



Then They Remembered
by Lisle Gwynn Garrity
Inspired by John 12:12-16

Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

Order of Service - 10:00 am

Please join in the worship liturgy by reading the sections in ***bold italics***.

* - Please rise in body or in spirit

Words of Welcome

“It is the mission of the Community Reformed Church of Colonie to love the Lord our God with all our hearts, with all our souls and with all of our minds; and to love our neighbors as ourselves.” (Matthew 22:37-40)

We are a community bound together and energized by faith, love, and commitment to Jesus Christ. And even though you may not yet share that faith, love, and commitment, you are most welcome to be with us, to belong here, to experience what we’re about. Then, if you are attracted and persuaded by what you see and hear, we hope you’ll want to set down roots here long-term.

And even if you don’t, you’ll always be a friend.

The Community Reformed Church of Colonie welcomes you
and thanks you for worshipping with us.

FOR CONTEMPLATION

"The Holy Spirit translates our best efforts into what needs to be communicated to that person in his or her place of need."

-Fred Rogers

PRELUDE "Potter's Hand"

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Linda Murphy

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE LENTEN CANDLES

INTROIT "How Shall I Come Before the Lord"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing songs of loudest praise!

Hosanna!

Sing songs that are unashamed.

Hosanna!

Sing songs without being afraid.

Hosanna!

Sing for the God of tomorrow and today.

Hosanna!

Let us worship the One worthy to be praised.



* HYMN 203 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

203 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Mk. 11:9

1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
 3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang;
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heaven, our King;

to Je - sus, who had blessed them close fold - ed to his breast,
 the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

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* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,
who rode through the streets of Jerusalem on a donkey.
We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,
who challenged Rome's oppressive power with peaceful protest.
We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,
who was surrounded by crowds of dreamers and believers.
We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,
so even today, we will sing songs of loudest praise.
Hosanna!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

*TAIZÉ MEDITATION "Bless the Lord" (3 times)

*Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Holy God, we want to run into the streets and sing your praise!
We want to be bold and unashamed of this good-news Gospel.
However, too often we find ourselves standing against the wall.
Too often we stay quiet.
Too often we let others carry the song.
Forgive us for the moments when we could lead the parade
but instead find ourselves standing on the sidelines.*

*Show us which songs are ours to sing.
Show us which parades are ours to lead,
and then give us the courage and conviction to do both.
With hope and honesty we pray, amen.*

TAIZÉ MEDITATION "The Kingdom of God" (3 times)

*The Kingdom of God is justice and peace
And joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come, Lord, and open in us
the gates of your kingdom.*

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Sarah Huiest

DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Kevin Ingalls

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

ANTHEM “Via Dolorosa”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 12:12-16

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.

This is the Word of The Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

THE MORNING MESSAGE Wandering Heart: Figuring Out Faith with Peter
“Singing Songs of Praise”

***HYMN "The Power of the Cross"**

Oh, to see the dawn of the dark - est day:
 Oh, to see the pain writ - ten on your face,
 Oh, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds,

Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry.
 bear - ing the awe - some weight of sin.
 for through your suf - fering I am free.

Tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en, then
 Ev - ery bit - ter thought, ev - ery e - vil deed
 Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,

nailed to a cross of wood.
 crown - ing your blood - stained brow.
 won through your self - less love!

Refrain:

This the power of the cross; Christ be came sin for us.

Took the blame, bore the wrath, we stand for - giv - en

at the cross.

***BENEDICTION**

***THE IRISH BLESSING**

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be ever at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
And the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again, and until we meet again,
May the God who loves us all
Hold you in the palm of His hand.
Amen.*

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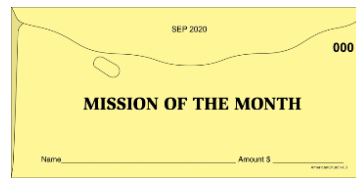
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