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Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

10:30 a.m.

GUIDED TO HUMILITY

WORSHIP SERVICE

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you. James 4:10

PRELUDE

WELCOME

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

P: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory?

C: The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

P: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory?

C: The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory!

P: Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

C: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

OPENING HYMN: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

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(Palms will be distributed during the hymn)

TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(Please pause for silent reflection.)

P: Let us confess our sins to God and ask His forgiveness.

C: Almighty God, we are called to humble ourselves and to serve one another in love, but instead, we become puffed up with pride. We look on others as less important than ourselves. We do not humble ourselves before Your Word, and we do not walk in the way of love. Have mercy on us, and forgive us.

P: God has had mercy on us. He sent His Son to be our Savior. Jesus humbled Himself, and on the cross, He suffered in our place the penalty of death that we deserved for our sins. For His sake God forgives us. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Behold our King has come, righteous and humble, bringing salvation to us!

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PRAISE SONG: *He Is Exalted*

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lord Jesus, You are the King of glory, yet You entered Jerusalem in humble majesty, to bring to us salvation. During this Holy Week, as we follow Your final path to the cross, lead us in humility and meekness. Help us to put the needs of others ahead of our own and to walk in love, forgiving one another as we have been forgiven. Jesus, humble King, we hail You as our Lord and Savior. You are the King of glory. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:7-10

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 11th chapter.
(Mark 11:1-10)

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

HYMN: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

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SERMON

PRAISE SONG: *Goodness of God*

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PRAYERS

P: Jesus, King of glory, You entered Jerusalem in humility and meekness. You did not come to fight armies and set up an earthly kingdom. You came to bring salvation, to suffer and die on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world. Jesus, humble King,

C: Set Your cross before us to guide us in humility.

P: Jesus, King of glory, during this Holy Week we will follow You as You take up Your path to the cross. We will receive the gift of Your body and Your blood in Your holy Supper. We will follow You to Gethsemane, and watch with You through Your betrayal, arrest and condemnation. We will see with eyes of faith Your humble death and victorious resurrection. Jesus, humble King,

C: Set Your cross before us to guide us in humility.

P: Jesus, King of glory, lead us to walk in Your steps, in humility and love. Teach us to put others first, as You put our needs ahead of Your own. We want to follow You, our King, and to pattern our lives after Your life. Jesus, humble King.

C: Set Your cross before us to guide us in humility.

P: Jesus, King of glory, look with mercy on those who are suffering in pain, illness or grief, especially *[mention known names of those sick, injured or grieving]* and those we name in our hearts. Lead us to help and serve them in love and to bring to them the hope and comfort found in Your Word. Jesus, humble King.

C: Set Your cross before us to guide us in humility.

P: Jesus, King of glory, You humbled Yourself, obedient to Your heavenly Father, even to the point of death on a cross. On the third day after Your death, You were raised in exalted glory, as we by faith will one day be raised, to live in Your presence forever. Jesus, humble King,

**C: Set Your cross before us to guide us in humility.
Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

P: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, Your king is coming to you;

C: Righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG: *Hosanna*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Bible Study begins Wednesday, April 10 at 7:30. Each week, we will watch an episode of “The Chosen” and work through the study guide. Cost for the guide is \$12 on Amazon. If you are not able to buy it online, please give the money to Pastor Anthony or leave it in the church office by Sunday, April 7, and we will order it for you. This is a great opportunity to invite your friends, families, and neighbors to participate. All are welcome! Refreshments will be served.

Easter lily order forms are due today. The cost is \$9.50 per plant. For those who are not able to attend church in person, please call your order in to the church office.

Get ready to smile! Plans are underway for a new pictorial directory of our members. Each family will receive a free 8X10 portrait and a free printed directory. Portrait packages will be available for purchase but there is no pressure to buy. Appointments will be available between 2:00 - 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7. Contact Ruth Bolger if you have any questions.

CALENDAR:

Maundy Thursday: 7:30 pm at **St. John's, Bloomfield**

Good Friday: 7:30 pm Worship Service

Easter Sunday: 9 – 10:00 am Easter Pancake Breakfast
10:30 am Communion Service

THOSE WHO SERVE US:

Altar Guild: Jaya Lakra

Contemporary Music Director/Organist: Ruth Bolger

Live Stream Producer/Projectionist: Christopher Bolger

Reader: Anne Daly

Usher: Gordon Wickham

The Praise Team

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

March 25 Nancy Keltner

March 28 Chris Molinari



PRAYER LIST

Pray for:

John Wickham, who is at home, following a fall and brief hospital stay.

LaVerne Sieglen, who is at Crane's Mill. May God watch over and strengthen her.

Nancy Warnock, Alyce Molinari's cousin, who had a double lung transplant.

Al Arroyo, Joanne's husband, that God will continue to heal him as he recovers following a stroke.

Shirley, Debbie's friend, who is struggling with paralysis.

Betty Kay Foster, a college friend of Edith Conte, who was diagnosed with cancer.

Dominic Cappello, Edith Conte's neighbor, a young elementary school boy, who has a cancerous brain tumor.

Nathan Kuder, may the Lord bring His healing upon him.

Don and Lucille Wernes, for healing and strength.

Ken and Edith Meyer, who need strength and encouragement while dealing with various medical issues.

Lois Tiedemann, who is suffering with chronic health conditions.

Kenneth Meyer Jr. and his mission work in Vienna.

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HOWARD JESPERSEN went home to the Lord on Monday, March 18th. His daughters were with him and he went peacefully.

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Notes:



CALVARY'S MISSION

As God's Children, our mission is to
Know His Word, Share His Word and
Live His Word