

Dear Friends at FPC Merchantville,

As we are now in this time of “social distancing” with restrictions on public gathering, we want to offer you an opportunity that even though we cannot worship together physically, we can worship together in Spirit and in Truth, and share in common readings and prayers. Included is the guide for Palm/Passion Sunday. The bulk of this information came from the Office of Theology and Worship, Presbyterian Church USA. I have also included a list of songs that are appropriate for Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter. Listen to your favorites and listen to one or two that you are not familiar with. (check out YouTube) Music is such an important part of my life, and a blessing to hear God’s word through it.

Suggestions for using this guide would be the following:

Gather Worship Materials –

- A Bible – (A study bible may be helpful if you have one)
- A Candle
- This Worship Guide

Optional Materials –

- A Cross or other representations of God’s acts of salvation
- Flowers, shells, or other objects of nature
- Art supplies

If you have children

- Children may be permitted to bring a beloved stuffed animal or doll with the explanation that “it’s always good to invite a friend to worship”

Decide on the space for your worship.

Prepare Your Heart.

- Set up your selected worship space
- Worship at 10:00am on Sunday morning as if we were in our church sanctuary
- Light your candle as a sign of the Lord’s presence
- When ready, follow the worship guide

We hope that this will help you to feel God’s presence in this time of personal worship, and of course our prayer is that we will be together again very soon!

In Christian Love and Service,

Kim Tomlin

## **Worship Guide for Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup> – Palm and Passion Sunday**

### **Gathering Around the Word**

“The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.” John 4:23a

### **Prelude**

Light your candle as a sign of the Lord’s presence. Think of your FPC family and sense the others in the congregation, especially those that you usually sit near. Remember that during this same time, we are worshipping together.

### **Call To Worship (selected verses Psalm 118)**

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever. I called on the Lord in my distress; The Lord answered me and set me free. I will praise You, for You have answered me, and have become my salvation. The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord, and He has given us light; You are my God and I will praise you; You are my God, I will exalt you.

### **Proclamation Of The Entrance Into Jerusalem (Matthew 21: 1-11)**

(You can have different readers for each of the sections)

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: Say to the Daughter of Zion, See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them.

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?” The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

(choose to sing or listen to one or more of the songs below)

**Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (traditional)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dEPSQyVgXhw&t=85s>

**All Glory, Laud and Honor (traditional)**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uQgRwJKU\\_jQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uQgRwJKU_jQ)

**Hosanna (Michael W. Smith)** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EqmLkLDE82U>

**Prayer**

God Most High, gracious and glorious, blessed is the one who comes in your name. Lead us now on the road to the cross. May we follow with faithfulness and joy, shouting hosanna in the highest heaven; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Call to Confession: Isaiah 50:7-9a**

The Lord GOD helps us; therefore we have not been disgraced. We know that we shall not be put to shame; our redeemer is near! If it is the Lord GOD who helps us, who will declare us guilty? With confidence in God's redeeming love, let us confess our sin.

**Prayer of Confession**

*(Sin and evil are real, and no one is without sin. Naming the evil robs it of power and frees us from the mistaken belief we should, or can, be sinless. Confession and forgiveness in Jesus Christ set us free from sin and guilt, and allow us to live joyfully dependent upon God's grace. Please pray silently for your sins, and then read together)*

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

**Declaration of Pardon: Phil. 2: 5-11**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Friends, Hear and believe the good news of the gospel. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

**(choose to sing or listen to one or more of the following)**

**Jesus, Messiah – (Chris Tomlin)** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f4whBsh9ovI>

**There is A Redeemer (Keith & Melody Green)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ldRcFz7rK7w>

**The Holy City (recorded by Jessye Norman)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=28LIXGF2d1o>

### **Hearing the Word**

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

Holy One, our strength in suffering and our hope for salvation, lift up your Word of life and pour out your Spirit of grace so that we may follow faithfully on the way to the cross; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Liturgy of the Passion of Christ**

**New Testament Matthew 26:14-27:66**

#### **Reflection and Interpretation**

Passion/Palm Sunday begins Holy Week, a time in the church year when we remember how Christ gave his life in love for the world. As we started today, the crowd waved palm branches, wanting to crown Jesus as King. But as the story of the passion unfolds, their shouts of praise turn to demands for his crucifixion; he receives a crown of thorns as he is handed over to be mocked and killed. Why combine the passion and the palms? First, it is in accord with historical tradition. Second, many people do not attend worship services during Holy week, such as on Good Friday. The result is that, the story skips from Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem to His resurrection on Easter Sunday, thus skipping His great suffering and death. The journey to Jerusalem has the cross as its goal, and the cross needs to be kept in sight even during the triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The need to affirm, as Holy Week begins, the inseparable relationship between the death and the resurrection of Jesus is precisely the reason the passion of Christ and the palms are linked together as Passion/Palm Sunday.

Silently reflect on the meaning of the scripture. If you are worshipping as a family, discuss what you have read. Children and adults may create art as an interpretation of scripture.

#### **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

Ellipses(...) in prayers indicate a pause for silent prayer.

Lord God, almighty, all-merciful, how great is your love that you went down to the depths for us: into suffering, sin, and shame, into darkness, despair, and death. We trust in you, O Lord –we trust in you alone. Deliver us now, we pray; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

We thank you for the many gifts you have provided for us. Help us to recognize what we have been given, and share with those in need. We thank you for those serving our community during this difficult time. We pray for them Lord...

We pray for our family and friends. We pray for safety, health and healing. We lift their names to you.....

We pray for the fellowship of faith in your church....

We pray for our leaders in this Nation, and those around the world....

Merciful God, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace. Hear us now as we pray the prayer that you taught us to say:

Our Father, which 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.

**(choose to sing or listen to one of the following)**

**What Wondrous Love is This – (traditional hymn)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DsVnvN3EVxY>

**By His Wounds – (Glory Revealed – Mac Powell & Friends)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wKqDbVUFjzU>

**Behold the Lamb (by Dottie Rambo)** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B8jWoRWEyzM>

**Benediction:** The Lord bless you and keep you; may His face shine upon you, and give you peace, now and forevermore. Amen.

The Lord Bless You and Keep You [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w4C9zVg5X\\_A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w4C9zVg5X_A)

### **Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**

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.

From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,  
The victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud/  
The Lord of men and angels 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 heav'n, our King;  
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,  
And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice.

### **All Glory, Laud and Honor**

All glory, laud and honor, to Thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring;  
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,  
Who in the Lord's name comest, The King and Blessed One!

All glory, laud and honor, to Thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring;  
The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went:  
Our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present.

All glory, laud and honor, to Thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring;  
To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
To Thee, now high exalted our melody we raise.

All glory, laud and honor, to Thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring;  
Thou didst accept their praises, accept the praise we bring,  
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!

## Hosanna

### Chorus

Blessed is He who comes  
In the name of the Lord  
(Hosanna hosanna hosanna)  
(REPEAT)

### Verse 1

King of Israel  
Welcome to our hearts  
Here to reign in righteousness  
O Ruler of the world  
Ruler of our hearts  
Now ascend Your throne  
You are the King of kings  
Hosanna

### Verse 2

To Jerusalem  
To the sons of man  
Riding on in gentle strength  
O come to save Your own  
Come to give Your life  
The kingdom is at hand  
You are the King of kings  
Hosanna

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## Jesus Messiah

### Verse 1

He became sin who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross  
Love so amazing love so amazing

### Chorus

Jesus Messiah Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

### Verse 2

His body the bread His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing love so amazing

### Bridge

All our hope is in You  
All our hope is in You  
All the glory to You God  
The Light of the world

### Ending

Jesus Messiah  
Lord of all  
The Lord of all  
The Lord of all

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## There Is A Redeemer

### Verse 1

There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son  
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One

### Chorus

Thank You O my Father  
For giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit  
Till the work on earth is done

### Verse 2

Jesus my Redeemer name above all names  
Precious Lamb of God Messiah  
O for sinners slain

### Verse 3

When I stand in glory I will see His face  
There I'll serve my King forever  
In that holy place

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### **What Wondrous Love Is This**

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside His crown, for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb Who is the Great "I Am",  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
And thro' eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And thro' eternity I'll sing on.

### **By His Wounds**

#### Chorus

He was pierced for our transgressions  
He was crushed for our sins  
The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him  
And by His wounds by His wounds  
We are healed

#### Verse

We are healed by Your sacrifice  
In the life that You gave  
We are healed for You paid the price  
By Your grace we are saved  
We are saved

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### **Behold the Lamb**

Behold the Lamb,  
Behold the Lamb,  
Slain from the foundation of the world,  
For sinner's crucified, O Holy sacrifice,  
Behold the Lamb of God, behold the Lamb.

Crown Him, Crown Him, Worthy is the Lamb,  
Praise Him, Praise Him, Heav'n and Earth resound! (repeat from beginning)

### **The Lord Bless You and Keep You**

The Lord Bless you and keep you, The Lord make His face to shine upon you,  
And give you peace, (and give you peace), and give you peace, (and give you peace)  
The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you (be gracious)  
The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you.  
A-men, A-men, A-men, A-men, A-men, A-men, A-men A-men

## Songs for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter

### **Palm Sunday**

Hosanna – Michael W Smith  
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna  
All Glory Laud and Honor  
Jesus, Messiah – Mac Powell and Friends  
The Holy City – recording by Jessye Norman

### **Holy Week**

By His Wounds – Mac Powell and Friends  
Lead Me To the Cross  
At the Cross (Love Ran Red)  
The Old Rugged Cross  
O Sacred Head Now Wounded  
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross  
What Wondrous Love is This  
Were You There  
Via Dolorosa – recorded by Sandi Patty  
Where the Nails Were – recorded by Sandi Patty  
There is A Redeemer – Keith Green  
The Power of the Cross – Keith Getty  
I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked  
When He Was on the Cross, I Was On His Mind – recorded by Jason Crabb  
He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word – The Moses Hogan Singers  
Worthy Is the Lamb – Hillsong  
Did the Lilies Cry – recorded by Kelli Reisen

### **Easter Sunday**

Easter Song – recorded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter of Acts  
Was It a Morning Like This – recorded by Sandi Patty  
They Could Not – recorded by Sandi Patty  
I've Just Seen Jesus – recorded by Sandi Patty and Larnelle Harris  
The Hallelujah Chorus – Handel  
I Know That My Redeemer Liveth – recorded by Kiri Te Kanawa  
Redeemer – recorded by Nicole Mullins  
Lamb of Glory – recorded by Steve Green  
Lamb of God – recorded by Twila Paris  
You Are My King/ Amazing Love – recorded by Philips, Craig, & Dean  
In Christ Alone – Townsend & Getty  
Forever – recorded by Kari Jobe  
Up From the Grave He Arose  
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today  
Because He Lives – Bill & Gloria Gaither  
He is Lord – praise chorus  
Crown Him With Many Crowns  
What a Beautiful Name – Hillsong Worship  
My Victory – David Crowder  
He's Alive – recorded by David Phelps and the Gaither Vocal Band  
Then Came the Morning – recorded by Guy Penrod