



Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church

**Palm Sunday, Year C
20 March 2016 at 10:45**



***You are invited to assemble outside at 10:45 to join in the processional of Palms.*

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†Gathering and Entrance

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

According to the Gospels, before entering Jerusalem, Jesus was staying in the towns of Bethany and Bethphage. The Gospel of John adds that he had dinner with Lazarus, and his sisters Mary and Martha while there. At the beginning of the week, Jesus sent two disciples into the village, with instructions to retrieve a donkey that had been tied up but never ridden. Jesus then rode the donkey into Jerusalem, with the Synoptics adding that the disciples had first put their cloaks on it, so as to make it more comfortable. The Gospels go on to recount how Jesus rode into Jerusalem, and how the people there lay down their cloaks in front of him, and also lay down small branches of trees. The people sang part of Psalm 118 – Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father, David. We remember that procession into Jerusalem today as we, too, hold out our palm branches in honor of the Christ who goes before us on the way to the cross.

(All are now invited to hold up their palm branches)

God our Savior, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die, let these palms be for us signs of his victory; and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen. Let us now go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah

(We will begin processing in with the opening hymn. You may keep your palm branches or lay them around the communion table.)

†Processional Hymn 197: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

*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;
the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.*

*"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.*

+ + + GATHERING + + +

Announcements

Holston Sr. High Retreat is April 8-10 at Holston Camp. Cost is \$50.

Youth Triennium happens once every 3 years, and is **this summer (19-23 July)**. Cost is \$505 (scholarship assistance is available), and Rev. Greg Cartwright (First Greeneville) will be leading the trip for Holston Presbytery as we join with 5000 other youth in Purdue, Indiana.

Nurture Committee will meet briefly this morning right after worship.

Community Holy Week Services

20 March @ 6:30 pm	24 March @ 6:30 pm	25 March @ 6:30 pm
Palm Sunday Worship at Pine Grove UMC	Maundy Thursday Worship at Cedar Hill CPC	Good Friday Worship at Timber Ridge

Prayer of the Day

Holy Christ, it is easy for us to buy some palm leaves, wave them around and spread them in the church today. It is easy for us to sing hymns and read stories that help us remember and re-enact Palm Sunday.

But what if you arrived inviting us to really lay down something important to us to acknowledge your arrival?

What if we knew the imminence of the danger that accompanies you, or sensed that the authorities were watching us as we worship?

How then, Jesus, would we meet you today? And what would we spread before

you? And how would we regard humility from the One we hope will save the world?
Palm Sunday Jesus, help us to see how and where you enter our world today, and what you ask us to lay at your feet, and how we may welcome you in. Amen.

First reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion. Sing aloud, Daughter Jerusalem. Look, your king will come to you. He is righteous and victorious. He is humble and riding on an ass, on a colt, the offspring of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem. The bow used in battle will be cut off; he will speak peace to the nations. His rule will stretch from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth.

We proclaim Christ crucified— the wisdom and power of God. (1 Cor. 1:23-25)

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Children's Time

†Gospel: Luke 19:28-40

When Jesus had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.""

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†Prayer for Illumination (Hymn #450: Be Thou My Vision, v1)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Palm Sunday Meditation

†**Hymn of Response 198:** *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*

+ + + THE EUCHARIST + + +

Offering (*Matthew 6:21*)

Jesus says: Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Let us offer the gifts of our lives in love and service to the Lord.

†**Doxology** (*Tune #442*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Christ all creatures here below.

Praise Holy Spirit evermore.

Praise Triune God whom we adore.

†**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

†**Great Thanksgiving**

God is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts to God.

Let us give thanks to God, our God!

We give God our thanks and our praise!

On this day of celebration - on this day of renewing our faith - on this day of walking with the Christ, to Jerusalem... to Golgotha... and beyond - we give you thanks, great and loving God. From the very beginning, you have loved us. You created all that is, calling it into being. With the Spirit - with the Wind and the Word, you saw what you had created, and called it, "Good!" But, time and time again, in history and in our story, we have turned away from your love. We have turned away from your hope. We have turned away from you. We have wandered away, thinking we knew best.

But you never left us to walk by ourselves, loving God. Even when we

turned away. Even when we turn away. You walk the road with us.

Through prophets, priests and storytellers, through mothers and grandmothers, through fathers and grandfathers, through teens and children and infants, you called us back to your love. There came a time when you sent Jesus to speak to the world.

To speak to us.

To teach us your love.

To give abundant life.

To make us new.

Thank you, loving God!

He lived a life as one of us – a child, a youth, an adult. He laughed with those who laughed, he cried with those who cried. In all of this, he walked the hard road -

the way of the Cross and the way of the Resurrection.

On the night before he was put to death, he gathered for a meal of celebration with his friends. There he recommitted himself to your love, and to his people. He took bread, thanked You, and broke the bread, giving it to his friends, saying,

“Take this and eat. This is my body, given for you. Each time you do this, remember me.”

After the meal was over, he took the cup of blessing, thanked You, and poured the wine, giving it to his friends, saying,

“Take this and drink. This is my blood, given for you. Each time you drink this, remember me.”

And so we do as he asked us, loving God. We pray that your Spirit might fill these gifts, and fill us – that all might be vessels of your love, your hope and your life in the world.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Agnus Dei



O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of - the world; ____

5 have mer - cy on - us, Lamb of God, and grant ____ us ____ your peace.

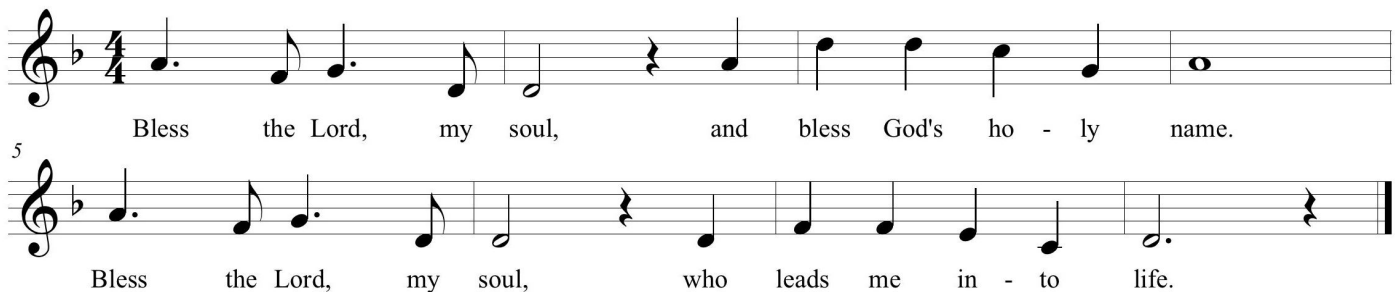
Communion of the People

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Please come forward down the center aisle, take a wafer, dip it into the cup, and then return to your seat down the side aisle. Those wishing to remain seated will be served by an elder.

Communion Hymn (please repeat as the elements are served)



†Post-Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

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†Parting Hymn 160: A Stable Lamp Is Lighted

†Charge and Blessing

†Congregational Response

*May the road rise to meet you; May the wind blow at your back;
May the sun shine warmly on your face;
May the rain fall softly on your fields;
And until we meet again, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.*

Postlude

† Please rise in body or in spirit.

This Week at TRPC

Week of 23 March	Next Sunday (27 March)	Food Bank & Samaritan's Purse (March)
See Holy Week Worship Schedule	Choir Cantata	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instant Potatoes or Rice (FB) • Socks (boys & girls, ages 2-4, 5-9, 10-14), combs, hairbrushes (SP)

Worship Leadership

Date	Acolyte	Usher	Communion
20 Mar	Addison G	Doyle E	Lee Anne S
25 Mar	TBD	Charles Br	N/A
26 Mar	TBD	Scott C	Sandra C
27 Mar	Kenton C	Doug R	Marilyn B
3 Apr	Wallace W	Paul B	N/A
10 Apr	Blair S	Carroll H	N/A