

**The Lord's Day**  
March 28, 2021 ~ 10:30 AM  
PALM SUNDAY

Scripture for Meditation: "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; On that day the LORD their God will save them, as the flock of his people."  
-Zechariah 9:9, 16 (ESV)

Prelude      *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken*      arr. R. House  
[Hymn 345](#)

\* Call to Worship (responsive reading)      [Psalm 118:19-24](#)

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
**that I may enter through them and give thanks  
to the LORD.**

Leader: This is the gate of the LORD;  
**the righteous shall enter through it.**

Leader: I thank you that you have answered me  
**and have become my salvation.**

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected  
**has become the cornerstone.**

Leader: This is the LORD's doing;  
**it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made;  
**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

\* [Hymn 237](#)      *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!*      ST. DROSTANE

\* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 797)      [Zechariah 9:9-17](#)

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 1014)      [1 Peter 2:1-12](#)  
(continuous reading)

Hymn (insert)      *Before the Throne of God Above*      arr. V. Cook

\*\* Silent Prayer of Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Congregation Standing

\*\* Congregation Kneeling

\* Hymn 240      *The King of Glory Comes*      PROMISED ONE

\*\* Pastoral Prayer

Offertory      *Psalm 91 (On Eagle's Wings)*      arr. Shane & Shane  
Vocals, Rachel Embree & Bill Glenister

\* [Hymn 731](#)      *Doxology*      OLD HUNDREDETH

\* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon      **The Triumphal Exit**      Pastor Will Snyder  
Text: [John 12:12-19](#) (Bible, p. 899)

\* [Hymn 235](#)      *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*      ST. THEODULPH

\* Benediction

\* Silent Meditation

Announcements and Dismissal

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*As you enter the Sanctuary, please be considerate of others who are quietly preparing for worship. Please silence your cell phones before the service begins.*

In an effort to be subject to our civil authorities as well as considering the well-being of others before ourselves, facial masks are required at all times while inside the church facility on Sunday mornings, with the exception of the Pastor and those leading in worship during the service.

According to state guidelines you are not required to use a mask or cloth face covering if it is contrary to your health or safety because of a medical condition, a child in a child care setting, anyone under the age of 2 years, or an older child if the parent, guardian or person responsible for the child is unable to place the mask safely on the child's face.

**Evening Service, 5:30 PM:**

Tonight's evening service starts at **5:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Elder Scott Warren will be preaching from Isaiah 53, et al. The sermon title is "Man of Sorrows".

# SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

March 28, 2021

Worship Leader: Elder Scott Warren

Greeters:

Deacon in Charge: Walter Mayo

Ushers: Jeff Edwards

Audio: Zeb Sinnamon

Nursery: 9:30:

10:30 (Worship):

Toddler Time:

Coffee Clean-up:

Evening Audio:

April 4, 2021

Worship Leader: Elder Doug Fox

Greeters:

Deacon in Charge: Peter Benedict

Ushers: Howard Craig

Audio: Chaz Owens

Nursery: 9:30:

10:30 (Worship):

Toddler Time:

Coffee Clean-up:

Evening Audio:

## Before the Throne of God Above

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a strong, a per - fect  
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, and tells me of the guilt with -  
3. Be - hold him there! the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect, spot - less, right - eous -

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plea, a great high priest, whose name is love, who ev - er lives and pleads for  
in, I look to heav'n and see him there, who has a - toned for all my  
ness, the great un - change - a - ble I AM, the King of glo - ry and of

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me. My name is writ - ten on his hands, my name is hid - den in his  
sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died my sin - ful soul is count - ed  
grace! One with him - self, I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased by his

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heart; I know that while in heav'n he stands no pow'r can  
free; for God, the just, is sat - is - fied to look on  
blood; my life is safe with Christ on high; with Christ, my

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force me to de - part, no pow'r can force me to de - part.  
him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.  
Sav - ior and my God, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.

## This Week at Church

Monday	6:45 PM	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Prayer Gathering
Thursday	7:00 PM	<b>Maundy Thursday Joint Service</b>
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group
Sunday		<b>Easter Sunday</b>
	9:30 AM	Discovery Class

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COMING EVENTS

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#### MAUNDY THURSDAY JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE

We will be joining our sister churches for a joint Maundy Thursday service on **April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM**. The location is: **Farmington Ave Baptist Church, 155 Mountain Rd. West Hartford, CT 06107**. Facial masks will be required for this service. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Will Snyder.

#### COMMUNICANTS CLASS FOR CHILDREN

As there has been some interest in providing a communicants class for children in the church, we are considering starting a new class on **April 11<sup>th</sup>**. This would run for eight weeks and is an opportunity for young people to grow together and to understand more fully key biblical teachings, such as the church, repentance and faith in Christ, the Lord's Supper, and growing in the Lord Jesus (as well as others). If you are interested in having your son or daughter participate in this class, please provide your information on the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall or email the church office at [office@coventrypca.church](mailto:office@coventrypca.church).

#### PCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

Circle April 11<sup>th</sup> on your calendars and get ready to return to Sunday School!! **Classes for all ages will restart on Sunday, April 11, 2021 at their normal time of 9:30-10:15 AM**. There are clipboards (one for adults and one for children) in the Fellowship Hall that we are asking people who are interested in attending Sunday School to

simply jot down their name (or kids' names) so we can have an idea how to assign classrooms. This is NOT a sign-up sheet—please join us for Sunday School even if you forget to put your name on the clipboard. Also, for those who may be wondering, we will not be live streaming Sunday School, but please join us starting April 11th at 9:30.

#### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be on **Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall**. They have added extra safety precautions due to COVID-19 such as temperature checks before entry into the building, social distancing protocol, wearing of face masks, etc. You can visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) to schedule an appointment.

### CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

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#### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday afternoon Bible study, led by Pastor Will, meets at 1:00 PM and will be studying Ecclesiastes 3:1-15, if you're interested please contact Pastor Will ([pastorjws@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjws@gmail.com)). We will be holding the study on-site at church and for those unable to attend in person, we will provide Zoom.

#### MEN'S COVENANT GROUP

The Men's Covenant Group is studying the Luke-Acts pairing in the New Testament, observing the parallels of the two books, and enjoying fellowship in the Scriptures. We meet at the church from 7:00 AM to just before 9:00 AM on Saturday morning with coffee and food. But there is also the option of joining through an online meeting--please contact Pastor Will or the church office.

#### PCC FOOD PANTRY

The PCC Food Pantry is currently in need of the following food items: pancake mix/syrup, muffin mix, creamed corn, peanut butter, canned fruit, gravy/stuffing mix, instant potatoes, and cake mix/frosting. Thank you in advance for helping us provide for our church family and neighbors in need!

## Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

### *The Triumphal Exit*

John 12:12-19

**Main Preaching Point:** Though many people may seek to use Jesus to serve their own little kingdoms, Jesus reveals the nature and power of God's true Kingdom by humbling himself and doing for others what was beyond their imagination

- The Grand Entrance: Drawn to Jesus
- Waving Palms: Man's Expectations of the King
- A Humble Donkey: The Nature of Christ's Kingship
- The Triumphal Exit: The Lamb of God

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Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: John 12:12-19

Title: The Triumphal Exit

Questions:

1. What was most important or applicable in today's preaching? Can you summarize the main message?

#### **The Grand Entrance: Drawn to Jesus**

2. Through much of Jesus' ministry he does not seek public attention. However, in the narrative of Palm Sunday he welcomes the attention. J.C. Ryle says, "he purposely drew attention to Himself." Why does Jesus do this? What in the context would support the Lord's intention to make this a public act?

- What is Passover and why is Jesus' entrance at this time significant? Explain. Read Exodus 12:1-12.
- According to the sermon and text, why were so many people drawn to Jesus during his "triumphal" entry?

#### **Waving Palms: Man's Expectations of the King**

3. What in verse 13 indicates the kind of expectations the people have of Jesus? Commentator Dale Bruner notes, "*when the temple was rededicated during the Maccabean era, palms were used in the celebration...During both major wars with Rome, reliefs of palms were stamped on the coins minted by the rebels. Thus, this act of celebration with palms is by no means neutral. The palm symbolizes Israel's national hopes, now focused on Jesus...*" Is there anything dangerous about using the gospel to promote one's own nationalism? Explain.

- The people seem tempted to use Jesus for their own agenda. Does this happen still today? In what ways? Give examples.

#### **A Humble Donkey: The Nature of Christ's Kingship**

4. Only in John's gospel does Jesus obtain the young donkey *after* the people's enthusiastic nationalism. It serves as a corrective to the people as to the nature of the Messiah and his Kingdom. What does the image of the donkey communicate? What does it reveal about Christ and the nature of his kingdom?

- What role is Christ's present Kingdom on earth to play in the world? Read Psalm 2 and Ephesians 1:19-23. Discuss.

#### **The Triumphal Exit: The Lamb of God**

5. Where is the "triumph" in the Triumphal Entry? Is the Roman kingdom overthrown? Do the Romans flee? Jesus comes into Jerusalem on a donkey but exits as the Lamb of God. Discuss how Jesus does exceedingly beyond what man could have imagined. What further applications might you identify in this narrative?