

# Holy Week

## WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?



A GUIDE TO VIRTUAL WORSHIP



# PALM SUNDAY

What Wonderous Love is This: The Entry of Christ the King

MARCH 28, 2021

## WELCOME!

*We hope worship today nurtures your heart and transforms your mind. At PRCC, we realize we need each other and commit to pray for each other. We reach out in love and compassion to a world in need, knowing we are a work in progress. No matter who you are, where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*

## WELCOME

### PRELUDE

*Fantasie No. 7*

Telemann

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Humble and riding on a donkey,

**We greet you.**

Acclaimed by crowds and caroled by children,

**We cheer you.**

Moving from the peace of the countryside to the corridors of power,

**We salute you, Christ our Lord.**

You are giving the beasts of burden a new dignity;

You are giving majesty a new face;

You are giving those who long for redemption a new song to sing.

**With them, with heart and voice, we shout "Hosanna!"**

### \*HYMN

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna! (vs. 1 & 3)*

*During the singing of this hymn, you are invited to wave your palm branches.*

### OPENING PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ,

...over the broken glass of our world,

The rumors meant to hurt,

The prejudice meant to wound,

The weapons meant to kill,

Ride on..

Trampling our attempts at disaster into dust.

Ride on,

**Ride on in majesty.**

Until you touch and heal us,

Who feel for no one but ourselves.

Ride on,

**Ride on in majesty.**

Bringing hope and dignity where most send scorn and silence.

Ride on,

**Ride on in majesty.**

In your company and at your side,

We might yet help to bandage and heal the wounds of the world.

**Ride on,**

**Ride on in majesty and take us with you. Amen.**

### FIRST READING

Psalm 118:19-29

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.*

## MUSICAL RESPONSE

*Wondrous Love, v.2*

## PREACHING LESSON

John 12:12-36

This is the word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

**A Different Kind of Ruler**

Rev. Carol Hill

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

*What Wondrous Love*

arr. Holihan

## \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Today, we bring and lay these gifts before you, Majestic Messiah,  
just as long ago palm branches were brought and laid before you.  
Use everything we give and everything we are to help build your kingdom on earth.  
In the cries of "Hosanna, save us," help us to hear the cries of all those who seek your reign.  
We pray that these gifts offered might bring liberation and justice for all of your children.  
Amen.

## BENEDICTION

God of all hopefulness, God of life  
On this holy day of Palms and through this holiest of weeks,  
when our Lenten journey finds its completion  
through pain, sorrow, despair, illness, losses of all kinds,  
through fear, anger, hatred, vitriol, and finger pointing,

We come to recognize the varied ways we work against you, O God,  
against your hopes and dreams for creation,  
against your love poured out in flesh and blood.

We hang our heads and bow our hearts  
seeking your forgiveness,  
yearning for your guidance,  
desiring your compassion.

Fill us we pray, with the ability to turn to you,  
kneeling before you may your grace open our spirit  
that we may let you in, receive you, take You in.

Into our hearts and minds and souls we receive you,  
that we might turn and return to you,  
that we might be transformed in you, through you, by you, for you.  
Transformed once more, this day, this week, into a new self, me, you.

May we become a new people,  
a gentle people, a people of love and compassion,  
born anew from our deepest sorrow through the breadth of your forgiveness and love.

And then, may we do likewise.  
Forgive. And, love. Amen.

## CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

## POSTLUDE

*Variations on Holy, Holy, Holy*

arr. Wagner

# MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 1, 2021

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## WELCOME

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We have received through Jesus Christ a new covenant.  
With broken bread, a shared cup, and water poured, we celebrate it.  
**This is a night of remembrance and celebration.**  
**It is also a time of fear and betrayal.**  
Jesus gives us a new commandment.  
We are called to love one another as Jesus loves us.  
**We have come to be disciples of Jesus,**  
**to become servants to others.**

## \*HYMN

*Kind Maker of the World*, vs. 1 & 5

## OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, be with us tonight as we remember. We have seen your love in Jesus Christ, who washed the disciples' feet on the night of his betrayal. Help us to remember the extent of your love. Help us to hear your call, that even as we are loved, fed, and served, we hear the invitation to go and do likewise. Open our ears and open our hearts in this time of worship. Amen.

## PSALTER READING

Psalm 51

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*Give Me Jesus*

arr. Cary

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, you have called us to serve others as Christ has served us. We confess that we have not followed Christ's example as fully or as often as we should. We turn away from people in need. You have commanded us to love one another as you have loved us. We confess that we do not love so generously. Gathered on this Holy Thursday, we confess that we are capable of denying and Betraying you and one another, no less than those first disciples. Forgive us, merciful God, and cleanse us of all our sin; then guide our feet to walk with you always.**

*Silent prayers are offered*

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Disciples of Christ, having loved his own who were in the world, Jesus loved them to the end. Jesus knows us fully and offers love and forgiveness unconditionally. In gratitude for the grace given to us, and as a witness to our faith in Christ, we will love one another.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## GOSPEL LESSON

John 13:1-17, 31-35

This is the word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*Bouree No. 2, from Suite 4*

J. S. Bach

## \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**God of endless love, we long to love and serve you. Bless these gifts that they might become a blessing, sharing your love with all the world. In Jesus' name we pray.**  
**Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

...As we share it now, we join in the feast of all creation, now and always.  
So come on this holy night.  
Share this holy meal.  
Remember our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Keep the feast now and always.

## \*HYMN

*An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*, vs. 1-3

## 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.***

## REFLECTION

**The Jesus We Need; The Us the World Needs**

Rev. Carol Hill

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

*God Help the Outcasts*

Menken & Schwartz

## CLOSING PRAYER

On this holiest of nights, we have received the good news: God has come in Christ Jesus, to fill us with hope and peace, to bathe us in grace and mercy. In remembrance, we go forth: to bring hope where despair resides; to be servants to those who are broken; to love as selflessly as we are loved by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

## POSTLUDE

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

J.S. Bach

# GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 2, 2021

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## WELCOME

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## PRELUDE

*Good to You*

Marcus Norris

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

The people stood yelling,  
**“Crucify!”**  
and it breaks our hearts every time.  
For Jesus’ death occurs every time someone  
is ignored, mistreated, oppressed.  
**“Crucify!”**  
Tears away at God’s Beloved Ones.

## \*HYMN

*Were You There When They Crucified My Lord? (vs. 1-3)*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever-present God, on this Good Friday night,  
our whole world is engulfed in shadows  
as we remember the story of Jesus’ death.

**We confess that we want to push the fast-forward button on this familiar story  
because it hurts so much.**

It hurts to think of the betrayal and arrest of Jesus.  
It hurts to imagine Jesus abandoned and suffering on the cross  
with only a faithful few watching him breathe his last breath.  
**It hurts to watch your light overtaken by the shadows of the world.**

But we must find our place in this crucifixion story and feel the pain that is there:  
The pain of the world, of faithless decisions; of betrayal; of injustice.  
Jesus entered that pain out of faithfulness to you and to us,  
to witness to the Truth that is Justice, Wholeness and Love.

**We confess, we are afraid to enter this pain with Jesus.  
Strengthen us with your courage; offer glimpses of hope in the shadows of death;  
let us know you are present with us here in this moment of pain; now as always.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Beloved followers of Jesus, it is okay to feel hurt and uncomfortable  
as you enter into this story and imagine your place in it.  
Know that God meets you in the story,  
with comfort as well as challenge; with courage as well as love.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 18:1-11, 15-18, 25-27

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*Recordare from Requiem*

Mozart

*translation: Remember, kind Jesus, my salvation caused your suffering,  
do not forsake me on this day.*

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 18:28-9:16

## PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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## SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 19:16-30

## REFLECTION

**A Crucified God**

Rev. Carol Hill

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*Adagio for Strings*

Samuel Barber

*Note: This is an extended piece of music,  
to allow time for prayerful reflection and personal meditation time*

## \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Lord of all, the wealthiest among us stand as paupers before the unimaginable generosity and immeasurable love that is on the cross before us.**

**Lord, have mercy on us, unworthy yet redeemed, and dedicate these gifts we bring to your wondrous love. Amen.**

## \*HYMN

*Ah, Holy Jesus (vs. 1 & 4)*

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Vocalise*

Rachmaninoff

*\* INDICATES TO PLEASE RISE IN BODY AND SPIRIT, IF ABLE*

**BOLD INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE, IF ABLE**

## LEADING US IN WORSHIP

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister  
Pastor Mollie Foster, Associate Minister  
Liz Swanson, Director of Pastoral Services  
Wellington Da Silva, Palm Sunday lector  
2021 Confirmation Class, Maundy Thursday lectors

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries  
Angie & Andrew Weber, musicians  
Sue Douglass, organist  
David Belden, violin  
Karen Nelson, violin  
Elizabeth Coffman, violin  
Naomi Hildner, viola  
Melissa Bach, cello  
Mark Holihan, vocals & guitar  
Rachel Lapp, vocals  
Bob Mack, bass  
Meg Thomas-Cary, vocals and piano  
Alex Hibbard-Brown, cello  
Lorenzo Formosa, vocals  
Gregory Sarlo, vocals

## PRAYER REQUESTS

One of the gifts of community is that hold one another in prayer. Each week, we share our joys and sorrows with one another so that we might feel the support of community. No one is alone. God is with us, and we are supporting one another.

### WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR CONGREGATION AND OUR LOVED ONES:

Heather Cannon, Erika Cornelisen, Kylie Figgins, Jon Forsythe, Edith E. Hurlburt, Tom Kapolnek, Candace Kidston, Walter and Christina Kotecki, Geri LeDuc, Lurana Nelson, Leo Netko, Dean Muenzer, Reggie Pantazi, Susan Ruth, Ann Stutts, Kathleen Weller, Joyce Wright, Kate Zoellner.

### PRAYER REQUESTS FROM MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>:

- Happy Birthday to Cheri C. on 3/20; Zach R., Sally M. and Michael D. on .3/22; Becca L. and Patty F. on 3/23; Janet P. on 3/25, Adam F. on 3/26 and Evan C. and Jason F. on 3/27
- Prayers for Bill S's friend Jim F. who has a back injury and is receiving therapy at Glenview Terrace
- Prayers for Kate Z's friend's son Henry, who has undergone trach surgery and hopes to return home to his family for further care.
- Celebrate with Lauren and Tommy K. who have bought a new house in Ohio and are pregnant! Congratulations to all, and prayers for Lauren through her pregnancy and move and prayers are with Katie and Keith.
- We celebrate that Pastor Carol's grandparents are doing better, and my grandmother is expected to return home from rehab soon.
- Please pray for Jaclyn's mother-in-law Linda, who is facing some health challenges. Jaclyn and Todd went to Texas this week to help Linda and meet with her treatment team.
- Prayers for the O'Brien family as Dave's father Jim, after a couple months in the hospital, entered life in the resurrection on 3/11. Pray for Dave's brother who is in France and wasn't able to say goodbye and Dave's mom Joan, who is in quarantine for 2 weeks in her new living arrangement.
- We pray for all of those in unhealthy and unsafe home situations, victims of domestic abuse and violence.
- We pray for Myanmar, for protesters, for the resolution of this coup.

## Holy Week Activities & Events

### **Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Prayer Time**

The Sanctuary will be open from 6 -7 pm on April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> for individual prayer time. Please wear your mask and practice social distancing. Pastors and Stephen Ministers will be available for prayer.

### **Easter Sunday**

We will meet IN PERSON, outside for Easter Sunday Worship. Please wear your mask and bring your own chair. This service will still be available online as well.

In the event of bad weather, we will move indoors which will reduce the number of participants that we can allow. If you would like to reserve a spot for our rain plan, you may do so here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094baeab2da4fb6-easter>

# PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY



# egg hunt

HOP YOUR WAY THROUGH  
LOCAL PARK RIDGE BUSINESSES  
TO FIND THE EGGS!

#### How it works:

- Clues to find the eggs will be emailed and posted on Thursday, March 25th.
- The Egg Hunt will officially begin on Friday, March 26 and end on Easter Sunday!
- Eggs will be inside the business (unless designated on the clues)! Tell an employee you're on the hunt for eggs!
- Children (of all ages) can redeem a prize for finding all the Eggs on Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11am-12pm at the Park Place entrance – OR- Following Easter Sunday Service on April 4<sup>th</sup> on the Carriage House Driveway (Park Place entrance in case of rain).
- Photos can be emailed to the Church Office:  
[office@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:office@parkridgecommunitychurch.org) -OR- shared on the “PRCC Congregation Group” Facebook page.

For questions, contact Shelley or Pastor Mollie: [sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org)  
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