

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Service of Worship
April 2, 2023 – Palm Sunday
10:30 a.m.**

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*From the triumphant “Hosannas!” to the Last Supper,
the betrayal, and the agony of Gethsemane,
we journey toward Good Friday and the glorious Resurrection with Jesus.*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Dan Charnews

CALL TO WORSHIP

We raise our voices and wave, with joyful hope,
The palms of deliverance of God’s people.

Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David!

Our hearts are filled with expectation
As we welcome the coming King.

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

We receive into the crowded streets of our lives the one who is Savior,
Not only of us, but of all the earth.

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

HYMN # 89

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna, the little children sang.
Through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.*

*From Olivet they followed, ‘mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of Earth and Heaven rode on in lowly state,
Nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.*

*“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing.
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
And in his blissful presence, eternally rejoice.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we have blamed You when the hosannas die and the parade turns into a mob scene. We heap our doubts on You even though our inaction adds power to those who shout, "Crucify!" We protest, but we know down deep that the victim of our silence is the way of love, the way of life. Forgive our cowardice, and help us to stand with Christ in a world that has forgotten humility and obedience to You. We ask this in Jesus. Name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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.*

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Almighty God, the people acclaimed Jesus as Messiah and King with palm branches in their hands, crying "Hosanna in the highest." With palms in our hands and joy in our hearts, we ask that you bless both our palms and our hearts and make them holy.

May we, also, carry them forth from this place, acclaiming Jesus as our Messiah and King, following him in the way that leads to eternal life. Amen.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Elder Betty Chatfield

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

... All this we pray in Jesus' name, 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. Amen.*

Congregational Response:

*Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew.
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, Your Son Jesus expressed kingship not by taking, but by giving; not by demanding, but by sacrificing. Bless us now as we follow his example in the giving of ourselves in these signs of our lives – our tithes and offerings. We give them in Your honor, and for the good of the world. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Matthew 21:1-11

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Ann Van Cleef
“Forgiveness: The Message of Palm Sunday”

COMMUNION HYMN # 513

LET US BREAK BREAD

Let Us Break Bread Together

*Let us break bread together on our knees. (2x)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us drink wine together on our knees. (2x)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us praise God together on our knees. (2x)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us give thanks.

We give thanks, O God, because in Your own free gift of love, You have reached out to us. You have given life to us, touched our deepest needs, and called us to a life shared in memory and hope in these uncertain days. Send us forth in courage and joy in the name of Jesus Christ, that we, too, may become bread and peace for one another, and for the rest of our suffering world. Amen.

HYMN # 91
DROSTANE

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

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*Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.
O Savior meek, pursue thy road with palms and scattered garments strowed.*

*Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.*

*Ride on! Ride on in majesty! The winged squadrons of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.*

*Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die. Bow thy meek head to
mortal pain, then take, O God, Thy power and reign.*

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE: # 88

*All Glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One.*

FOLLOWING THE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A MUSICAL GIFT

Ann Van Cleef and Leonora Knight
The Holy City

JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, FOLLOWED BY POSTLUDE

Easter Flowers

Easter is right around the corner! Please fill out the attached order form, and give it, along with your check, to Betty Chatfield. Thank you.

Maundy Thursday

We have been invited to attend the Maundy Thursday Service at The Presbyterian Church of Sweet Hollow (95 Old Country Road, Melville, NY) on Thursday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Wade Pond will lead the Service.

Good Friday Service

In order to accommodate our many seniors who don't care to drive at night, our Good Friday Service will take place in our Sanctuary on Friday, April 7, at 3:00 p.m. The Service is tentatively titled "The Seven Last Words of Christ," and will last 30 – 40 minutes. Rev. Dr. Ann Van Cleef will lead the Service.

Mark Your Calendar

On Saturday, May 20, we will be holding a Health Fair in our CE Hall. We have ten health-related participants signed up. Please see Bill Becker if you have ideas or suggestions. Stay tuned – there's more information to come.

Bell Choir

If you are interested in joining our Bell Choir, please speak to Marian Adams.

Got Junk?

Do you have things kicking around your garage/basement/attic/closets, but not enough for a full-blown yard sale? We are already preparing for our September Church Fair. You may bring your contributions to church at any time and place them on the desk in room #3 downstairs.

Vacation Bible Camp

The Vision and Outreach Team is exploring the idea of running a one-week Vacation Bible Camp this summer. The first thing we need to know is – do we have enough volunteers to make this dream a reality? Please speak to Bill Becker if you are interested in this project.

Favorite Hymns

Do you have a favorite hymn that you would like us to sing during our celebration of worship? There are index cards and a box at the parking lot entrance to the church. Please write down your hymn request and place it in the box. Don't forget to sign your name so we can tell you when your hymn is scheduled!

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Easter Flowers Order Form

1. First, please sign the sheet on the Welcome Table, and make sure the flowers are still available. We have reserved 10 Easter Lilies, 8 Daffodils, 8 Tulips, and 8 Hyacinths.
2. Next, fill this sheet out. Please print clearly.
3. Finally, please enclose a check for \$12 per plant, payable to FPC Greenlawn, and give the check and order form to Betty Chatfield.

Number of plants

Name of Plants

Easter Lilies

Daffodils

Tulips

Hyacinths

Total number of plants _____ X \$12 per plant = \$ _____

In Loving Memory of:

In Honor of:

Your name: _____

Your e-mail address: _____

Your phone number: _____