



## The Celebration of Worship

April 5, 2020 Palm Sunday

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### Welcome & Announcements

*Please join in lighting a candle at home.*

### Introit

**All: Make us one, Lord, make us one. Holy Spirit make us one. Let  
Your love flow so the world will know, we are one in You.**

### Call to Worship

Leader: Look! He is coming.

**Congregation: The King of all creation is riding into the Holy City.**

Leader: Wave high your palm branches.

**Congregation: We wave our branches as the Lord of life approaches.**

Leader: Sing with great joy for the Savior has come to us.

**All: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna!**

### Gathering Hymn

“Laudate Omnes Gentes”

Latin: Laudate omnes gentes, laudate Dominum.

English: Sing praises, all you peoples, sing praises to the Lord.

### Prayer of Confession

Leader: Coming Christ, just like those who received You with joy and then betrayed You few days later, we have betrayed You as well. Our relationship with You fluctuates as circumstances change and our loyalty to You is put to test in days like these.

**All: Forgive us and call us to turn our lives around to see the needs of others, to be willing to witness to Your good news despite the dark times. Heal our hearts and give us courage for the days ahead.**

### Assurance of God's Grace

**All: Though we have fallen short, God reaches out to us in loving forgiveness. God is with us, celebrating this day and walking all the way to the cross with us. For the time of salvation is near. Amen.**

### Response to God's Mercy

**Glory be to Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.**

### Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### Discovery Table

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

### Hymn of Grace

“Prepare the Way of the Lord”

### Unison Prayer Of Guidance

**All: Now may the words of our mouth, the meditation of our hearts, the interpretation of our minds, and the response of our hands be acceptable to You, our Lord and our Redeemer. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

### First Reading

Psalm 118:19-29

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 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 God is good; for God's steadfast love endures forever.

## Second Reading

Matthew 21:1-11

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.”

## Sermon

Rola Al Ashkar

## Opportunity To Present Offerings & Doxology

*Please enter any prayer requests, joys or concerns, in the comments of the Facebook Live video so we can include you in our prayers.*

**All: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## Joys & Concerns/Pastoral Prayer

Veronica Gould

## The Lord's Prayer

**All: Our Parent Who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

## Benediction

Rola Al Ashkar

## Response: “Shalom”

**Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, Kami no mi megumi. (Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, may we be blessed with grace from God.)**

**Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, yuta kani, yuta kani, yuta kani. (Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, abundantly, abundantly, abundantly.)**



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## SPECIAL OFFERINGS

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In Isaiah 58, the author is addressing a people who have returned to Jerusalem, where the Temple—God’s house—was in shambles. I imagine it was a heartbreaking scene. And in that rubble, the prophet challenges the people not to rebuild the building or to restore their religious rituals, but to care for the hungry, the weak and the vulnerable—the prophet called the people to become the house of God. We are called to become, as Isaiah promised long ago, “repairers of the breach, restorers of streets to live in”.

Together, we become the household of God.

During this time of crisis, with the COVID-19 pandemic threatening, we are reminded that the most vulnerable in our midst suffer first, most and longest. One Great Hour of Sharing has, for over 70 years, supported the most vulnerable among us. Because of our support, the Church is able to deepen its commitment to serve. In the days ahead, staff of Self-Development of People, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance will be working with presbyteries to identify and support essential congregational ministries, especially in anti-poverty work. The Church’s response to the present crisis will begin with the most at-risk communities across the country and around the world, as well as those facing spikes of racism in response to this disease.

Through One Great Hour of Sharing, a special offering of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), we extend shelter to those who have no place to stay, offer compassion to those who have pain—be it physical, emotional, or spiritual—and we set a feast, with God, for those who lack access to enough food to eat.

During these uncertain times, we depend on our Church, faith, family and God’s grace to see us through. Please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing. We are the Church, **together**.

### Let us pray:

*Draw all people together, gracious God, and make us your house. Let our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing create a home and a wholeness for people in need, especially those suffering from the impacts of the current crisis, so that the whole human family will know your love. **Amen.***

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