

THE LAMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*We are a family of faith wrapping our arms around God's world
and making Jesus Christ a way of life*

through **worship**, as we praise and glorify God;
through **study**, as we listen for God's Word in body, mind and spirit;
through **mission**, as we embody God's love in service to the world;
through **giving**, as we express gratitude to God;
through **fellowship**, as we love and care for one another.



PALM SUNDAY

**Forgive us for the times when we seek glory for ourselves,
and fail to give glory to you.**
**Save us from unrighteous anger,
from greed,
from harmful words and impure thoughts.**
**Forgive us for looking only to ourselves,
and not to the interests of others.**
**Remind us of how you spurned the offer of a royal crown
to shoulder a criminal's cross;
and help us to know, with deep gratitude,
that your saving death was for us. Amen.**

* KYRIE

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!**

* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn 223)

**Bless your Maker, all you creatures,
Ever under God's control,
All throughout God's vast dominion;
Bless the Lord of all, my soul!**

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Children through 7th Grade are excused to go with their teachers to church school.)

ANTHEM

Messiah, HWV 56

George Frideric Handel

No. 27 Recitative "All They That See Him, Laugh Him to Scorn"

Psalm 22:7

John Cloys, soloist

No. 28 Chorus "He Trusted in God That He Would Deliver Him"

Psalm 22:8

SECOND READING

John 12:12-16

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"A King's Ransom"

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

Welcome to Lamington

If you are a guest, please fill out the information card in the pew and return it in the offering plate or to the pastor or usher at the end of the service. The church office hours are Monday-Friday from 10:00AM-3:00PM, (908) 572-7013, lamingtonchurch@gmail.com. If you have a pastoral emergency and need assistance immediately, please contact Pastor Carl Wilton at (908) 910-5360.

Today's Worship Notes

Palm Sunday, as it has come down to us, has become a joyous, pre-Easter celebration. Many of us have fond memories of childhood, processing through the Sanctuary and waving palm branches imported for the occasion. Yet there was not such carefree joy when Jesus rode into Jerusalem long ago. There was joy, yes: as the people welcomed a man many thought to be a political savior. The air was crackling with excitement as they wondered what would come next: what the Romans might do in response to this provocation. In a few days, they would know the answer. Was he the king they hoped for? Or was he another sort of king altogether?

DEACONS: Sallye Grubel and John Gordon

LITURGIST: Rich Ramsay

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Lori & Bob Luciano

Church Staff

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton, PASTOR

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Mary Ann Scott and Susan Scott, SUNDAY NURSERY CARE

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The Officers of The Lamington Presbyterian Church

Session

Meridith Scott, *Clerk of Session*

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