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## NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### ***“Staying Connected in Christ”***

*(See Announcements page 5)*

11 A. M. ONLINE WORSHIP, PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020

### WE ENTER GOD’S PRESENCE

#### PRELUDE

Overture

G. F. Handel  
Todd Fickley, organ

#### CHIMES

#### WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP *please read in unison*

Dr. David Renwick

**Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!**

Zechariah 9:9

**Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**

**Lo, your king comes to you;**

**Triumphant and victorious is he; humble and riding on a donkey.**

***Let us lift up our hearts and worship God together.***

#### ▲HYMN *please sing!*

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

*Ellacombe*

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna the little children sang.  
Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang,  
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,  
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.
2. From Olivet they followed ‘mid and 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.
3. “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!

#### CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Rev. Donna Marsh

Almighty God, as we worship you today, we remember that your Son our Savior entered Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed Messiah and king. Many spread garments and branches along his way, but did not know it would lead to Calvary. As we too raise palms and voices singing, “Hosanna,” help us remember that he who came in the name of the Lord, came for our redemption and restoration. Forgive our sins and cleanse us. Show us ever more clearly our life in Christ, as we follow him all the way to the cross.

#### SILENT CONFESSION

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**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Believe the good news of the Gospel. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSE OF PRAISE** *please sing!*

*Truro*

Lift up your heads, you mighty gates; behold the King of glory waits;  
the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

**A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES**

Cate McCrory

**SCRIPTURE**

**Luke 19:28-48**

Rev. Donna Marsh

<sup>28</sup> After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup> When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>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. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, “Why are you untying it?” just say this: “The Lord needs it.”’

<sup>32</sup>So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, ‘Why are you untying the colt?’ <sup>34</sup>They said, ‘The Lord needs it.’ <sup>35</sup>Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

<sup>36</sup>As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>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, <sup>38</sup>saying, ‘Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!’

<sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, order your disciples to stop.’

<sup>40</sup>He answered, ‘I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.’ <sup>41</sup> As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, <sup>42</sup>saying, ‘If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. <sup>43</sup>Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. <sup>44</sup>They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God.’

<sup>45</sup> Then he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling things there; <sup>46</sup>and he said, ‘It is written, “My house shall be a house of prayer,” but you have made it a den of robbers.’

<sup>47</sup> Every day he was teaching in the temple. The chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people kept looking for a way to kill him; <sup>48</sup>but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were spellbound by what they heard.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Blind to Joy?

Dr. David Renwick

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE AND CALL**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Westminster New*

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! all the tribes hosannas cry;  
while multitudes prepare your way, to joy the hardened turn blind eye.  
Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die:  
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin o’er captive death and conquered sin.

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**▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

Dr. Joyce Emery

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness  
of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

Dr. Joyce Emery

Chris Tomlin

All the way my Savior leads me, who have I to ask beside?  
How could I doubt his tender mercy who through life has been my guide?  
All the way my Savior leads me, cheers each winding path I tread;  
Gives me grace for every trial, feeds me with the living bread.  
*You lead me and keep me from falling; you carry me close to your heart;  
and surely your goodness and mercy will follow me.*  
All the way my Savior leads me, O the fullness of his love!  
O the sureness of his promise in the triumph of his blood!  
And when my spirit clothed immortal wings its flight to realms of day,  
this my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way.

Fanny J. Crosby

Joanna Zorack-Greene, singer and pianist

**DOXOLOGY**

*Old Hundredth*

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.

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Dr. Quinn Fox

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.

**▲ HYMN** *please sing!*

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*Valet will ich dir geben*

**Refrain**

*All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer King!  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

1. Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,  
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One. **Refrain**
2. To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. **Refrain**
3. Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King! **Refrain**

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**BENEDICTION**

Dr. David Renwick

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

Go Ye Now in Peace

Joyce Eilers

Go ye now in peace, and know that the love of God will guide you. Feel his presence here beside you showing you the way. In your time of trouble, when hurt and despair are there to grieve you, know that the Lord will never leave you. He will bring you courage. Know that the God who sent his Son to die that you might live will never leave you lost and alone in his beloved world. Go ye now in peace. Go ye now in peace.

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**POSTLUDE**

Triumphal March on "Now Thank We All Our God" Siegfried Karg-Elert

Todd Fickley, organ

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## **Let's Stay Connected**

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### **Announcements for You**

#### *Floral Dedications*

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of G. Joseph Sears on the occasion of his April 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday with love from his wife Margaret Smith Sears.

#### **Holy Week Worship Online**

Good Friday: Noon & 7:30 pm ET

Easter Sunday: 11:00 am ET

#### **Find Your Friends and Reach Out to Them**

It's the perfect time to call a friend from NPC or send a note in the mail. You can find members and friends of the church on the NPC password protected congregational directory. Visit [nationalpres.ccbchurch.com](http://nationalpres.ccbchurch.com) and click "request access" to log in. You can...

- Search for members and friends by first or last names.
- Edit your own information by adding a photo or adjusting privacy settings.
- Access your giving info to view or edit details related to your financial support.

#### **Your Giving and Commitments Make a Difference: Thank you!**

Because of your financial generosity, National continues to bear powerful witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ in this time of world-wide anxiety. Your giving empowers us to serve the vulnerable at this critical time in partnership with our local and international partners.

Not yet made a gift online or by phone?

- Go to [nationalpres.org/giving](http://nationalpres.org/giving)

Make a gift from your phone:

- Text the letters NPC to 77977.

#### **Did You Know NPC Has Social Media?**

Follow the National Presbyterian Church pages to see fun and inspiring posts about our life together.

- **Facebook:** Search @NationalPres or visit [facebook.com/NationalPres](https://facebook.com/NationalPres)
- **Instagram:** @nationalpres

#### **It's a Great Time to Grow Spiritually**

As you find yourself in this extraordinary season, we want to provide some resources to place the Lord at the center of your life each day. Spend time reading your Bible daily, and check your email every Thursday for a message from NPC containing helpful links to devotions and study materials.

#### **How to Help Our Neighbors**

Your love and generosity are inspiring! We are getting lots of inquiries about how to help congregation members and other families in our city who may go hungry or be in need.

- Our Care Office is assessing the needs of congregation members; please contact Liz Martin at [lmartin@nationalpres.org](mailto:lmartin@nationalpres.org) or (202)537-7540 with requests or offers of assistance.
- Our local mission partners are asking for direct donations, and a few have opportunities to volunteer. Please contact John Turpin at [jturpin@nationalpres.org](mailto:jturpin@nationalpres.org) or (202)537-7505 for guidance.