

# PRAY PRACTICE PERSIST

APRIL 5, 2020 PALM SUNDAY

## WELCOME

Kate Fields

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

To greet one another and let us know you are here, please click the 'like' or 'love' button. This will be your virtual hello and good morning! We begin worship by bringing in the light of Christ; we invite you to light a candle at home while we worship together, remembering Christ is with us. In the comments, share your joys and concerns, and Darren will compile our prayers for the people from Facebook (please list only first names of those for whom you are requesting prayers.)

## PRELUDE

*Ride On, King Jesus*

arr. Robert Greenlee

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Matthew 21:1-11  
John 12:20-25

## REFLECTION

**Palm Branches and Wheat**

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## †PASSING THE PEACE

## †HYMN

*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 earth and heaven 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 heaven, our King.  
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Mark 14:3-5

**REFLECTION**

**She Anointed His Head with Oil**

Heather Harriss

**OFFERING**

*Carol of the Hill*

Stephen Paulus

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**†DOXOLOGY**

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**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.**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

John 13: 21, 26, 30

**REFLECTION**

**Judas: The Faithful Disciple**

Darren Wright

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

\*You are invited to pray the Lord's Prayer in your native tongue and address God, who is beyond gender, with names that speak to your heart: "Our Mother", "Our Creator", "Holy Parent", or other titles that honor God's love, presence, and goodness.

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

Luke 23:33-34  
John 19:25-27

**REFLECTION**

**The Cross**

Paul Purdue

**†HYMN**

*Go to Dark Gethsemane*

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## †BENEDICTION

We have gathered with the crowds crying “Hosanna!”

**Because even if we were silent**

**the stones themselves would have called out.**

And now we follow the crowd as it leads out to the cross,

knowing even as the world grows dark,

we cannot lose hope.

**Because God is with us.**

**God will be with us.**

**Whatever happens.**

**We are not alone.<sup>1</sup>**

## †POSTLUDE

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†You are invited to stand as you are able.

The sparse arrangement of twigs and branches represents the barrenness of the forty days of Lent, the season of preparation for Easter.

### ADDITIONAL WORSHIP LEADERS

Gayle Sullivan, organist

Jennifer Bagwell, Sarah Pollett, Lynne Stevenson, James Bagwell, Bruce Williams, ensemble

Ryan Acree/Frank Shumaker, sound technicians

### Journeying through Lent with children

This week, try praising God. Practice saying, “Wow, God!” every time you encounter God doing something amazing! Thank God; practice saying, “Thank you, God!” every time you eat something yummy or see or do something wonderful. Make a list of all those thank yous (on your own or with your family) at the end of the day and thank God again.

### Passing the Peace

Practice passing the peace with your family in your home this week. Silently (or aloud if they are practicing, too) say, “Peace of God be with you” and mean it! As a family, pass the peace to each member of the family at least once each day at a meal or prayer time.

<sup>1</sup>Adapted from Rev. Gord in "Worship Blessings"