

**South Kinloss Presbyterian Church  
Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025**

**Welcome**

**PWS&D Lenten Liturgy**

One: Jesus enters Jerusalem as a humble king, riding on a donkey.

**All: The disciples proclaim the one who comes in the name of the Lord,**

One: but the powers that be see a troublemaker, challenging their authority.

**All: The prophetic traditions envision the peaceable kingdom,**

One: but the empire sees a disturber of the peace, so death awaits him.

**All: Give thanks to God who overcomes all the powers of death!**

**Opening Hymn #214 All glory, laud and honour**

**Prayer of Approach and Lord's Prayer**

Holy God; Source, Saviour and Spirit of all life; Holy Three and Holy One; In you, we confront the mystery of mercy and the courage of compassion. As we face the cross on which Christ gave himself, we confront your willingness to die for us so that we might find new life. As the Spirit speaks to us through the story of your amazing love, spilled out in the blood of Christ, our hearts are moved to praise you. Words cannot express our awe, the grief and the gratitude stirring within us, for all you have given us, and for all you will give us through such unspeakable love. *We fall silent in wonder and praise, Holy God.*

**Merciful God; filled with wonder and praise, we acknowledge to you how often we fall short of your purposes for us. We confess it is easier for us to follow the crowd than follow Christ; we prefer to avoid conflict rather than stand up for your mercy and understanding. We allow strident voices in our times**

**to drown out your wisdom and truth. Forgive us, O God. Fill us with the courage to take up our cross and follow Jesus, even when the cost to follow is high and reputations are at stake, for we pray in Jesus' holy name, who taught us to pray saying,**

**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 and ever. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

"This saying is sure and worthy of our full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners". It doesn't matter how big or how small our sins; God's forgiving love in Jesus Christ can cover them all. Trust that, in Christ, we are forgiven. Be at peace with God, with yourself and with each other.

**Music Ministry**

**Hymn #218 Hosanna, loud hosanna**

**Family Focus**

**Prayer for Illumination**

Gracious God, as we hear the stories of Jesus' final days again, help us listen as if we had never heard them before. By the power of your Spirit, engage us, shock us, and pierce our hearts, so that your undying love overwhelms us with mercy and grace through Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

**Scriptures**

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

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."

**Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter.

**I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.**

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;  
**the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

**Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success!**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you.

**The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.**

You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.**

**Luke 19:28-40 Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King**

After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'" Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They replied, "The Lord needs it." They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. When he came near the place

where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:** I shall be released

**Hymn #363 All hail the power of Jesus' name**

**Invitation to the Offering**

Let us honour Christ and bring our offerings of praise to him.  
Let us present to God our gifts and offerings for the transformation of this world.

**Doxology #661**

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

**Prayer of Dedication**

In glad thanksgiving for all the blessings we know in this life, we give you our praise. We thank you for the gifts of music, art, poetry and science and for all the ways you reveal your wisdom to us. Accept our offerings and use them and us for the building of your kingdom in this world. In Jesus's name we pray, Amen.

**Mission Moment**

**Announcements** (see separate page)

**Prayers of the People**

**Closing Hymn #217 Ride on, ride on in majesty**

**Benediction and Benediction Song**

## Announcements

- Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:45pm – Session Meeting.
- Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. Good Friday Worship Service at Lucknow United Church.
- Scavenger Hunt – March 21 to April 19. Journey through the story of Palm Sunday to Easter. Look for leafy clues at businesses around town for a surprise treat. Detailed pamphlets are available.
- Saturdays, April 12, April 19, May 3, May 10 – Membership Classes will be held on these four (4) Saturdays in the church hall, from 9:30am to 11:00am.
- Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the Ordination and Induction of Mary Downey and Ellen Peel as Ruling Elders of South Kinloss Presbyterian Church.
- Robert will be on vacation – Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> and returning Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. 152<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Service at Lucknow Presbyterian Church. Rev. Kathy Fraser will lead worship.
- Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, we are planning to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.
- Save the Date! Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> *Secret Pal* Wrap-Up Dinner at 5pm.
- Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. 169<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service at South Kinloss Presbyterian Church. Rev. Kathy Fraser will lead worship.
- Rev. Royal's Office Hours at Lucknow Presbyterian Church, 578 Havelock Street, Lucknow.  
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