

# Palm Sunday

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## COVENANT

— PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

*A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America*

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## **-DRAWING NEAR TO GOD-**

### **Welcome and Silent Prayer**

Heavenly Father, Giver and Sustainer of all life: Help us, as we draw near, to love and adore and worship you with all that we are and all that we have to offer, for you alone are worthy. Amen.

### **\*Call to Worship**

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 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 pray, O LORD!  
O LORD, we pray, give us success!

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!  
We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

The LORD is God,  
and he has made his light to shine upon us.

**Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,  
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.

**Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!**

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Song of Praise to God**

*Hymn No. 2*

*O WORSHIP THE KING*

**-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-**

**Confession of Sin**

O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you, we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's, that our faith is often more show than substance, that our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and receive us as your own. Amen.

*Silently add your own confession of sin.*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Zechariah 9.9

**\*Song of Faith in Christ**

*Hymn No. 237*

*RIDE ON, RIDE ON IN MAJESTY!*

**\*Confession of Faith**

The Apostle's Creed  
p. 845, Trinity Hymnal

## **Congregational Petitions and 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 also have forgiven 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.

### **-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-**

#### **Sermon**

"Fingered by God"

John 7.53-8.11

Rev. Ron Gonzales

#### **\*Song of Response**

*Hymn No. 590*

*JESUS, MASTER, WHOSE I AM*

#### **Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings**

##### *\*DOXOLOGY*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Him, all creatures here below;*

*Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

#### **\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## -OBSERVING THE SACRAMENT-

### The Lord's Supper

We celebrate the Lord's Supper by coming forward (generally from the back of the sanctuary to the front, though you may commune at any time) and partaking of the bread and the cup. Wine is served in the inner ring of each tray; grape juice in the outer ring. We warmly invite to the Table all baptized Christians, who are living under the authority of Christ and his body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking of the cup, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Christ alone for salvation.

### \*Song of Thanksgiving

#### A Debtor to Mercy Alone

words Augustus M Toplady, 1740-1778 mOD.  
music Eileen Davis 2000



1. A debt - or to mer - cy a - lone, of cov - e - nant mer - cy I sing; nor  
2. The work which his - good - ness be - gan, the arm of his strength will com - plete; his  
3. My name from the palms of his hands e - ter - ni - ty will not e - raise; im -



fear with your righ - teous - ness on, my per - son and of - f'ring to bring. The  
prom - ise is yea and a - men, and nev - er was for - feit - ed yet. Things  
pressed on his heart it re - mains, in marks of in - del - i - ble grace. Yes,



ter - rors of law and of God with me can have noth - ing to do; my  
fu - ture, nor things that are now, nor all things be - low or - a - bove, can  
I to the end shall en - dure, as sure as the ear - nest is giv'n; more



Sav - ior's o - be - dience and blood hide all my trans - gres - sions from view.  
make him his pur - pose for - go, or sev - er my soul from his love.  
hap - py, but not more se - cure, the glo - ri - fied spir - its in heav'n.

## GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

**\*Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

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### Gatherings

*Home Fellowship Group*, led by Pastor Ron, meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Chad and Heidi Leinwebers', from 6:00 to 7:30 PM, for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. This year they will be studying the Gospel of John, in tandem with the Sunday sermon series. All are welcome!

*Men's & High School Boys' Bible & Catechism Study* meets Mondays, at 6:30 PM, at the church, and runs through March 30. The study is intended to teach the core tenets of the faith and equip the believer to challenge the cultural narratives of our day, especially concerning where we find meaning and purpose. For more information, talk to Chad Leinweber.

*A Men's Leadership Bible Study*, led by Kirk Alden, meets Fridays, 6:00-7:00 AM, in the Coffee Hour room. They are going through a series entitled, "Leadership by the Book," in which 52 leadership principles related to personal development, relationships, and life skills are studied from a biblical perspective. All men and older sons are invited.

*A Men's Leadership Bible Study*, led by Kirk Alden, meets at Tate's Umapine Mercantile on Thursdays, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. All men are invited. For more information, talk to Kirk.

*Prayer Meeting*: We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 5:00 PM, in the Coffee Hour room, to pray for one another, for the kingdom, and the world. Please join us.

*Women's Study & Fellowship*: Women and teen girls (middle and high school) are invited to an allergy-friendly dinner and Bible study each Monday, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, through March 30. The women will study Daniel 1-6; the girls will study the book of James. All are welcome.

**Sermon Notes: "Fingered by God" (John 7.53-8.11)**

## **Prayer Concerns**

*Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church (Yakima):* Pray for the elders and Pastor Harris, as they lead the congregation. Pray for the body as they seek to grow in grace. Pray they reflect the character of the Lord Jesus and are used by him to touch and bless the lives of many.

*The Locken & Ojcius Families:* Pray the Locken and Ojcius families know the Lord's comfort as they mourn the death of Dave's mom and Nichole's grandmother, Nell Locken.

*Rev. Tom & Melissa Manning's* ministry of helping team leaders through online coaching, counseling, and leadership development continues, as well as discipling younger men and women at Frontiers' headquarters, who are preparing to go to the Middle East. Pray for them as they carry out this important work of discipleship.

*The Persecuted Church:* There are 42 million Christians out of 52 million people in *Kenya*. Though a majority-Christian nation, there is a growing threat of Islamic radicalism, particularly in the northeast and coastal regions. Converts in these areas live under constant threat of attack. Pray for the church, that it grows in strength and Christlikeness through the suffering it is enduring. Pray for new believers who are often lured away from the faith by economic enticements. And pray for those who have suffered severe trauma at the hands of radical extremists.

*Treading on the Heights:* Habakkuk declared, "The Sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights" (3.19). In addition to healing, pray that *Kirk & Kristi Alden, Sandy Cupolillo, Duane & Judie Jud, Bryce Krueger, Theresa Krumbah, Patton McBean, Rick Myers, and Doreen Teall* know the LORD's strength and are enabled to tread on any heights he puts before them.

## **Announcements**

*Easter Breakfast:* The deacons will be serving breakfast (eggs, meat, and pancakes) on Easter, at 8:30 AM. If you would like to bring something to share (fruit, baked goods, or juice), that would be wonderful. Please let Kirk Alden or Rich Parker know if you will be attending. A headcount would be very helpful.

*Men & Boys:* Join us downstairs this coming Saturday at 8:00 AM for our monthly fellowship breakfast, and be sure to bring a friend!

*Good Friday Service:* Join us Friday, April 3, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM, as we remember the passion and death of our Lord and Savior.