

“Hosanna!”

Blessed
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Mark 11:9, NRSV



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**HOSANNA! BLESSED IS THE LORD JESUS!
LET US WORSHIP TOGETHER THIS PALM
[PASSION] SUNDAY.**

Worship On Line - Today's 10:30 a.m. worship service is being streamed live on our Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/fpcpborg/>. Or watch later in the day by clicking the link on the Worship page of our website, <https://www.fpcpborgwv.org/>. If you would like a CD recording of the service, contact the office at **304-422-5426**, or e-mail office@fpcpborgwv.org.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service - A Service of Tenebrae will be streamed live on **Friday, April 10, at 7 p.m.** We hope that you will join us then for worship as we observe this solemn day. It can also be accessed through the church website.

Giving On Line - To continue to provide financial support, scroll down on the home page of our website to the button labeled "Online Giving." If you have problems with this process, you may contact Chris Alfred, finance@fpcpborgwv.org. Of course, you can still mail your contributions to the church. If you need additional pledge envelopes mailed to you, please contact the church office.

Printed copies of this bulletin are available upon request by calling the church office **304-422-5426**, or via e-mail, office@fpcpborgwv.org. The secretary will be in the office periodically during the week. If there is no answer, please leave

a voice message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

COVID-19 Update - Due to government guidelines for social distancing being extended through April 30, the church will remain closed to all but the staff. All meetings, gatherings or other activities have been cancelled or postponed until further notice. We will try to keep you informed of any changes to this timeline.



Palm branches are mentioned in only one of the four Gospels (see John 12:12-15). So why do we call the first day of Holy Week Palm Sunday?

Tradition plays an important part in church history. During Jesus' time, Rome was the world's leading power. Whenever the Romans were victorious in battle, citizens traditionally threw palm branches in the returning heroes' path.

This was the accepted custom of reception. So when Jesus rode into Jerusalem, it was appropriate that he receive a hero's welcome. One week later, he would be victorious over death.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 5, 2020

10:30 a.m.

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Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem

Matthew 21

Call to Worship

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Hosanna in the highest!

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

Hosanna in the highest!

Prayer of the Day

*Almighty God, on this day your son Jesus Christ
entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King
by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way.
Let those branches be for us signs of his victory,
and grant that we who remember this day
may ever hail him as our Lord,
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life.
In his name we pray. AMEN.*

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

Trusting in the grace of God, a grace present even in judgement,
let us with penitence and faith confess our sin before God.

Prayer of Confession

God of all, you gave your only-begotten Son to take the form of a servant,
and to be obedient even to death on a cross.

Forgive us of our sinfulness, purify us,
and help us to obey you as our Lord Jesus did,
who sought not his own will, but yours.

Give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus,
that sharing in his humility, we may come to be with him in his glory;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

(Moments of silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Prayer for Illumination

Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week and worship you today,
turn our hearts again to Jerusalem,
to the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus.
Remembering his sacrifice and love for us,
may we follow him in the way of suffering and the cross,
that dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom.
It is in his name we pray. Amen.

Lesson from the Scriptures

Mark 11:7-10

Sermon

“THREE KINGS COME TO JERUSALEM”

the Rev. Patricia Jarvis

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. AMEN.*

Benediction and Sending Forth

Prayer List – Remember the following in your prayers:

Dave Crawford	COVID-19 Pandemic	Amy Sinclair
Stacey Wright	The Miller Family	Pat Douglass
Susan Williams	Ashlee Jackson, Baby	Jody Kanalz
Gladys Watson	Charlie, Gunnar, Max	Billy O'Dell
Harriet Litteral	Dawn Hapney Jenkins	Paul Conner
Wagner family	Charlotte Johnson	Susie Casto
Sarah Townsend	Mary Ann Danser	Kate Winter
Baby August	Dr. Regina Wynne	Leon Knopp
Terry Dooley	Beth Rhodes Wilcox	Mika Martin
Mona Coe Kerns	Abby Kern Hilerman	Ben Johnson
Nancy Pillichody	Jim & Liz Sterrick	April Tibbs
Doris Thornburg	Mark & Jan Harris	Sue Kirby
Sharon O'Dell	Raymond Bradley, Jr.	Ann O'Dell
Beth Ferguson	Homebound Members	Harry Ayre
Patricia Shutler	Troops – World Peace	Rion Foster
John B. White		James Kuhn

The Covenant of Prayer	
Colonial House <i>Vernelle Mercer</i>	Wyngate Senior Living <i>Sylvia Garland</i>



Lectionary Texts for next week – April 12
Easter / Resurrection Sunday

Acts 10:34-43

1 Corinthians 3:1-4

John 20:1-18

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

A NOTE ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

The Church calendar calls today "Palm/Passion Sunday." It reminds us of the sharp contrasts of Holy Week. It begins with the remembrance of the joyous entrance into Jerusalem. But as the story unfolds, and we move deeper into Holy Week, we are confronted with Jesus' suffering and death.

Going from the joy of the entry into Jerusalem to the joy of Easter, without considering the passion and the cross of our Lord, misrepresents the Gospel. There is no triumph without suffering, no crown without a cross.

We cannot really appreciate Easter until we have been to the cross. May our walk with Jesus this week lead us to the empty tomb.

JESUS' FINAL WEEK

- Sunday:** Triumphal entrance into Jerusalem
- Monday:** Overturning the money changers' tables outside the Temple
- Tuesday:** Teaching in the Temple
- Wednesday:** Teaching in the Temple
- Thursday:** The Last Supper in the Upper Room
The arrest in the garden of Gethsemane
- Friday:** Trial and crucifixion
- Saturday:** Silence
- Sunday:** The empty tomb

