Jack and Donna F (uncle/aunt of Sue L)
Karen F
Adelaide G
Bruce & Linda G (friends of the Rutter's)
Nick G (Rutter's grandson)
Ricky G (Liautaud's nephew)
Rita H (Jim & Ann's relative)
Mary Ann J (Judie T's friend)

Jessica (Charlie / Nancy's niece)
Bob L (Judie T's friend)
Steve (Jane L's brother)
Jim L (Groenewold's son-in-law)
Al M (Pastor Julie's cousin)
Glenna M
Judy M
Klee (Michaelis' son)
Kofi M (Grant-Acquah family friend)
Lisa M (Karen's daughter)
Steve M
Dick McW (Ann Moorman's brother)
Noah (nephew of Adelaide's son-in-law)
Jann P (Jeff P's father)
Susan Q (Ann S's boss)
John R
Ann S
Larry V (Jim V's father)
April V (Chris V's cousin)
Caregivers
Communities impacted by natural disasters
Those devastated by terrorism
Families of suicide loss
Those who grieve
Our World which is spinning with the tragedy of the COVID-19 pandemic



1) The Schaumburg Food Pantry is taking curbside donations on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 am to 1 pm. Please take your donations directly to their location at:

1 Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

2) Donate to the Township Food Pantry through their Amazon wish list! Simply follow this link, order our most needed items and ship them to our building at One Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates.

Wish list found here: <https://amzn.to/2MJXMpk>

Schedule for 2020 Lent services:

- **Palm Sunday Service**
5 April @ 10 am
- **Maundy Thursday**
9 April @ 7 pm
- **Easter Sunday Service**
12 April @ 10 am