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Front Street United Methodist Church

Palm Sunday



Opening Litany

Hosanna!

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

The One we have long awaited, the Messiah, has come

Hosanna!

Riding into Jerusalem, not on a warhorse, but on a young donkey

Hosanna!

The Prince of Peace has come, the one who heals our wounds.

Hosanna!

Everything that was foretold, Christ has fulfilled.

We offer a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

We set up a banquet, and pour costly perfume at his feet.

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

This is Jesus, whose name is glorified.

This is Jesus, high and lifted up.

Hosanna!

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

Amen.

Psalter

Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good:

his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,

“His steadfast love endures forever.”

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Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them

and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.
I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.
We bless you from the house of the LORD.
The LORD is God,
and he has given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.
You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.
O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

The Word, Read & Proclaimed

Matthew 21:1–11

Now When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying 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. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

“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.”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The 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!”

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

Offering & Meditation



Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below
Praise God above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

The 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 Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;**

**the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,**

**and sitteth at 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 Spirit,
the holy catholic church
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers for Others & The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, the welfare of your global church, and for the unity of all peoples.

(Silence)

Lord, have mercy.

Guide our Bishop, Hope Morgan Ward, our District Superintendent, Mike Frese, and all clergy and laity serving your church in this time.

(Silence)

Lord, have mercy.

Give wisdom to those who lead nations, states, and municipalities, and all who hold authority over others, that they may lead us in humility and truth.

(Silence)

Lord, have mercy.

We pray for the welfare of the city of Burlington and greater Alamance County, and all communities surrounding us and those who live in them.

(Silence)

Lord, have mercy.

Birth goodness from your creation, O God, which you have given over to our care, and grant us wisdom to conserve its resources well.

(Silence)

Lord, have mercy.

Give comfort to the aged and infirm, companionship to the widowed and orphaned, and rest to the sick and suffering.

(Silence)

Lord, have mercy.

Give justice to poor and the oppressed, the unemployed and the destitute, the prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them.

(Silence)

Lord, have mercy.

Give eternal rest for all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all those lingering at the end of their earthly life.

(Silence)

Lord, have mercy.

Deliver the world from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, and bring peace to all who have been made victims at the hands of others.

(Silence)

Lord, have mercy.

Lastly, Lord, we pray for ourselves, that we may live the faith of Jesus Christ, in hope and without fear, so that we with all of your saints may embody the love of Christ to the world.

(Silence)

Lord, have mercy.

And now with confidence as children of God, let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us...

Benediction

As we follow Jesus into Holy Week may God mercifully grant us a journey of renewal even amid the darkness of his passion, a time of prayer and reflection as we gaze upon his cross, and joyful anticipation of celebrating the hope of his resurrection. May we live and serve this week in remembrance of Christ's love; in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.