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**April 13th, 2025**

**Liturgy of the Palms**

**THE APPROACH**

**\*\*Please rise\*\***

**Musical Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**One**: Let us now prepare our hearts to worship almighty God.

**\*\*Entry of the Bible:**  Please rise

**\*\*Lighting the Christ Candle:**  Please rise

**Introit – #216** – “Hosanna”

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Hosanna in the highest!

Lord, we lift up your name

with hearts full of praise

be exaltes O, Lord my God

Hosanna in the highest!

Glory! Glory!

Glory to the King of Kings!

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be exalted O, Lord my God

Glory to the King of Kings!

**\*\*Call to Worship**

**\*\*Hymn #214 -** “All glory, laud and honour

Chorus All glory, laud and honour

to thee, Redeemer, King,

to whom the lips of children

made sweet hosannas ring!

1. Thou art the King of Israel,

thou David’s royal son,

who in the Lord’s name comest,

the King and blessed one.

2 The people of the Hebrews

with palms before thee went;

our praise and prayer and anthems

before thee we present.

3 To thee before thy passion

they sang their hymns of praise;

to thee, now high exalted,

our melody we raise.

4 Thou didst accept their praises;

accept the prayers we bring,

who in all good delightest,

thou good and gracious King.

**Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in 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.

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Passing the Peace**

**\*\*Childrens’ Hymn #218 -** “Hosanna, loud hosanna”

1 Hosanna, loud hosanna,

the little children sang;

through pillared court and temple

the joyful anthem rang.

To Jesus, who had held them

close folded to his breast,

the children sang their praises,

the simplest and the best.

2 From Olivet they followed

amid the shouting crowd,

the victor palm branch waving

the chanting clear and loud;

Messiah, God’s anointed,

rode there in humble state,

Hosanna in the highest!”

rang out their praises great.

3 Hosanna in the highest!”

that ancient song we sing,

for Christ is our Redeemer,

the Lord of heaven our King.

Oh may we ever praise him

with heart and life and voice,

and in God’s joyful presence

eternally rejoice!

**Children’s Time**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**First Lesson:** Isaiah 50:4-9, (p. 562)

**Epistle Lesson**: Philippians 2:5-11 (p. 894)

**Responsive Psalm** **118:1-2, 19-29**

**ONE:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

**ALL: Let Israel say, ‘His steadfast love endures forever.’ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.**

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

**ALL: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.**

**ONE:** This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

**ALL: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.**

**ONE:** 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 he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.**

**\*\*Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen, amen.

**Gospel Lesson:**  Luke 19:28-40 (p. 803)

**Anthem –** “Why does he love me so”

**Sermon:** "Nearing the end of the journey!"

**\*\*Reaffirmation of Faith** (Apostles Creed)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell. On the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sits  
at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**\*\*Hymn: #215 –** “Filled with excitement”

1. Filled with excitement, all the happy throng

spread cloaks and branches on the city streets.

There in the distance they begin to see,

riding on a donkey, comes the Son of God.

Refrain:

From every corner a thousand voices sing

praises to him who comes in the name of God.

With one great shout of acclamation loud

triumphant songs break forth:

Hosanna! hosanna to the King!

Hosanna! hosanna to the King!

2. As in that entrance to Jerusalem,

we sing hosannas to the Christ, our King,

to the living Saviour who still calls today,

asking us to follow him with love and faith.

**Offertory**

**\*\*Doxology**

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.

**Offertory Prayer**

**\*\*Hymn: #223 –** “To mock your reign, O dearest Lord” (Tune 671)

1 To mock your reign, O dearest Lord,  
they made a crown of thorns;  
set you with taunts along that road  
from which no one returns.  
They did not know, as we do now,  
that glorious is your crown;  
that thorns would flower upon your brow,  
your sorrows heal our own.

2 In mock acclaim, O gracious Lord,  
they snatched a purple cloak,  
your passion turned, for all they cared,  
into a soldier's joke.  
They did not know, as we do now,  
that though we merit blame  
you will your robe of mercy throw  
around our naked shame.

3 A sceptered reed, O patient Lord,  
they thrust into your hand,  
and acted out their grim charade  
to its appointed end.  
They did not know, as we do now,  
though empires rise and fall,  
your Kingdom shall not cease to grow  
till love embraces all.

**\*\*Benediction** - Go Now in Peace (Don Besig)

Go now in peace Never be afraid

God will go with you each hour of every day

Go now in faith Steadfast, strong, and true.

Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, And show you believe

Reach out to others So all the world can see.

God will be there Watching from above

Go now in peace, In faith, and in love

Amen, amen, amen.

**Recessional**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

All are welcome at First Presbyterian Church. We hope you experience the love of God and of this congregation as we worship, celebrate, and serve one another.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Meetings:**

* **Tues. Apr. 15th – 6:30 p.m.**  – Session will meet.
* **Sun., Apr. 27th – 3:00p.m. – Memorial Hymn Sing** – Please mark the date on your calendars!
* **Today - 3:00p.m.** - Union Presbyterian Church, Thorburn, is hosting a Memorial Hymn Sing. Jane invites you to join us for an afternoon of beautiful music followed by lunch and a time of fellowship in the Church Hall. Hope to see you there!
* **Sat., Apr.** 26th – 10am-2pm – Bethel Presbyterian Church, Pictou Landing, is hosting a Quilt show, craft sale, and dessert and tea at the church hall. Admission $5.00/person. All welcome!
* **A READING OF the “Gospel of Mark”** will be held over five Friday nights at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church (The Kirk), 37 Mountain Rd, New Glasgow, and begins Friday, May 2nd, 6:00 p.m. Each night selected passages will be read, plus “fun to sing songs” and favorite hymns. The five-night series is for all ages and starts with pizza being served in the Fellowship Hall. “Readings” will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. An offering to support the ministry of St. Andrew’s P.C. will be received. For the pizza, please RSVP by calling or texting: Rev. Grant Johnston, (905 867-1914), or email: [grant.johnston@live.com](mailto:grant.johnston@live.com).
* **Sun., May 4th – 7:00p.m**. – St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, Westville, is hosting an “Evening of Music. Music by the Cheery Chimes, New Glasgow First Presbyterian Church Choir, Brass United Quintet and other special music.



We extend birthday greetings to Marg Fraser and Jim Battist who are celebrating their birthdays today. We also extend our best wishes to Larry Ingham who will celebrate his birthday Wed., Apr. 16th. Happy Birthday to all of you!

**Camp Geddie – “Geddie Prayer Partners”**

* We have received a request from Helena Human, Executive Director of Camp Geddie, requesting our assistance in writing cards to the staff of Camp Geddie again this summer. The names and positions of the staff will be provided by Helena. The request is to have 2 cards for staff training (one each weekend), then 8 cards for each camp and a final letter at the end of the summer. They do not need to be written all at once but can be written throughout the summer to make it easier. As most of us know, there’s nothing nicer than receiving a card or letter when you’re away from home. If this is something you would consider, please contact Rev. Andrew or Jane so we can pass it on to Helena.

**SCRIPTURE READERS & USHERS:**

**Reader:** Clarice Campbell

**Ushers**: Main Door (Office) – Chet Fleming

James St. – Ruth-Anne MacIntosh

MacLean St. (Main Entrance steps) – Ellen Jardine

**EARLY CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS:** Lynne Ann & Lois MacLellan