

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 5, 2020

10:30 a.m.

## PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Lord, it is the beginning of the week marked by great adventure and sacrifice. We sense our need for you. You ask us to read your Word. We start by reading the Bible, but then get busy and put it aside. We begin to pray to you and then the phone rings, and we are interrupted again. Sometimes we meditate in quiet solitude, only to find our minds wander and then on goes the TV. Lord, speak to us through your Word. Let it penetrate our minds and hearts. Speak to us and let us hear your call. Guide us during this special week so we may understand the meaning of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection for ourselves and for the world. Amen.

## PRELUDE

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (Ellacombe)  
Suzann Barthold, Organ

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

**Blessed is God's only Son who takes away the sin of the world.**

Blessed is the Lamb of God who suffers for our sake.

**Blessed is the Prince of Peace who reconciles all humanity to God.**

Blessed is Jesus Christ, Redeemer, Lord, and King.

**Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**Let us worship God!**

*\*HYMN (GTG) 197*

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (Ellacombe)

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of all times and places, we confess that we would rather join the crowds than stand alone. We prefer the popular point of view to a solitary witness for justice and truth. We'll sing "hosanna" when everyone else is doing so—but not when the hostile "Good Friday" forces may hear us. We will celebrate with joy your saving grace, but not when it demands that we change our ways. Forgive us, Lord. We believe Jesus Christ came to redeem the world and all that is in it. We know that includes us. Open our eyes to your truth and our hearts to your way, that we may follow you with courage and faith at all times and in all places. In Jesus' name we pray.**  
*(A time for silent confession)*

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

*\*Listen to these hymns at your convenience.*

## MUSICAL INTERLUDE

"Be Thou My Vision / Fairest Lord Jesus"  
Dottie LaPenta, Harp

arr. Woods

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Numbers 22:21-39; OT Page 141

### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 12:12-19; NT Page 106

These words are a lamp to our feet and a light to our path as we strive to know and serve our Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

"The Donkey and the Lamb" Rev. Elizabeth D. McLean

*\*HYMN (GTG) 198*

"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!" (St. Drostan)

## DOXOLOGY

**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.**

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (A Brief Statement of Faith 1991; ¶10.2)

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Prayer family of the week:** The Tibbits Family: Matt, Krissy, Abby, and Mikey  
**Prayer institution of the week:** Baltimore Presbytery (Baltimore, MD)

## 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; 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 (GTG) 218*

"Ah, Holy Jesus" (Herzliebster Jesu)  
Verses 1 and 4  
Ellen Mitchell, Voice

## BENEDICTION

## Welcome to Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church!

If you are looking for a friendly church...

- † where you will be loved and accepted regardless of your age, class, race, ethnicity or orientation...
- † where you will be challenged to reflect on your beliefs, acknowledge your doubts, ask your questions, and grow in your faith...
- † where God's desire for compassion, healing, reconciliation, justice and joy is preached...
- † where you are given the opportunity to put your faith into action through effective outreach ministries...

Then we hope to get to know you as a new friend at Prince of Peace. No matter who you are, or where you are in your life journey, you are welcome here! Join us and discover how much you are loved, how gifted you are, and how together, we can experience and share the kingdom of God here and now.

On behalf of everyone at Prince of Peace, WELCOME! We're glad you've found your way here today, and we hope you had a meaningful encounter with God while you were with us. Prince of Peace is a living faith community inspired by the Spirit of God, joyfully encouraging all and collectively committed to serving and caring for one another, praising God through worship, music, and mission, imparting to our children a love and understanding of Christ, welcoming all of God's people without prejudice or judgement, and growing together in numbers and in the likeness and grace of Christ.

If there is anything that we can do to make your visit more meaningful, or if there are any questions we can answer, please do not hesitate to let me know. I look forward to the chance to meet you following worship, and hope you will take a moment to introduce yourself.

Once again, welcome – we're glad you're here!

In Christ,  
Pastor Elizabeth D. McLean

*If you are in need of prayer, you may call Deacon Joyce Beall (410-451-6731) with your prayer request, and the Prayer Support Team will lift these concerns in prayer.*

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*The church office is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.*

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*A joyful community, gathered by God's grace,  
sharing Christ's love with all.*

