



# PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION

*April 10, AD 2022 10 am*





## GATHERING TO PRAISE

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This is the day our Lord Jesus rode into the Holy City as King. Yet he came to us humbly, riding on a donkey. He came to fulfill his mission: to be obedient to his Father. Even unto death, to death on a cross. For a brief moment, as Jesus entered Jerusalem, God's people recognized their King. They spread their cloaks before him. They waved the palm branches of victory. They cried out praise and they cried out for salvation. On this Palm Sunday, we join the festival. We bless our King and welcome him. Even as Jesus prepares to journey to Golgotha, we call out our encouragement. We cheer him on, for he carries our lives, our fate, on his shoulders.

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Hosanna to the King of kings!

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

Behold, our King comes to us, humbly and riding on a donkey.

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

Our King rides to be enthroned on the rough wood of the cross.

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

Our King rides to destroy sin by taking it as his own. He rides to conquer death by dying.

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

We go with him! Raising the palms of victory, joining all creation to acclaim our King.

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

### PROCESSION OF THE PALMS

*Please join the children as we process around North Boulevard.*

### PRELUDE

Praise the Lord with the Drums and Cymbals, Op. 101 Sigfrid Karg-Elert

### SCRIPTURAL WELCOME

Zechariah 9: 9-12 ..... Whitney Alexander

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation is he,

humble and mounted on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall speak peace to the nations;

his rule shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

\*Standing

\*CONGREGATIONAL SONG OF PRAISE

“Victory Chant (Lion of Judah)” arranged by Christopher Phillips

PRAYER OF PRAISE ..... Darin Travis

ANNOUNCEMENTS ..... Whitney Alexander

*Children Kindergarten and younger may go to Children’s Church.*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ..... Hank Mills

CHORAL OFFERTORY

“Who Is This That Comes from Far?” (Isaiah 63: 1), Southern folk-hymn

Who is this that comes from far with his garments dipped in blood?  
Strong, triumphant traveler, is he man or is he God?  
“I that reign in righteousness, Son of God and man I AM.  
Mighty to redeem your race, Jesus is your Savior’s name.”

At the Lamb’s high feast, we sing praise to our victorious King,  
Who hath washed us in the tide, flowing from his pierced side.  
Praise we him whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine.  
Gives his body for the feast; Christ, the victim, Christ, the Priest.

Hail! All hail the King of kings on his throne of sovereignty.  
By whose will, whose word, all things are, and were, and yet shall be.  
Come, O come, and for thy throne, King of kings, each heart prepare.  
Reign triumphant, reign alone, Lord of lords forever there.

PASTORAL PRAYER ..... Darin Travis



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION

No. 173 “All Glory, Laud and Honor” ..... ST. THEODULPH

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE

Luke 19: 1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through. And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

The secret things belong to the LORD our God.

**But what has been revealed belongs to us, and to our children forever.**

**That we may do all the words of this law.**

## SERMON

"Today, I Must Stay at Your House" ..... Gerrit Dawson



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE

No. 88 "Fairest Lord Jesus" ..... CRUSADERS' HYMN



## BENEDICTION

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### BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

**Blessed be the LORD I AM, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, amen!**

## POSTLUDE

"Victory Chant (Reprise)" arranged by Christopher Phillips

### MUSICIANS:

*Blake Hanna, trumpet*

*Jena Vangelj, trumpet*

*Lauren Braud, French horn*

*Will Ford, trombone*

*Rachel Reese-Kollmeyer, violin*

*Andre Moncrieff, violin*

*Sherry Kadair, piano*

*Steve Gustafson, organ*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Welcome.** We are glad you're here. If you are visiting with us, please use the Connect Card in our church app (FPCBR in the App Store) or online at [fpcbr.org/connect](http://fpcbr.org/connect). Immediately following worship we have an egg hunt and balloon artist for children in the garden areas. In case of inclement weather, children's activities will take place in the basement. Also, please stay for our crawfish lunch: \$20 per person or \$60 per family. Hotdogs will be available for the children.

**Prayer Requests.** We'd love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be sent to [prayer@fpcbr.org](mailto:prayer@fpcbr.org), through the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack.

**Congregational Meeting Today.** The session has called a congregational meeting to be held during morning worship. The purpose of the meeting is . . . 1) to ask Gulf South Presbytery to dissolve the call of the Rev. Jim Solomon and 2) to elect the following as the search committee for the Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care and Prayer: Kyle Beall, chair; Pat Canfield; Melissa Fabré; Blake Fowler; Judy McGimsey.

**Maundy Thursday Service of Shadows, April 14 at 7 pm.** We observe the Thursday before Easter as a sacred day remembering that Jesus initiated the sacrament of communion on that night and washed his disciples' feet giving them the commandment to treat each other the same way. This service in the Sanctuary is suitable for elementary school-aged children. Childcare is available for ages 5 and younger.

**Holy Saturday: The King Sleeps, April 16 at 11 am.** Jesus plunged farther, died deeper and was crushed finer than we can imagine on Holy Saturday. Join us at 11 am in the Sanctuary for a brief service with quiet reflection of Scripture and meditative music.

**Easter Sunday, April 17.** We'll gather around the empty tomb in the Terraced Garden for a brief sunrise service at 6.30 am followed by breakfast. We will also have two festive worship services in the Sanctuary at 9 am and 11 am. If rain, the sunrise service will meet in Dunham Chapel. Sunday school classes will meet as usual.

**Easter Flowers.** Don't forget to bring fresh flowers next Sunday to decorate our Easter cross which will be on North Blvd.

**Women's Bible Study Workshop.** Join us for a 3-week workshop as we seek to more confidently approach and interpret the Word of God. The study begins Thursday, April 28 through May 12 in FPC Room 202 at 9.30 am.

**The Meaning of Jesus' Agony in the Garden.** Gerrit was asked by *desiringGod* to describe the meaning of what Jesus suffered in the garden of Gethsemane. Grab a copy of his article at the Connection Center or visit [desiringgod.org](http://desiringgod.org).

**Ukrainian Refugee Assistance.** The session has made a \$10,000 contribution to the EPC International Disaster Relief Fund. Our denomination will get the money to vetted pastors and churches in Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary who are assisting refugees from Ukraine. Visit [epc.org](http://epc.org) to find out how you can join us!

**Women's Spring Picnic.** Come be delighted and refreshed at the Women's Ministry annual Spring Picnic, hosted by Kathleen Pourciau on Friday, April 29 11 am-1 pm. All women of the church and their guests are welcome! The cost is \$10 per person. RSVP online at [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org).

**Energizing Marriage Seminar.** FPC will host Pete and Dee Adams leading a Created for Connection seminar for married couples, Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30. Past participants describe the weekend as "enlightening, encouraging, revealing, hopeful, powerful, safe, loving and renewing" Sign up at [createdforconnectionbr.org](http://createdforconnectionbr.org). 50% discount to FPC church members. Just email [jaci@fpcbr.org](mailto:jaci@fpcbr.org) to let us know you're attending.

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**Flowers:** *The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Linda and Wayne Barker's parents (Wayne and Helen Harvey Barker and Christine and Sam Orwin) as well as Wayne's sister, Kitty Barker.*

**Scripture for Next Week:** *Luke 24: 13-27*

*Services are video recorded and livestreamed.*

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