



Nantucket
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10:00am
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Palm Sunday
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Prelude Mollie Glazer

Welcome & Announcements Laura Brusca

A Celebration of Women

***Call to Worship**

L: This Sabbath centuries ago, you gave the beast of burden

C: A new dignity;

L: You gave majesty

C: A new face;

L: You gave those who long for redemption

C: A new song to sing.

L: And so we, with heart and voice shout

C: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

***Opening Hymn**

“Surely, The Presence of the Lord” No. 328

Invocation (in unison)

Merciful God, as we enter Holy week, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, and to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As we come together for worship, stir up within us the gift of faith, that we may not only praise him with our lips, but may follow him in the way of the cross. Amen

Our first reading is from Psalm 118

L: Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD

C: This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.

L: I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

C: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

L: the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

C: The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

L: LORD, save us! LORD, grant us success!

C: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you.

L: The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine on us.

C: With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

L: You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

C: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Our second reading is from Mark chapter 11

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'" They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

***Will you rise (if able) for the reading of the Gospel
Matthew 26:57-68**

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled. But Peter followed him at a distance, right up to the courtyard of the high priest. He entered and sat down with the guards to see the outcome. The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death. But they did not find any, though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two came forward and declared, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.'"

Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus, "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?" But Jesus remained silent. The high priest said to him, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." "You have said so," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you: From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven." Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?" "He is worthy of death," they answered. Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him and said, "Prophecy to us, Messiah.

The word of God for the people of God

Congregation: Thanks be to God

A Hymn

"Tell Me The Stories" No. 277

Sermon "Caiaphas" Dr. Richard

The Morning Prayers

Prayer Requests

Silent Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Call To Offering

(for those present in Wesley Hall there is an offering plate at the door for your use)

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessing flow

Praise him, all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Amen

Dedication of Our Gifts and Offerings

***Closing Hymn**

"Crown Him With Many Crowns" No. 327

The Blessing

***Choral Benediction "God Be with You"**

God be with you til we meet again

By his counsels guide uphold you

With his sheep securely fold you

God be with you til we meet again

***And the People Said, "Amen"**

Welcome

What makes our worship time wonderful, powerful, and enlightening is that we worship together. And you are part of that wonder, power, and enlightenment. Thank you for blessing us with your participation, both on-line and in person.

For Your Safety...

We are committed to the following safety guidelines.

*Wear a mask, *Use the hand sanitizer provided as you enter Wesley Hall, *Sign in for worship (include a phone # please) *Use the hymnal with your name on it, or put your name on one.

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday 4:30-6:00pm Come at any time between 4:30-6:00 pm to the Sanctuary where you will receive the Lord's Supper. Those wanting to celebrate communion together on zoom are invited to connect at 5:45pm. The Wesley Hall entrance will be open all day for you to pick up your elements to take home, or you can use elements you have at home.

Good Friday 12 noon April 2nd (we will meet in the Sanctuary to remember the Stations of the Cross)

Easter Sunday 10:00 am April 4th (in the Sanctuary)

A glorious day...the most important day of the Christian year. We will sing the great Easter hymns, experience the beauty of the day, and be inspired by God's word of hope.

***Work Day April 3rd 10:00 am-12 noon**

We have a list of things to do to beautify our Sanctuary and grounds. Vacuuming, moving furniture, dusting, arranging flowers. Raking front lawn, etc. Bring some cleaning things, but rakes and Lawn bags will be furnished. Let's all help prepare our sanctuary for Easter and the season ahead.

Changes in Monthly Meetings

The Board of Trustees Mtg has been postponed until Monday April 12 at 5:30 pm via zoom. The Outreach Committee will meet Tuesday April 6th at 5:30pm via zoom

The Administrative Board meeting has been postponed until Thursday April 8th via zoom.

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Lenten Messages

Today's sermon is the sixth and final in the series our pastor has titled, "Meeting Jesus For the First Time." For some of those personalities he has chosen, it was not their first encounter with Jesus. But, as you will see, meeting Jesus was a new experience every time anyone encountered him.

From My Heart To Yours...

Dear Friends,

Violence remains a major human sin and tragically has been too much a part of the world's major religions. The very holy books that several religions hold sacred are filled with images of a violent God. Is God as violent as these sacred text writers say? Not at all!! God is not at all like they depict.

The troubling truth is that religious absolutism coupled with personal and national zeal are rooted in human images of God. We need to challenge these images, especially in light of Jesus own faith and his very different images of God.

For us, the event we celebrate this day – Palm Sunday – which talks about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on a donkey, can be a starting point for the end of religion-based terrorism and war. If God is a warrior-like king then the final week of Jesus' life makes no sense. But if God is one of infinite love and compassion, then Jesus' life and

death are for us, **the way the truth and the life.**

Let us once and for all acclaim that Jesus was executed because he was seen as an enemy of the State. He was too good for his contemporaries, too loving for his enemies, and too committed to embodying a non-violent kingdom of God.

Grace and Peace,
Tom

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