

April 13, 2014  
Ten o'clock  
PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

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**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

**GATHERING**

REFLECTION "They took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" - John 12:13

PRELUDE

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

arr. John Head  
& Sue Mitchell-Wallace

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion

**Shout aloud, O Daughter of Jerusalem**

Lo, your king comes to you

**Triumphant and victorious is he**

Humble and riding on a donkey

**On a colt, the foal of a donkey**

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

**Hosanna in the highest!**

OPENING PRAYER

CHORAL INTRODUCTION

"Hosanna! Blessed is He!"

arr. Hal H. Hopson

\*HYMN NO. 197

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

*Lighting the candles today is Acolyte Ian Flanagan.*

CONFESSION

CORPORATE CONFESSION

**God of all times and places, we confess that we would rather join the crowds than stand alone. We prefer the popular point of view to a solitary witness for justice and truth. We like safety and security while shrinking from the risk of involvement. We'll sing "hosanna" when everyone else is doing so—but not when the hostile "Good Friday" forces may hear us. We do not like to admit our lukewarm response to you, but neither do we want to be considered fanatics.**

**We believe Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. We know that means not just other people involved in obvious evils everyone knows about. We know it means us. We ask you to be patient with us, to help us understand our own guilt. Then pour out your forgiveness in such a way that we are forever transformed**

## PERSONAL CONFESSION

We pray in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

...Friends, believe the good news.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 198 "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 stowed.**

## PROCLAIMING AND RESPONDING

ANTHEM

"Look Who's Coming!"  
Genesis & Chi Rho Choirs (Youth Club)

Michael Bedford

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

*Please note: Children and Youth may leave the sanctuary for Sunday School following the Time with the Children. Please exit through the doors on either side of the Choir loft.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Members, friends and visitors*, please sign the Friendship Pad in each pew and pass it to the person next to you. The last person will pass the pad back to the first person who will then please place the sheet in the offering plate. **Worshippers are invited to use the cards in the pew racks for prayer requests so we may share one another's joys and concerns.** *The ushers will collect the cards during the hymn following the sermon and they will be offered during the Prayers of the People.*

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Deacon News

Marcia Fricke

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 27:1-3, 11-26

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RESPONSE NO. 198

"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"  
**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.**

ST. DROSTANE

SERMON

"Pontius Pilate"

Rev. Brown

\*HYMN (See Insert)

"The Palms"

Jean Baptiste-Fauré

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Lift Up Your Heads” from *Messiah*  
Chancel Choir

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

\*RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING NO. 591 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

### GOING FORTH

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 97 “Go to Dark Gethsemane”

Redhead

**Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter’s power;  
Your Redeemer’s conflict see, Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from His griefs away, Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**

\*THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Please exchange greetings of welcome and peace with your neighbor.*

\*POSTLUDE

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*\*Those who are able, please stand*

†If you are new to the church...Welcome! We’re glad to have you here. Please ask an usher to direct you to the *Visitor packets* at the rear of the church. They can be found on the table to the right of the usher’s closet under the balcony stairs. After the 10:00 service today, we hope you will join us for Coffee Hour held in Room 120, located through the door to the left of the pulpit then left down the hallway.

†Thank you to members from the congregation and the Worship Committee for making the palm crosses we are receiving today. Special thanks to Garrett Jones of Codey Jones Funeral Home for supplying palms to our church. Thanks as well to those who made the palm crosses. We welcome trumpeter, Charles Bumcrot, to our worship service today. Charles is on the faculty at Montclair State University.

†The flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of...  
...Jack Brackmann by his wife, Alice



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