

March 20, 2016
Palm Sunday

Prelude: Marche Religieuse Alexandre Guilmant

Chiming of the Hour

Procession of the Palms – The Palms Jean Faure

The Congregation is invited to join in the chorus:

Praise ye, Praise ye the Lord!

Let every voice resound with joyous acclamation!

Hosana!

Praise ye the Lord, Hosana!

Bless him who cometh to bring us salvation.

***Hymn:** #155 *All Glory Laud and Honor*

Welcome

Joys and Concerns

Choral Introit: *Hosanna to Christ* Traditional Mexican

Call to Worship

One: Morning after morning, God grants us a new day;
Wake up to the joys and challenges life presents.

**All: This is the day the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

One: God equips us to face whatever the day may
hold; watch and listen as God offers to teach us.

**All: We gather, seeking a blessing in the name of
God. We come, thanking God for the gift of
salvation.**

One: See the gates of righteousness thrown open for
us; enter to praise God's marvelous works.

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever!
Blessed is the one who comes in God's name.**

One: Come, let us worship God together!

Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

We stand together, mighty God, for you have sustained
us through weary days and anguished nights. We join
the shouts of welcome, "Blessed is the one who comes
in God's name. Peace in heaven and glory in the
highest." This is a day of celebration. There is joy in the
air. We have witnessed the transforming power of Jesus'

compassion. But there are ominous overtones. There
are voices that say peace is a mirage and love will not
endure. We cling to our faith that your steadfast love
embraces life and death, that we are surrounded and
upheld by your goodness. Meet us here, we pray. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

We confess, O God, that we identify with times of
optimism and applause. We like a religion that makes us
feel good. We prefer safety and security and certainty.
Then Jesus comes, riding on a donkey, reaching out to
outsiders, proclaiming humble obedience as a virtue,
challenging powerful people to change their ways. We
sense danger. When Christ upsets our craving for
stability, we turn away from the risks. We do not want
to be rejected or face a cross. We are not sure we really
want to be Christians. O God, help us! Hear now our
silent confessions as we seek your mercy, forgiveness
and grace.

Moment of silent prayer

Assurance of God's Love

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.*

Responsive Reading – Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

(Page 694 HS in the pew bible)

Hebrew Scripture Reading – Isaiah 50: 4-9a

(Page 833 HS in the pew bible)

Children's Message and Lord's Prayer

*(Children leave for Sunday School and Youth Discussion
Group)*

***Hymn:** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* (insert)

Offering of our Gifts

Anthem: *Palm Sunday Antiphon* Harry Causey

Antiphonal with choir and congregation

Led by Lynn Reifsnyder

***Doxology:** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above,
ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication

Gospel Reading – Luke 19:28-48

(Page 101 in the pew bible)

Sermon: "Weeping Over Jerusalem"

Reverend Diane Monti-Catania

Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer

Response: *Hosanna to Christ* Traditional Mexican

***Hymn:** #157 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

Benediction

Choral Response: *Hosanna* Traditional Mexican

Postlude: *Come Sweet Death* Bach/Rawsthorne
(* Please stand if able.)

*Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and
fellowship following worship.*

Our hosts today are Peggy Sands & Margie Vail.

The flowers are donated by Peggy & Edward Sands.

Our ushers today are Erik & Orrin Rydingsword.

Our Lay Readers today are Landon Good and Charlotte
Clulow.

Prayer List

*Rosie Bell, Nancy Tuckerman, Barbara Jacquette, Mary
Wadsworth, Gloria Buckley, Petie Robinson, Sue Bucceri,
Jeri Johnson, Nancy Smith, Dick Dwelley, Louise "Weezie"
Hannegan, Marshall Schwarz, Jane, Chris, family and
friends of Jim Aitchison and George Phinney.*

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Today	11:30 Church Council
Monday	3:30 pm SOAR Fencing in the Parish Hall 6 pm Salisbury Band Rehearsal in the Parish Hall
Tuesday	5:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	10:30 am Scoville Memorial Library's Toddler Story Time in the Parish Hall 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	8:30 am "Silent" Retreat 10 am Scoville Memorial Library's Literary Series in the Parish Hall 4:30 pm Women's Spirituality 7:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service of Tennebrae with Communion
Friday	8 am Men's Bible Study
Sunday	Easter Sunday 6:30 am Worship at Town Grove 9:45 am Bell Choir 10:00 am Worship in Meetinghouse

OPPORTUNITIES

EASTER LILY SIGN UP

If you would like to dedicate an Easter lily in honor or in memory of your loved one please call the church office or pick up a dedication form in the church. Plants are \$15 each and will decorate our sanctuary. The deadline for dedications is Monday, March 21st.

SILVER LAKE SUMMER CAMP

Registration for Silver Lake Conference Center in Sharon is now open. Take a look at the many great offerings by visiting: www.silverlake.ctucc.org. Brochures can also be picked up at the Opportunity Table at Church. Scholarships are available. Please see Pastor Diane.

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