

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

Palm/Passion Sunday

Sunday, April 14, 2019 • 10 AM • Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer & Contemplation (Jürgen Moltman)

There is no 'outside the gate' with God, if God himself is the one who died outside the gate on Golgotha for those who are outside.

(Anyone who would like to be a part of our festal procession is invited to meet in the hallway outside of the Sanctuary before the service. We will process one time around the Sanctuary and then make our way to our seats.)

Call to Worship

One: Let Israel say,

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: Let the house of Aaron say,

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: Let those who fear the Lord say,

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

**All: This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

One: The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

**All: This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: We bless you from the house of the Lord.

One: Bind the festal procession with branches,
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.

**All: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Procession "Regal Procession" – Wagner: *Tyler Bell Choir*

Welcome & Opening Prayer/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 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.

Lesson 1: Luke 19:29-39

Anthem "Festival Anthem on Ellacombe (Hosanna, Loud Hosanna)" - Lantz: *Sanctuary Choir and congregation*
Congregation joins on verse 3: (Hymn No. 197)
**'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.'**

Time with Children (Dismissal to Sunday School)
(*Children will return during final hymn.*)

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

Adults: God be with you there.

Children: God be with you here.

Lesson 2: Matthew 26:6-13

***Hymn No. 209** "My Song Is Love Unknown"

Lesson 3: John 13:1-20

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Anthem "He said: Go Ye Into the City"/"Is It I?"/"The Sorrows Thou Art Bearing" - J. S. Bach, St. Matthew Passion: *Sanctuary Choir*

***Doxology No. 606**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Lesson 4: Matthew 26:26-35

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to Communion

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God...

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise to God.

Pastoral Prayer

One: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

Words of Institution *Rev. Drew Harrison*

Communion Hymn No. 207 "Sharing Paschal Bread"
(Communion Servers, please come forward.) *Ushers will direct the congregation to come forward by pews, forming two lines to receive communion through intinction.*

The Sharing of the Supper

Prayer after Communion

Thank you for bread, wine, and the Word that nourish us with your grace. Strengthen and unite us to be a community of grace for the world. Send us out to proclaim the Good News in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Lesson 5: Matthew 26:36-56

Anthem "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" - arr. Norman: *Tyler Bell Choir*

Lesson 6: Psalm 22

Tyler Cesario, cantor

Response: My God, My God, Why Have You Abandoned Me?

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My God, my God, why have you a-ban-doned me?

Lesson 7: John 19:15-30

Anthem "Ave Verum Corpus" – Elgar: *Sanctuary Choir*

Closing Prayer

***Benediction**

***Benediction Hymn No. 227** "Jesus, Remember Me" (*sung 3x*)
"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Postlude "What Wondrous Love Is This?" - arr. Dobrinski: *Tyler Bell Choir*

***** **Please stand as you are able.** *****



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This Week's Calendar • April 14-21

<i>Sunday</i> April 14	Palm Sunday <i>Family Promise Hosting Week Begins</i> 10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers – Music Room
<i>Monday</i> April 15	7 PM Christian Ed. Committee – Upstairs Kitchen
<i>Tuesday</i> April 16	
<i>Wednesday</i> April 17	10 AM Joy Circle – Upstairs Kitchen 1 PM Faith Circle – Upstairs Kitchen 7 PM Circle of Life – Upstairs Kitchen 7 PM "Messiah" – Music Room
<i>Thursday</i> April 18	Maundy Thursday 7 PM Maundy Thursday Worship Service – Sanctuary 7 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
<i>Friday</i> April 19	Good Friday
<i>Saturday</i> April 20	9 AM Easter Eve Breakfast – Pitman Road CoC 9:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt – Church Lawn 9:30 AM Grace Circle
<i>Sunday</i> April 21	Easter Sunday 6:30 AM Easter Sunrise Service – Sunrise Auditorium 10 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary



Sunday Worship Service @ 10 AM

- Communion on the first Sunday of the month
- Sunday School each week from 10:20-11:05 AM

Thank you to our Worship Servers

Communion Servers	Barry Owen, Barbara Wallace, Dave Nicastro, Steven Hwang, Jim Smathers, Jason Russell
Acolyte	
Greeter	Doris Ducat
Ushers	Bev Donofrio, Mildred Haines, Darlene Powell, Cathy Russo
Tellers	Bev Donofrio, Liz DeGori, Darlene Powell
Coffee Hr. Hosts	The Russell Family



Music Notes

Today's service of scripture readings with music tells the story of Palm Sunday and Passion week. We thank our readers, soloists David Eastman, Bela Debreceni and Tyler Cesario, the Sanctuary Choir and the Tyler Bell Choir for sharing special music with us this morning. We thank you, the congregation, for lifting your voices to proclaim this message.



This Week's Birthdays

April 14	Will Enever
April 15	Liz Contarino
April 15	Sarah Donofrio
April 18	Gene Cressman
April 19	Howard Dietrich
April 20	MaryKate Fitzpatrick
April 21	Claire Powell

