



Fairfield  
Presbyterian  
Church  
PCA

*For I am not ashamed of the Gospel...Romans 1:16*

# Celebration of Worship

**Palm Sunday**  
April 13, 2025

## Prelude

*The Prelude is a time to begin transitioning from fellowshiping with our neighbors to preparing our hearts to worship God.*

*Please adjust all electronic devices so as not to interrupt the service.*

## Welcome and Announcements

*Welcome to all our visitors. Please fill out the guest registration to let us know of your visit.*

## Silent Prayer of Preparation for Worship

Blessed Lord, whose only Son our Savior Jesus Christ has once suffered for our sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to You our God: We beseech You, that as we are baptized into His death, so by continually mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with Him; and at last through the grave, and gate of death, pass to our joyful resurrection: For His merits, who died, and was buried, and rose again, Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## **GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

### Call to Worship

**Pastor:** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ~ *Zechariah 9.9*

**People:** **Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.** ~ *Revelation 5.12*

### \*Invocation and Adoration

*The invocation should acknowledge that our worship is in vain if it is not Spirit-inspired. Often, the invocation will also employ the language of adoration and praise, which is very fitting in light of the vertical, God-focused dimension of this prayer.*

## **\*Worship in Song**

### ***JESUS SHALL REIGN***

#### VERSE 1

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does his successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

#### VERSE 2

Blessings abound where'er He reigns;  
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all the sons of want are blessed.

#### ***CHORUS***

***To our King be highest praise  
Rising through eternal days  
Just and faithful -He shall reign.  
Jesus shall reign***

#### VERSE 3

Where He displays His healing power,  
Death and the curse are found no more:  
In Him the tribes of Adam boast  
More blessings than their father lost

#### VERSE 4

People and realms of every tongue  
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;

And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early praises to His Name.

**CHORUS**

***To our King be highest praise  
Rising through eternal days  
Just and faithful - He shall reign.  
Jesus shall reign***

VERSE 5

Let every creature rise and bring  
Blessing and honour to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud amen!

**CHORUS**

***To our King be highest praise  
Rising through eternal days  
Just and faithful - He shall reign.  
Jesus shall reign***

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## **Public Confession of Sin**

*All: Our gracious Father, you sent your Son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end and that we too might live a new life. Yet we have too often chosen death over life. In our thoughts, words, and deeds we have rebelled against you and your intentions for us.*

*In so doing, we have broken our fellowship with you, whose love is better than life and whom to know is life itself. In so doing, we have hurt others, sometimes unintentionally and*

*sometimes deliberately, and have diminished their lives. In so doing, we have damaged ourselves who were created to reflect your beauty.*

*Father, forgive us our sin for Jesus' sake. And grant that your resurrection power might course through our entire being that we might walk in the ways of love and justice, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.*

## **Silent Prayer of Confession**

### **Comfort and Assurance of the Gospel**

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ~ Hebrews 2.14-15

### **\*Corporate Confession of Faith (Apostles' Creed)**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.\* The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.

\*Some versions of the Creed omit this phrase; it was inserted to affirm the reality of Christ's physical death;

\*\*The word catholic means universal; this phrase simply refers to the fact that the Church is made up of believers of all times in all nations.

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## **PETITIONING GOD'S PROVIDENCE**

### **Sacrament of Covenant Baptism**

*Emery Reese Hanford*

# Prayers of God's People

*(The pastor will lead us in prayer, reading submitted praises and requests)*

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## ADORING GOD'S GLORY

### Public Reading of Scripture

### Judges 8:29-35

*(Lectio Continua – the practice of reading Scripture in sequence)*

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#### **Scripture Context:**

The cycle of rebellion begins again.

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Jerubbaal the son of Joash went and lived in his own house.<sup>30</sup> Now Gideon had seventy sons, his own offspring,<sup>1</sup> for he had many wives.<sup>31</sup> And his concubine who was in Shechem also bore him a son, and he called his name Abimelech.<sup>32</sup> And Gideon the son of Joash died in a good old age and was buried in the tomb of Joash his father, at Ophrah of the Abiezrites.<sup>33</sup> As soon as Gideon died, the people of Israel turned again and whored after the Baals and made Baal-berith their god.<sup>34</sup> And the people of Israel did not remember the LORD their God, who had delivered them from the hand of all their enemies on every side,<sup>35</sup> and they did not show steadfast love to the family of Jerubbaal (that is, Gideon) in return for all the good that he had done to Israel.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

**All:** *Thanks be to God.*

### The Giving of First Fruits

*Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce;<sup>10</sup> then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. ~Proverbs 3:9-10*

### Special Musical Offertory

Fairfield Kids

**Hosanna!**

**\*Prayer of Thanks and Dedication**

**\*Worship in Song**

*The King of Glory Comes (240)*

*Refrain:*

*The King of glory comes,  
the nation rejoices.  
Open the gates before him,  
lift up your voices.*

Who is the King of glory?  
What shall we call him?  
He is Immanuel, the promised of ages  
(Refrain)

In all of Galilee, in city or village,  
He goes among his people,  
Curing their illness.  
(Refrain)

He gave his life for us,  
the pledge of salvation.  
He took upon himself  
the sin of the nations.  
(Refrain)

He conquered sin and death;  
he truly has risen.  
And he will share with us  
His heavenly kingdom.  
(Refrain)

***Only A Holy God***

Verse 1

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven  
Who else could make every king bow down  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles  
Only a Holy God

Verse 2

What other beauty demands such praises  
What other splendour outshines the sun  
What other majesty rules with justice  
Only a Holy God

***Chorus***

***Come and behold Him  
The One and the Only  
Cry out sing holy  
Forever a Holy God  
Come and worship the Holy God***

Verse 3

What other glory consumes like fire  
What other power can raise the dead  
What other name remains undefeated  
Only a Holy God

***Chorus***

Verse 4

Who else could rescue me from my failing  
Who else would offer His only Son  
Who else invites me to call Him Father  
Only a Holy God  
Only my Holy God



## **Chorus (2x)**

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## **PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

### **Scripture Reading & Prayer of Illumination**

**Sermon Text:** **John 3:1-12**

### **Preaching of the Word**

*Can a Man be Born When He is Old?*

**\* Closing Hymn** **308**

*Jesus Paid it All*

### **\*Benediction**

Just as God has the first word in worship, he also has the last word. For those who are in Christ Jesus, these are always words of blessing. We look up and extend our hands out in a posture of receiving the blessing of God.

### **Postlude**

\* Indicates please stand if able.

Memory Verse of the Week:

**1 Peter 2:24** He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

## **Announcements**



**Easter Lilies** ...can be brought to the church the week before Easter Sunday. The lilies will be placed in the front of the sanctuary. Please provide the church secretary with the names of those that brought in the lily and for whom their lily is in “Memory or Honor of.”



**Join us Easter Sunday** as we celebrate our risen Savior. Tim Rott will be our guest speaker.

**FYI ...Men’s Fellowship and Ladies’ Bible study will not meet for the remainder of April.** Both studies will resume on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We meet every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. Men’s study meets at 8AM while the women’s study meets at 9:30AM.

**VBS training has been rescheduled** for Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6PM and Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. These sessions are geared for teachers and classroom helpers but are open to anyone who is interested. For more information, contact Linda Bauer.



**PARENTS! Children’s Sermon Notes** with colored pencils are available and on the back is a listening activity for the words the pastor says in the sermon with different level of challenge. These are located next to the back sanctuary table.