

Order of Worship Sunday, April 13, 2025 Palm Sunday, Year C
Hear Pastor's Sermon by Phone 24/7 at 814-422-6238 - Website: PennsValleyParish.info
† - Please rise in body or spirit where you see this symbol.

CENTERING WORDS Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM Luke 19:28-40 (Responsively)
Luke 19:28-40 New American Standard Bible 1995 **Triumphal Entry**

L: After He had said these things, He was going on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When He approached Bethphage and Bethany, near the mount that is called Olivet, He sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of *you*; there, as you enter, you will find a colt tied on which no one yet has ever sat; untie it and bring it *here*.³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say, 'The Lord has need of it.'" So those who were sent went away and found it just as He had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord has need of it." They brought it to Jesus, and they threw their coats on the colt and put Jesus *on it*. As He was going, they were spreading their coats on the road. As soon as He was approaching, near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the miracles which they had seen, shouting:

P: "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord;

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

L: Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." But Jesus answered, "I tell you, if these become silent, the stones will cry out!"

† SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE (The Sanctuary Song, twice) *Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy tried and true, with thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

P: Hosanna! Rejoice for the Lord is in our midst.

L: He comes with joy and hope.

P: He comes to set us free from fear.

L: Hosanna!

P: Hosanna! Glory to God in the Highest Heaven.

† OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, on this day your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. Let those branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our Lord, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life. In his name we pray. AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN Hosanna, Loud Hosanna UMH #278

BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS – 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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS - (The Lord's Prayer "trespass")

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST – St. James UMC & Sprucetown UMC

HYMN OF PREPARATION Eat This Bread UMH #628

HOSANNA AND THE CROSS IN WORD AND SONG: THE PASSION STORY Luke 22:14–23:56

Go to Dark Gethsemane UMH #290 (stanza 1)

What Wondrous Love Is This UMH #292 (stanza 1)

Go to Dark Gethsemane (stanza 2)

Were You There UMH #288 (stanzas 1 and 4)

Were You There UMH #288 (stanza 5)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

L: Passing from joy into sorrow and on to elation,

P: we come to Christ this holy week.

L: Today is only a part of the story.

P: Jesus' triumph leads to his death, his death to his resurrection.

L: May the journey of this week lead you into the fullness of Christ's love. Go forth humbly to serve the God whose love endures forever. Go forth in the name of the Christ who entered Jerusalem on a lowly donkey. Go forth in the strength of the Holy Spirit that calls us to rejoice in this very day God has made. God's love endures forever.

ALL: God's love endures forever. Amen!

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

- Easter Sunday Services; Trinity UMC Sunrise Service at 7am followed by refreshments and Sunday School, St. James UMC Service at 8:30am, and Sprucetown UMC Service begins at 10am with breakfast at 9am. All are welcome. The 8:30 and 10am services will be live streamed.

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