



## Nassau Presbyterian Church

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March 28, 2021 11:00 AM

PALM SUNDAY



## Gathering

God calls us together to offer praise, acknowledge sin,  
and celebrate our adoption as forgiven children.

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Prelude

Psalm 19 “The Heavens Declare”

Benedetto Marcello

Call to Worship

Psalm 91

The Lord our God gives to each of us  
a sense of blessing, security and confidence—  
**For God alone is our refuge, our place of safety.**  
Our life experiences reassure us that we can  
always trust in God’s goodness and compassion—  
**For God alone is our refuge, our place of safety.**  
God’s Presence is expressed in many wonderful ways  
and leads us into mercy and joy.  
**For God alone is our refuge, our place of safety.**  
**Let us worship our holy and glorious God!**

Opening Hymn

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Red Hymnal 196

Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy,  
you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.  
We confess that we have strayed from you  
and turned aside from your way.  
We are misled by pride,  
for we see ourselves innocent when we are complicit,  
and able to go it alone when we need each other.  
We have spurned love,  
neglected justice,  
and ignored your truth.  
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.  
Return us to paths of righteousness  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

*Silence*

Response

My Song Is Love Unknown  
Verse 1 & 5

Red Hymnal 209

### Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 53 : 4-5 (CEB)

It was certainly our sickness that he carried,  
and our sufferings that he bore,  
but we thought him afflicted,  
struck down by God and tormented.  
He was pierced because of our rebellions  
and crushed because of our crimes.  
He bore the punishment that made us whole;  
by his wounds we are healed.  
Behold, children of God!  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**  
**Thanks be to God!**

### Words of Welcome

Time with Children

The Crowds Welcome Jesus

John 12 : 12-19



## Proclaiming the Word

We encounter the Word in speech and song  
as we interpret and expound scripture.

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### Prayer for Illumination

**God of abundant life,  
your grace is our daily bread.  
Nourish us by your Word  
and fill us with your Spirit  
so that we may grow in faith and love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

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.

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

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 marvelous in our eyes.

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!

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.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God, I will extol you.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

#### Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—  
the King of Israel!”

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

“Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey's colt!”

His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. The Pharisees then said to one another, “You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!”

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.



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Preacher

David A. Davis

Liturgists

Moorhead Family

Lauren J. McFeaters

Andrew Scales

Time with Children

Corrie Berg

Musicians

Robert Lamb, bell tree

George Somerville, soloist

Michael Ryan, organist

Opening hymn: Nassau  
congregation, choirs, and bells

Offertory: Members of Carol

Choir, Choir 3·4·5, Chorale,  
Ingrid Ladendorf, director

Sound Engineer

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