



Bethany Presbyterian Church

Graham, North Carolina

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Palm Sunday



I walked today where Jesus walked by Rick Purcell

When Jesus finished saying these things, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, so that the Son can glorify you.”

John 17:1 (CEB)

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome to our service of worship. Although we are worshipping in a variety of locations, we still affirm that God is present in our worship, whether in-person or virtually. Our prayer is that all who worship with us this day will truly feel the presence of God in this time. Some of our liturgy this morning is taken from Ruth Burgess and Chris Polhill, Eggs and Ashes: Practical and Liturgical Resources for Lent and Holy Week, (Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications, 2004).

PRELUDE: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

HUMPHREY TURNER (TUNE: ELLACOMBE)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

JOHN 12:12-16

*OPENING PROCESSIONAL

Jesus is coming

Shout Hosanna

He’s riding on a donkey

Shout Hosanna

Open the gates

“Opening and closing responses for Palm Sunday,” Ruth Burgess

Shout Hosanna

Open the ancient doors

Shout Hosanna

Don't be afraid

Shout Hosanna

Wave the branches

Shout Hosanna

Spread out your coats

Shout Hosanna

Peace in heaven

Shout Hosanna

Glory in the highest heaven

Shout Hosanna

OPENING HYMN #: *The Palms

O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay
Are strewn this day in festal preparation,
Where Jesus comes, to wipe our tears away;
E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare.

Refrain:

Join, sing His name divine,
Let every voice resound with united acclamation,
Hosanna! Praised be the Lord,
Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation.

His word goes forth, and people by its might
Once more their freedom gain from degradation;
Humanity doth give to each his right,
While those in darkness find restored the light. [Refrain]

Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem,
Of all thy songs sing the emancipation;
Through boundless love, the Christ of Bethlehem
Brings forth the hope to thee forevermore. [Refrain]

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

CONFESSIONAL LITANY

Our time of telling the truth about ourselves in Lent will be spoken with a sung congregational response:

HYMN 820 "Nothing Can Trouble" (Glory to God)

Nothing can trouble;
nothing can frighten.
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble;
nothing can frighten.
God alone fills us.

Who may ascend the hill of the Lord?
Who may stand in his holy place?
Those who have clean hand and pure hearts.

HYMN 820 "Nothing Can Trouble" (Glory to God)

O Living God,
age after age the children of dust

"A prayer on the way to Jerusalem" – Ian Cowie

make their way to holy places to seek you,
yet you are closer than hands or feet.

HYMN 820 *"Nothing Can Trouble" (Glory to God)*

In temples and churches
people make sacrifices and offerings,
but what you seek
is the love and well-being of your children.

HYMN 820 *"Nothing Can Trouble" (Glory to God)*

Your Word promises
that those whose hands are clean
and whose hearts are pure
can climb the heavenly hill;
but who are we to do that?
On our journey through life
our hearts and our hands
have become stained and dirtied.

HYMN 820 *"Nothing Can Trouble" (Glory to God)*

If we have stretched out our hands in greed, or lust, or love of money,

Lord, cleanse us by your mercy.

If our hearts have been sullied by pride or resentment,

Lord, cleanse us by your mercy.

If we have turned aside from our pilgrimage

to follow the world's ways,

or to seek false gods,

or spirits other than your Holy Spirit,

Lord, cleanse us by your mercy.

HYMN 820 *"Nothing Can Trouble" (Glory to God)*

silence

Lord, you forgive the sins of all who turn to you in sincerity;

you cleanse the penitent heart from all uncleanness.

Lord, set our course according to your word

so that we may take up afresh the challenge of the journey to the holy city.

HYMN 820 *"Nothing Can Trouble" (Glory to God)*

Give us new strength to follow you on your way,

so that even we may ascend to the hill of the Lord

and stand in the holy place.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

HYMN 820 *"Nothing Can Trouble" (Glory to God)*

Amen.

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE

Our Prayer for Illumination and Scripture Readings during Lent will be spoken with a sung congregational response:

HYMN 842 *"The Lord Is My Light" (Glory to God):*

The Lord is my light,
my light and salvation:
in God I trust;
in God I trust.
(sung 2x)

Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us, by your Word, through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN 842 *"The Lord Is My Light" (Glory to God):*

PSALM 24:1-10

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 680

HYMN 842 *"The Lord Is My Light" (Glory to God):*

JOHN 17:1-26

PEW BIBLE, PAGES 1316

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 842 *"The Lord Is My Light" (Glory to God):*

***HYMN OF THE DAY #363:** *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*

AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

I want Jesus to walk with me; (Walk with me)
I want Jesus to walk with me; (Walk with me)
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. (with me)

In my trials, Lord, walk with me; (Walk with me)
In my trials, Lord, walk with me; (Walk with me)
When my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. (with me)

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; (Walk with me)
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; (Walk with me)
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. (with me)

TIME OF PRAYER

Our Time of Prayer during Lent begin and end a sung congregational response:

HYMN 471 *"O Lord, Hear My Prayer" (Glory to God):*

O Lord, hear my prayer.
O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer.
O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.

Time of silent prayer and meditation

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN 471 *"O Lord, Hear My Prayer" (Glory to God):*

LISTENING FOR GOD'S VOICE

THE WORD IN MUSIC: *I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked*

ROBERT J. POWELL

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *"Fronds and Prayers"*

REV. PHILLIPS

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN #151: *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

MATTHEW BRIDGES

Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love;
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace;
Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end;
And round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For Thou has died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.

*BLESSING OUR GIFTS

*CLOSING RESPONSES

"OPENING AND CLOSING RESPONSES FOR SUNDAYS IN LENT" – RUTH BURGESS

Shield us God, with your crook and your staff
Bring us safely home.
Guide us God, with your truth and your goodness

Bring us safely home.

Encourage us God, with your oil and your kindness

Bring us safely home.

Shepherd us God, walk with us always

Bring us safely home.

Amen.

POSTLUDE: *The Gates of Jerusalem*

DAVID PAXTON

** Please stand in body or spirit.*

Hymn Story

Crown Him with Many Crowns

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” was written by Matthew Bridges, an Anglican clergyman who at age 48 converted to Roman Catholicism and at age 51 wrote this hymn. It is the one hymn written by Bridges to still be sung widely today.

Bridges wrote six verses, each celebrating some aspect of God, such as kingship, love, and peace. Some years later, Godfrey Thring, an Anglican clergyman, thought that the hymn needed a verse celebrating the resurrection, so he wrote the one that begins, “Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o’er the grave” — and he wrote additional verses as well. The hymn as found in most hymnals today includes verses by both Bridges and Thring.



Habitat “Church Unity Build” 2022

Ways that you can participate in the build, beyond keeping the build in prayer. Please select all that you would be willing to help with individually:

- Volunteer on the build site for a shift (8-11:30am on a Saturday in May-July) Date choices are listed below separately.
- Lead a 5 min devotion for a build shift (at 8am to kick off the shift)
- Provide snacks for a build shift (this would be a joint effort – several people can participate on our assigned Saturday/s)
- Provide a financial contribution toward construction costs. Bethany’s goal to provide towards this project is \$3000.00.

Please circle the dates below you would be able to participate in the activities you have chosen above. Available Saturdays are

MAY -	7 th	14 th	21 st	
JUNE -	4 th	11 th	25 th	
JULY -	9 th	16 th	23 rd	30 th

***Please note that everyone who volunteers may not be able to participate based on the dates that are available and assigned to Bethany, along with volunteer availability. With multiple churches participating each weekend, our Saturdays to work will be limited, but we will do our very best to include all who want to volunteer!!*

If you have a sense of how much you might plan to contribute financially, share below if you are comfortable doing so. You will not be held to this, we would just like an idea of how we might stand. ANY amount is welcome!! If you do not know at this time, there is no pressure and no requirement!

Name: _____



Our Faith Community @ Work

WORSHIP Ministry: (Lead Elders: Helen Brown and Karen Maxwell)

WELCOME to this service of worship at Bethany Presbyterian Church (PCUSA). Whether you are a member or a visitor we are so glad that you are worshipping with us this morning and pray that this time of worship will be both renewing and rewarding for you. If you have any questions about Bethany, please speak to the pastor or call the church at 336.227.4041.

You can find us online through our website at www.bethanypreschurch.org; on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bethanypresbyterian; or on Twitter by following [@bpresbyterian](https://twitter.com/bpresbyterian).

“I will show love to those who were called unloved and, to those who were called ‘not-my-people’, I will say ‘you are my people’ and they will answer, ‘you are our God.’” (Hosea 2:23) Bethany Presbyterian Church is a place where the mind is nourished as well as the spirit, and where we affirm the dignity and worth of every person. As we are all created in the image of God, we believe discrimination is incompatible with Christ’s Gospel of unconditional love. While we celebrate our Presbyterian identity, we acknowledge that we are not alone on the path to understanding God. We invite conversations that move us to seek a deeper understanding of life in the Spirit. **Be who you are and be welcome here.**

A Note About the Offering: As we have returned to worship as the pandemic has been becoming less and less a threat, we have continued the practice of not passing the offering plates at the time of the offering during our service, thus decreasing the threat of spreading germs. Instead, you are invited to make your contribution in one of four ways: drop it in the offering plate that is located at the narthex door (before worship) and in the narthex (following worship); mail it in to the church; drop it off at the church in person; or, use our quick and secure online giving platform. This can be accessed through our website, or by scanning the QR code on the last page of this bulletin. Thanks for your generosity and cooperation.

SERVE Ministry: (Lead Elders: Tina Patterson and Kim Snyder)

Our ongoing prayer list is below. Please let the church office know if there are any changes.

Bethany Members

Linda Abplanalp
Barbara Cousins
Henry Flythe
Laura Mitchell-Ayers
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Christopher Bagley
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Grace Johnson
Anne McDaniels
Shannon Russell
Ann Sutton
Randy Thompson
Cindy Uzzo
Don Burenhiede

TEACH Ministry: (Lead Elders: Tracey Troxler and Shelby Smith)

All are invited to take advantage of the several educational opportunities for all ages on Sunday mornings. Sunday school classes begin at 9:45 a.m.

Fellowship Class (Fellowship Classroom – by ramp door) - NOT CURRENTLY MEETING DUE TO COVID

This class is using our denomination's *Present Word* curriculum and lives up to the class name in all aspects of their life here at Bethany.

Children (Upstairs – the really, really green room!)

This class for younger children is using our denomination's *We Believe* curriculum in introducing our children to the faith.

Youth (Upstairs, across from the choir room)

Using a variety of creative curricula, this class explores topics that relate to faith and adolescence.

SUPPORT Ministry: (Lead Elders: Chip Allen, Randy Cousins, and Bill Abplanalp)

Elders of the Month for April are **Helen Brown** and **Chip Allen**.

Anniversaries & Birthdays

- Judy & Darrell Holmes April 7
- Pam & Mark Hurt April 27

- Sandy Russell April 1
- Dusty Kimrey April 8
- Tommy Lane April 12
- April Troxler April 12
- Gerald Donley April 17
- Helen Brown April 22
- Maureen Kelly April 24
- Morgan Troxler April 27

Liturgist

- April 3rd Chip Allen
- April 10th Rick Purcell
- April 17th
- April 24th Helen Brown

This Week's Calendar:

Today:

Sunday, April 10th :- Palm Sunday

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages (will return soon)
- 11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream)

Wednesday, April 13th

- 6:30 – Choir Practice

Sunday, April 17th :- Easter Sunday & Communion

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages (will return soon)
- 11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream)

Holy Week Calendar:

Thursday, April 14th Maundy Thursday
6:00pm Dinner Church & Fish Fry

Friday, April 15th Good Friday

Sunday, April 17th Easter Sunday & Communion

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