



## Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church

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**Palm-Passion Sunday**  
**March 28, 2021**  
**10:30 AM**

### GATHERING

#### **Prelude**

*The King's Majesty*

Matthew Corl

#### **Processional Hymn**

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

ELLACOMBE

Procession of palms by children and youth of WBPC

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.

“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.

#### **Greeting**

#### **Call to Worship (Bold = Unison)**

Let us worship the Lord—not just with our voices, but also with our entire being.

**We gather to worship the One who is highly exalted and whose name is above every name, Jesus the Christ.**

Your presence demands our participation. Our worship is never wasteful.

**Be gracious to us, O Lord. We are your servants; empty us for your use. We are Christ's servants and may we be of the same mind. We declare that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. Praise be unto God!**

## **Opening Prayer**

Come. Come O Holy One.  
Come through the streets.  
Come into the house.  
Come to find a space beside us at the table.  
Come to challenge our answers about

**Why tragedy comes  
Why poverty increases  
Why we are afraid.**

Come O Holy One.  
Speak to us in the silence

**With wisdom greater than ours  
With love deeper than ours  
With change wider than ours.**

## **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

Yet you continually forgive us and call us to turn our lives around--to see the needs of others, to reach out in trust and faith, to be willing to witness to your good news of saving love. Heal our hearts and give us courage for the days ahead; for we ask this in Jesus' Name. **Amen.**

### **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Now and always. **Amen.**

### **Passing of Christ's Peace**

Because God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Share Christ's peace with a kiss, a phone call, or a special message.

## THE WORD

### Prayer for Illumination

#### Psalm

*Psalm 118:1-2*

- <sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures for ever!  
<sup>2</sup> Let Israel say,  
“His steadfast love endures for ever.”

#### Gospel

*Mark 11:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,  
“Hosanna!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
<sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”  
<sup>11</sup>Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

#### Sermon

*Are We Ready to Enter Jerusalem with Jesus?*

Rev. Dr. Bruce T. Grady, EdD

### Ascription of Praise

### Invitation to Discipleship

### Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived  
by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to**

**the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer**

~ Jesus, Light of the World, how quickly the joy and exuberance of the people on this day was turned hostile and angry by political manipulation, and even Your friends betrayed You. Let us walk with You through this coming Holy Week, remain in Your presence, and never deny that You are our Savior.

Hosanna to our Messiah!

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

~ Jesus, Light of the World, help us to engage the hearts and minds of the leaders of this world, our country, and our community, that we may eliminate the fear-mongering, posturing, and oppression that leads to a death like Yours. We pray especially for one another and ourselves for we are all leaders of the lives you have given.

Hosanna to our Messiah!

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

~ Jesus, Light of the World, enfold with Your loving arms, those who are ill, desperate, or hopeless, and those who worry and care for them. We pray in silence for those in our hearts and minds who are in special need.

Hosanna to our Messiah!

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

~ Jesus, Light of the World, as You came to lead us all into the glory of eternal life, turn our grief into joy and comfort knowing those we mourn are with You now in everlasting peace. We pray in silence for all the saints from our families, friends and the Church who rest in eternity with you.

Hosanna to our Messiah!

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

~ Jesus, Light of the World, we *pause* in this moment to offer You our other heartfelt intentions and petitions, aloud or silently...

Hosanna to our Messiah!

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

~ Jesus, Light of the World, as we begin this sacred week, endow our spiritual leaders with extraordinary grace, that through You and them, we may all be drawn together in Your saving embrace. We pray especially for

the officers of this church, all ministers of our Presbytery, and faith leaders throughout the world.  
Hosanna to our Messiah!

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us how to pray by saying:

**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.**

## Offering

(See options for giving at the end of the bulletin)

## Offertory Response

*Lord of the Dance*  
Piano/organ duet

arr. Joel Raney

## Prayer of Dedication

## SENDING

## Hymn of Sending *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

HAMBURG

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the prince of glory died,  
My richest gains I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

## Blessing and Charge

*Due to the solemn, reflective season of Lent, there will be no postlude. We conclude the worship in silence and reflection.*

## OFFERING OPTIONS

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Mail to: Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church 4900 Kaplan Drive Raleigh, NC 2760

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Go to <https://wbpresbyterian.com/>

Open the pull down menu on the top left and click "GIVE".

From here you can register and enter your gift amount, the designated fund and frequency of giving.

### By Text:

To give via text, send WBPC to the phone number 73256. You'll receive a text message in response with your next steps. After you give one time, your payment method is saved, so you can quickly give again from your phone.

## Joys and Concerns

### Prayer Requests

If you wish to make a prayer request, call or email your request to Amy by Tuesday. [amy@wbpresbyterian.org](mailto:amy@wbpresbyterian.org) – Type "Prayer Request" in the subject line. Please be specific and concise.

### Pastoral Concerns

- Prayers of thanks for those who have been able to receive a COVID-19 vaccination
- Pray for Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church and all churches. Pray for our members and friends, the Session, deacons, teachers and church leaders. Pray prayers of thanksgiving for our nation during our time of transition and pray for peace in the world.
- Pray for Elizabeth Davis, her father and her family
- Prayers of thanksgiving for friendships which endure, giving us comfort.

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### Worship Leaders:

Jonathan Barker, Interim Pastor;

Bruce T. Grady, Associate Pastor;  
Elizabeth Davis, Director of Music; videography and production;

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