

Palm Sunday



March 24, 2024
Covenant Presbyterian Church
Athens, Ga 30605
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COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: Purple

March 24, 2024

11:00am Worship

PALM SUNDAY

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

Hosanna
Blessed Be the Name of the Lord

Don Besig & Nancy Price
Timothy Shaw

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Who is this unlikely king?

Hosanna! His name is Jesus!

Why does he ride into the city?

Hosanna! He comes to save us!

Let us wave our palms, throw down our cloaks,
and follow Christ toward the cross.

*HYMN 196

"All Glory, Laud & Honor"

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Worshippers of all ages are invited to wave their palm branches during this hymn.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Hosanna, we pray. Save us, Lord.

Save us from ourselves, when we trip over pride, doubt, or fear.

Save us from the systems that keep us bound, when we cannot see the way out.

Save us from our sins, when we feel their weight pressing on our hearts.

Remind us, O Lord, that crowds shouting "Hosanna" will soon be screaming "Crucify him."

Save us we pray, and do not let us be among them. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*RESPONSE HYMN 434 "Restore In Us, O God" BAYLOR
**Restore in us, O God the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.**

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

GOSPEL READING

John 12: 1-19

PROCLAMATION

Dana Waters

*HYMN 274

"You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"

PICARDY

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from a Brief Statement of Faith

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, including Concerns and Celebrations

"Save us, O Lord, for your mercy is great."

OFFERING

The Holy City

Adams, arr., Jenkins

*DOXOLOGY 469

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Ken Medema

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 353

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

SOLID ROCK

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 541 **"God Be With You Until We Meet Again"**

RANDOLPH

(verse 1) **God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold
you, with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.**

*POSTLUDE

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MUSIC DIRECTOR: Aaron Carter-Enyi

LITURGIST: Sandy Whitney

ADULT CHOIR

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHOIR under the direction of Betsy Burmeister

Winnie Mburu, soprano