



RIDGE ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH
at the Ridge

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Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024



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March 24, 2024

6th Sunday of Lent

11:00 AM

Palm Sunday

PRELUDE

"Calvary Covers It All"
E. Taylor & I. Stamphill, arr. K. Renfrow

Claudia Hinson, piano

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Psalm 118

Trey Davis

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

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

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

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

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

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

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

***THE PROCESSIONAL #221**

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"
vv. 1-2

ELLACOMBE

***INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER**

Sandra Jolly, deacon

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Sandra Jolly

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sandra Jolly

Thank you for choosing to worship with us at The Ridge today! If you are visiting, please fill out one of the green cards on the back of the pew and place it in the offering plate at the end of the service. We're so glad to have you here, and we're grateful to know of your presence with us.

ANTHEM

"Lift High the Palms"
Joseph M. Martin

The Ridge Road Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:1-11

Wilson Alexander

These are the scriptures of God for the people of Christ.

May the Spirit grant us understanding.

***HYMN of PRAISE #222**

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

ST. THEODULPH

MORNING PRAYER

Glenn Harder

MUSICAL MEDITATION

"Filled with Excitement"
Ruben Ruiz Avila, arr. Alvin Schutmaat

Mary Ann Davis, soprano

SERMON

The Pastor Thinks about the Donkey

Trey Davis

ANTHEM

"He Comes in the Name of the Lord!"
Bryan Sharpe, arr. Lloyd Larson

The Ridge Road Choir

RESPONSE

"The Poet Thinks about the Donkey"
Mary Oliver

Sandra Jolly

On the outskirts of Jerusalem

The donkey waited.

Not especially brave, or filled with understanding,

He stood and waited.

How horses, turned out into the meadow,

Leap with delight!

How doves, released from their cages,

Clatter away, splashed with sunlight!

But the donkey, tied to a tree as usual, waited.

Then he let himself be led away.

Then he let the stranger mount.

Never had he seen such crowds!

And I wonder if he at all imagined what was to happen.

Still, he was what he had always been: small, dark, obedient.

I hope, finally, he felt brave.

I hope, finally, he loved the man who rode so lightly upon him,

As he lifted one dusty hoof and stepped, as he had to, forward.

*HYMN of COMMITMENT (insert)

"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

TRURO

During this hymn, we invite you to reflect upon your relationship with God and your commitment to Christian service. If you would like to make a commitment to Christ or to become a member of Ridge Road Baptist Church, we invite you to come forward to speak with a pastor.

*BENEDICTION

Trey Davis

As we go out into the world, we look for opportunities to share our blessings with others. If you would like to contribute to the ministry here at Ridge Road Baptist Church, offering plates are available on the altar up front for your gifts.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

ELLACOMBE

*"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heav'n our King.
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice.
And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice!*

*POSTLUDE

"It Is Well with My Soul"
Philip Bliss, arr. Lloyd Larson

Claudia Hinson, piano
Teresa Wheeler, organ

**Please stand as you are able*

Deacon of the Day

Today Sandra Jolly
Next week (3/31) Kevin Parker

Coming soon to The Ridge

3/28: **Maundy Thursday** service at 6 pm in the Chapel

3/31: **Easter Sunday**

4/6 @ 12PM: Aggregate Theatre returns to our chapel in a performance of their original show **Giselle la Trent, the Gazellephant**.

4/27: Sign up to volunteer alongside The Ridge partner churches at the **Food Bank** 1-3PM. Sign up by 4/19 at the link in the QR code.

5/4: **Chatham Rabbits** in the Sanctuary. Food and community in the courtyard at 5:30PM, doors open at 7PM, show starts at 7:30PM.

5/5: **Three Songs** worship event

Prayer Requests

Members

Mary Carraway
Phil Dickens
Sharon Donald
Betty Duke
Bob & Jane Edwards
Martha Flynn
Patricia Lynn
Linda Pleasants
Helen Prevette
Bob Hines

Family and Friends

Linda Creech (mother of Paige Kay)
Joel & Allison Cresimore (son and daughter-in-law of Jo Cresimore)
Linda DeSchreiber (niece of Jane Edwards)
Virginia Herran (sister of Jo Cresimore)
John & Jennifer LeMay (daughter and son-in-law of Jo Cresimore)
Ashley Lynn (niece of Patricia Lynn)
Marygena Lynn (sister-in-law of Patricia Lynn)
Martha Marcom (cousin of Patricia Lynn)
Tommy Jenkins (former member)
Deb Johnson (former member)

Announcements

2024 **Church Directories** are available for pickup in the office. Stop by after church to pick one up. *1 per family unit, please.*

We are extremely grateful to have NC's own **Chatham Rabbits** returning to perform in our sanctuary Saturday, May 4. Tickets are available for purchase via the QR code below.

Volunteer opportunities are available for the Chatham Rabbits concert! We are looking for ~20 volunteers to fulfil multiple roles the night of the concert (parking, ushers, ticket takers, bag checkers, and more). Please email Claire if you are interested!

If you haven't yet, please check out our **new website for The Ridge!** You can access it via the QR code below.

Important Links

Scan the QR code (right) to sign up for the RRBC weekly newsletter, give online via EasyTithe, visit our website, and more.



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