

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

APRIL 05, 2020

ALIVE,
CELEBRATING
& SERVING
THE LIVING LORD!

*The mission of The First Presbyterian Church in Germantown
is to reflect the loving presence of Christ
as we serve others faithfully, worship God joyfully and share life together
in a diverse and generous community.*

In preparation for worship please take the opportunity to speak silently to God.
At the close of the service let us greet one another with cheerfulness.
Please be sure that your cell phone is turned off during worship.

April 05, 2020

Palm/Passion Sunday

Lord's Supper

"I have found the paradox, that if you love until it hurts, there can be no more hurt, only
more love." - Mother Teresa

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM
GATHERING AS GOD'S FAMILY

Prelude: *Prelude and Fugue in E-Flat Major*

J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

†*Call to Worship

Rev. Kevin Porter

All: Surprising God, you come to our lives in ways we do not expect.

One: We ask for success;

Many: You teach us acceptance.

One: We ask to be loved;

Many: You ask us to love.

One: We ask for ease;

Many: You challenge us.

One: We ask for a triumphant Messiah,

Many: You come as one obedient to death.

One: We glorify the winner,

Many: You glorify the loser who died on a criminal's cross.

**All: Walk among us, surprising God of peace. Sanctify our joys and our
successes; turn our hearts to you. We come to worship the Lord!**

*Hymn 88: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

All glory, laud, and honor To Thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, The King and blessed One.

The people of the Hebrews With palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayers and anthems Before Thee we present.

To Thee, before Thy passion, They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted, Our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises; Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

God of righteousness, this day places a mirror before our faces. We would rather sing hosannas with the cheering crowd, than stand up for our convictions in the face of an angry mob. We would rather dine with Christ at his table, than stand up for him in a courtyard of accusers. We would rather see ourselves as Christ's champions, than admit to ourselves that we too could betray him with a kiss. Forgive our fickle faith, and heal our hesitant hearts. In your loving name, we pray.

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Pardon

†*Congregational Response 579: *Gloria Patri*

Glory be to the Father

And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now,

And ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

†*Sharing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Kevin Porter

The First Lesson: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Pages 534-535 OT

Leader: God's Word is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path.

People: Thanks be to God!

A Time for Children

The Second Lesson: Matthew 21:1-11

Rev. Rebecca Segers

Pages 21-22 NT

Leader: God, we thank you for your Word.

People: The story of your grace.

Sermon: **DOUBLE TROUBLE**

Rev. Rebecca Segers

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

*Hymn 89: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

ELLACOMBE

Hosanna, loud hosanna, The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple The joyful anthem rang;
To Jesus, who had blessed them Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed 'Mid an exultant crowd,
The victory palm branch waving, And chanting clear and loud;
The Lord of earth and heaven Rode on in lowly state,
Nor scorned that little children Should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heaven, our King.

O may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice,
And in his blissful presence Eternally rejoice.

*Affirmation of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

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 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.

The Words of Institution

Prayer After Communion

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn 91: *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*

ST. DROSTANE

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry; O Savior meek, pursue Thy
road With palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die: O Christ, Thy triumphs now
begin O'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! The winged squadrons of the sky Look down with sad and
wondering eyes To see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die; Bow Thy meek head to mortal
pain, Then take, O God, Thy power, and reign.

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Rebecca Segers

*Congregational Response: #585

McNeil Robinson II

Postlude: *Elegy*

George T. Thalben-Ball