

Sunday, April 2nd, 2023



Palm Sunday

*The Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury
352 Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702*

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Our PCAS Vision: "To be a Light by Living, Loving, Learning,
and Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Order of Worship

*(*Please rise in body and/or spirit)*

Procession: All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*There will be a procession with bells and singing from the Church House to the Sanctuary.
All will join in the singing of the hymn when the procession arrives.*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

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Words of Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We welcome our Savior with palms of praise:

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

Leader: We speak the truth about our Savior with palms of prophecy:

People: Look, our king is coming to us, humble, and mounted on a donkey.

Leader: We plead with our Savior with palms of prayer:

People: Hosanna! Save us now!

Call to Confession

Leader: Our Lord asks us “Why do you hesitate? Why are your “hosannas” so quiet? Why do you politely set your palms aside?” Let us answer, that God may work with us to make a way forward in faith.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious Lord, at this moment, when you finally embrace your role as a public figure, making a grand entry into the spotlight, we need a moment. It’s a big decision to follow you from here, now that there’s no anonymity. From here on, faith moves us into the world in ways that require deeper discipleship. Before diving into what comes next, we have questioned whether we should just exit here - before we have to help carry a cross. Yet, we are drawn to your spirit, to your love, to your determination to carve out a better way to life and wholeness for all people. We pray for the boldness to join those who witness to your saving grace and put their hope in you. Amen.

Moment for Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Our words question: “Hosanna - save us?”

God’s Word declares: “Hosanna!” Through Jesus Christ, it is done!

People: Blessed is the One who saves!

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Lesson Psalm 118:19-29

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God!**

Children’s Message

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Church

***Passing of the Peace**

***Hymn** #269

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Second Scripture Lesson Matthew 21:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God!**

Sermon “Palms are...”

Offering

Offertory Hosanna

Chancel Choir
Rubén Ruíz Ávila arr Marcello Velame

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Invitation to the Lord’s Supper

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Prayer continues...

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

F C F B^b C F

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(A) (D/F[#]) (F[#]m) (G) (A) (Bm)
C F/A Am B^b C Dm

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer continues...

... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(G) (A)(Bm) (G) (D) (A)(Bm) (Em7) (A)(Dsus)(D)
B^b C Dm B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution and Sharing of the Elements

You are invited to eat the bread as it is served; Please hold the cup until all have been served; We will drink together.

Please let the servers know if you need gluten free bread.

Prayer after Communion (unison)

Lord, you have put gladness in our hearts; you have satisfied our hunger with good things. In giving all, you have not withheld from us your own dear Son. How can we withhold anything from you, our Lord and our God? Renew us day by day with the gift of your Spirit, that we may give ourselves completely to your service and walk with joy in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Announcements

*Benediction

Postlude Hosanna, Loud Hosanna Setting by Michael Burkhardt

You are welcome to take your palm branch home. If you do not wish to do so, you are asked to put your palms in the planters outside the sanctuary on your way out.

Worship Leaders

Pastor:	Rev. Katja Gruening
Liturgist:	Kim Davies
Director of Music Ministries	Marcello Velame
Ministry of Music:	Kathleen Healy-Wedsworth
	The Chancel Choir
Ushers:	Brian Sergeant
	Andy Wolf
Zoom Hosts:	John Palframan
	Jim Wright
Coffee Hour:	Deacons Team D

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Special Offerings

Hunger – Disaster – Development



Every time we set a table
where all hungry hearts can eat;
every time we welcome neighbors
and we add an extra seat;
and every time we live as servants,
free to wash each other's feet,

IN OUR LIVING, IN OUR GIVING, WE ARE THERE

One Great Hour of Sharing is a tradition 70 years old. It is the largest special offering of the Presbyterian Church USA. OGHS offering will be dedicated today. Please consider giving as we follow in Jesus' example.

Blue OGHS envelopes are in the pews, or use your own envelope from home. Please make out the checks to PCAS with OGHS on the memo line.

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Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra-cious King!

to Refrain

269 Lead On, O King Eternal!

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence - forth in fields of con - quest your tents shall be our home.
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
 for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears;

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong,
 for not with swords' loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums;
 your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light.

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
 with deeds of love and mer - cy the heav - en - ly king - dom comes.
 The crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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 joy - ful 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.

Holy Week Services

The Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury



Palm Sunday

4/2/23, 10am, Sanctuary

Gather at the church house at 9:45am to join in our procession with palms, singing, and handbells, or meet us in the sanctuary or on Zoom.

Maundy Thursday Prayer Service & Vigil

4/6/23, 7pm, Sanctuary

Join us for contemplative prayer at 7pm

Sign up to keep vigil for one hour between 8pm and 9am
in the sanctuary, or on Zoom

Signup sheet in church house foyer, or via Sign-up Genius link on website.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

4/7/23, 7:30pm, Fellowship Hall

A service of lengthening shadows as the story of Jesus's last days and crucifixion are dramatically told, including holy communion.

Easter Celebration of the Resurrection

4/9/23, 10am, Sanctuary

On the most holy day of the year, join us in great celebration of the resurrection of the Lord!

Joyous music from our choir, handbell choir, and trumpet.