



J. J. WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Liturgy of the Palms
March 24, 2024 * 10:30 AM

Gathering

***Processional Hymn No. 203** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* ELLACOMBE
(Repeat verse 1 until choir is in loft, then vv. 2 & 3)

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Cassie Alston

*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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

*Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins to God, whose steadfast love endures forever. *Ps. 118:2*

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, as we enter this Holy Week of Lent, gathered at your house of prayer, we turn our hearts toward Jerusalem. We want to walk the way with Jesus, to be present each step from the Mount of Olives to the cross to the empty tomb. And yet we fall away. Forgive our stubborn resistance to Christ's work and witness. Inspire us by your Spirit to follow in his way until we enter with him into the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

The one who rode into Jerusalem to cheering crowds knew that the cross awaited. In this way, we might know the great love of God for us. Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, has defeated sin forever. Hear and believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

Word

Musical Offering *My Soul Delighteth* John Carter

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, open our hearts and our ears to hear your Word as it is read and proclaimed. Fill us with the Holy Spirit and surprise us, for we eagerly expect your Word and know that you will speak to us today. Amen.

Scripture: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Mark 11:1-11

Sermon *Other and More* Rev. Cassie Alston

Reception of New Members Rev. Cassie Alston, Jane and Whit Whittington

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed* Hymnal, p. 14

***Hymn No. 805** (Gloria Patri) *Glory Be to the Father* GREATOREX

Choral Anthem *The Holy City* Stephen Adams

The Invitation to the Offering

Consider what you carry in your hands today. Do you carry the reign of a donkey, a cloak to share, a branch to wave? What do you bring to welcome the Lord today? Jesus gave himself for the life of the world. With humble hearts bowed in awe, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

Offertory *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty* O WALY WALY

***Hymn No. 809** (Doxology) *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDRETH

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

As the crowd cried, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord," we are truly grateful for the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ our Lord. Receive these gifts as a symbol of the dedication of our very selves to you, O God. Use our gifts and use us as a part of the inbreaking of your kingdom, which comes and is still coming into our world today. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer Albert Hay Malotte

Sending

*Hymn No. 204

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ST. THEODULPH

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

arr. Henry Van Dyke

*Please stand as you are able.

Portions of today's liturgy were written by Matthew A. Rich for the *Presbyterian Outlook*, March 2024.

Announcements

Welcome to Worship!

All who worship here are joyfully welcomed into our midst! To our visitors, we offer a special welcome and invite you to join us again soon. Please fill out the blue card in your pew and place it in the offering plate when passed.

Welcome to New Members!

We joyfully welcome Jane and Whit Whittington into membership in J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church! Jane and Whit have a long history at J.J. White Memorial, and we are delighted to welcome them home.

Welcome to Our Guest Musicians!

Oscar Leal was born in Mexico City and started his music career at the Conservatory of Music in Pueblo, Mexico. In 2001, Mr. Leal was offered a scholarship to study music performance and join the University of Southern Mississippi's Symphony Orchestra, where he has joined the stage with Placido Domingo, Itzhak Perlman, Sir Charles Galway, and other world-class musicians. Mr. Leal graduated in 2005.

Bridget Regan is a native of Magnolia. After graduating from McComb High School, she attended the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York City and remained there for ten years. Bridget went on to earn a bachelors in psychology from the City University of New York and a masters in special education from Mississippi State. Bridget is currently a hospital schoolteacher at Children's of Mississippi in Jackson.

Jeremy Threlfall resides in McComb with his wife Cleia. His love for singing started at the early age of 5 and has developed into a life of performing, composing, recording, filming, and even arranging – with a variety of audiences ranging from country to Broadway, opera to children, and inspirational.

Record from last Sunday

Attendance: 63

Offering: \$1,651.00

This Week at J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian

Tuesday, 3/26	5:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, 3/27	7:15 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
Thursday and Friday, 3/28 and 3/29	10:00-2:00	Sanctuary Open for Prayer

Upcoming Worship Events

Maundy Thursday, 3/28	6:00 PM	Holy Thursday (Communion)
Good Friday, 3/29	6:00 PM	Good Friday
Easter Sunday, 3/31	10:30 AM	Easter/Resurrection of the Lord Bridget Regan, soprano Jeremy Threlfall, tenor Dr. LaTannia Ellerbe, violin

Questions for Reflection: The passion of Christ is a story in which, against all odds, love wins. How might this story reshape your week, your life, our world? Where will you commit to letting love win? How will this change your life?

Household Prayer: Morning

Jesus, in your passion and resurrection, you show me there is no place you have not been and no place you fear to go. Morning by morning, you awaken me more deeply to this truth. Send me into the world this day with the courage and wisdom to be a faithful witness to your coming reign of justice, mercy, and peace. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Jesus, although I have sought to serve you this day, I have failed to keep your love. You know my strengths and weaknesses more than I; reveal them to me that I may be healed this night and begin afresh tomorrow. Amen.

(Long, Kimberly Bracken, ed. *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion, Liturgies for Year B, vol. 1*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2014, p. 120-121.)

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