



Palm Sunday

March 28, 2021
at 10:30 a.m.
on Facebook Live

or on our church website
at westminsterakron.org

COME

Opening Voluntary

Hosanna!

Théodore Dubois

We welcome you to Westminster's online worship service this Sunday. To set a more worshipful tone while watching this service at home, we encourage you to find a quiet space and light a candle.

If you are joining us on Facebook Live, then you can find a copy of today's bulletin on our church website at westminsterakron.org.

*Call to Worship

Gabby Gray

As we are called into worship today, it is sobering to remember that when God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus, most of the world did not recognize him and therefore did not worship him.

Today we ask for faith that will open our eyes to see Jesus for who he is, that we might worship him in truth. People of God, behold and see your God!

*Hymn 88

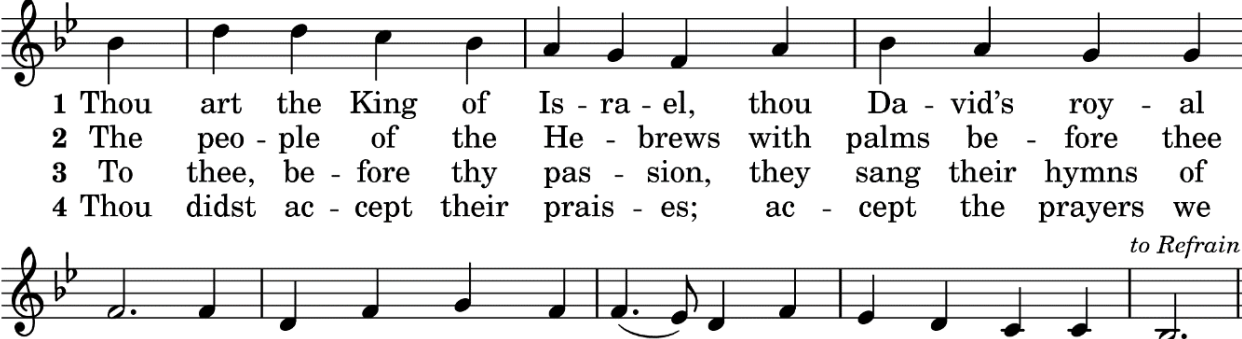
All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King, to
whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

Fine



1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we

to Refrain

Son, who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
 went; our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 praise; to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 bring, who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

ENCOUNTER

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins to God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Prayer of Confession

We confess that we have sinned, and although we would like to deny it, we have forsaken you. We are distressed by the suffering we cause - to you, ourselves, and the world you have created. Open the gates of your forgiveness and restore us in your love, for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silence is observed.

Response 574 Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Forgiveness

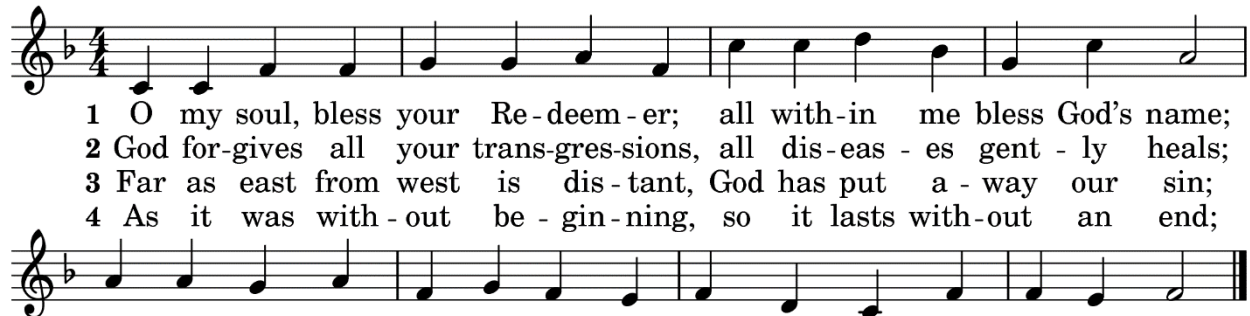
Hear the Word of the Lord from Psalm 118: Let those who revere the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures for ever." Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free.

The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. In Christ, God answers us and sets us free! In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

*Response

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer, vs. 1*

STUTT GART



1 O my soul, bless your Re-deem-er; all with-in me bless God's name;
2 God for-gives all your trans-gres-sions, all dis-eas-es gent-ly heals;
3 Far as east from west is dis-tant, God has put a-way our sin;
4 As it was with-out be-gin-ning, so it lasts with-out an end;

bless the Sav-ior, and for-get not all God's mer-cies to pro-claim.
God re-deems you from de-struc-tion, and with you so kind-ly deals.
like the pit-y of a fa-ther has the Lord's com-pas-sion been.
to their chil-dren's chil-dren ev-er shall God's righ-teous-ness ex-tend:

*Passing the Peace

We invite you now to greet one another saying, **The peace of Christ be with you.**

Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

Jesus gave himself for the life of the world. With humble hearts bowed in awe, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

Anthem

Is It Nothing to You

Frederick Gore Ouseley

Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? Behold and see, behold and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is done unto Me, wherewith the Lord hath afflicted Me in the day of His fierce anger.

*Response 592

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

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

Time with Young Disciples

GROW

Prayer for Illumination

Eternal God, whose Word silences the shouts of the mighty: Quiet within us every voice but your own. Speak to us through the Lenten journey of Jesus Christ, that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may receive grace to show Christ's love in lives given to your service. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

Old Testament

- 1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever!
- 2 Let Israel say,
"His steadfast love endures for ever."
- 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.
- 20 This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.
- 21 I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!
- 26 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.
We bless you from the house of the LORD.
- 27 The LORD is God,
and he has given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.
- 28 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.
- 29 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

The Second Lesson

Mark 11:1-11

New Testament

- 1 When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ² and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back

here immediately.” 4 They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, 5 some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” 6 They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. 7 Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. 8 Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. 9 Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! 10 Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” 11 Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Hosanna

The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

SERVE

*Affirmation of Faith

Romans 8

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Prayers of the People

Jesus suffered death and rose to glory for the life of the world. Let us lift up our hearts in thanks to God and pray for the cares of the world, saying
Save us, O Lord, for your mercy is great.

Holy God, your son humbled himself, even to death, to show us the power of loving service. Guide those holding positions of power, that their decisions give rise to the mutual flourishing of the world you so love.
Save us, O Lord, for your mercy is great.

Healing God, your son is betrayed and crucified in our violent world each day. Raise us to a new and rightly ordered world through the reconciling love of Christ, where all victims of violence, persecution, shame, or terror may stand together with you in peace.
Save us, O Lord, for your mercy is great.

Forsaken God, as your son suffered his death on the cross, darkness covered the whole land. Enlighten us to care for your creation, awaken us from our denial and abuse, and help us to alleviate its suffering.

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

Grieving God, your son consoled others in life and in death. We pray for all who are distressed, broken, or sorrowful, that together with Christ in his suffering we may be healed and raised in you.

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

Eternal God, your son was lovingly cared for as he was laid to rest in a tomb. We remember before you those who have died and pray for those who will die today; enfold them in your love, that they may rest and rise with Christ forever in his light.

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

We ask all of this in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

We pray silently...

And finally, together as the people of God, let us offer the words of the Lord's Prayer, saying in one voice:

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.

*Charge and Benediction

Let the same mind be in you that was in Jesus Christ.
Go forth in peace to love and serve the world.

May the blessing of God, who surmounts evil, bears our pain, and lives in us forever, fill you with a zeal for justice and passion for peace, this day and always.

*Hymn

Jesus, Remember Me

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Jesus, remember me when you come in-to your kingdom.

5 Jesus, remember me when you come in-to your kingdom.

The choir will sing the hymn through six times, as they exit the Sanctuary. The service then concludes in silence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In honor of Palm Sunday, we invite you to pick up a palm branch from the back parking lot of our church between 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. this Sunday, March 28.

One Great Hour Of Sharing Please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing. Checks may be mailed to the church office. Please write OGHOS in the memo, or give online through the church website.

WPC Children's Ministries In a typical year we would pass out the fish boxes for One Great Hour of Sharing for a Lenten practice for children. This year, it was placed in your Lent in a Bag. There has been nothing normal about this year! Therefore, we are collecting the coins and Fish Banks on Easter during the 1st Sunday Food Collection. There will be Outreach members and Tweens collecting food AND Fish Banks at the Education Wing door from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Easter Sunday, April 4th. Thank you for your flexibility in all that we have tried to accomplish this year!

First Sunday Food Collection April 4, 2021 The Tweens will be waiting to receive your food donation in the driveway behind the church from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Here is a list of our current needs:

Canned Chicken Tuna and Hamburger Helper Rice Mixes like Knorr Pancake Mix Cereal (children's) Peanut Butter Bars of soap	Canned Tuna Canned Fruit, Applesauce Prepared Meals like Chef-Boyardee Pancake Syrup Soup Jelly Toilet paper
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Thank you for your generous donations to this ministry.

There is no Adult Education Bible Study on Thursday, April 1st.

Holy Week Calendar 2021 on Facebook Live

Maundy Thursday, April 1 Online Service at 7:00 p.m. with Communion Good Friday, April 2 Online Service at noon Easter Sunday, April 4 Online Service at 10:30 a.m. with Communion
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CALENDAR of CHURCH EVENTS for the week of March 28–April 3, 2021	
Sunday, 3/28 Palm Sunday 9:00 am Youth Zoom Conversation 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary 9:45 am Tween Sunday School via Zoom 10:30 am Worship Service on Facebook Live 1:00 pm Pickup Palm Sunday Branches 7:00 pm Confirmation Class via Zoom	Monday, 3/29 7:00 pm Zoom Bible Study Thursday, 4/1 Maundy Thursday 9:30 am Zoom WPC Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Worship Service on Facebook Live Friday, 4/2 Good Friday 12:00 pm Worship Service on Facebook Live Saturday, 4/3 8:00 am Food For Life in the Kitchen

The church office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday - Friday.



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