ANNOUNCEMENTS www.allgather.org/calendar

This year we will be celebrating a joint Good Friday service with our brothers and sisters at Oak Church. The service will be held on Friday, April 3, at 6 pm, at the Oak Church location. Please visit the Oak Church webpage for a map and directions.

The Gathering Church's big Easter Egg Hunt is right around the corner! Help our kids have a great Easter egg hunt by donating plastic eggs and small egg stuffers (erasers, stickers, temporary tattoos, small toys, or wrapped non-chocolate candy). We will be collecting these the last 3 Sundays in March (3/15, 3/22, 3/29). Drop them off with Lindsay Rogers at the kids' sign-in table or in the basket by the gym entrance.

Women's Retreat. Women's Walk with Christ, an affiliate of Marked Men for Christ, will be having its first NC weekend next September 11-13. They limit it to 45 people so it fills up quickly. For more info and to register, visit www.womenswalkwithchrist.org. Be part of the first pilot group to go!

INFORMATION & CONNECTING

To find out more about the Gathering Church, or to connect, please fill out a card on the back table and place it in the black box.

GIVING www.allgather.org/giving

Giving is a vital part of our worship of God. If you would like to give this morning, you may do so by putting your offering in the black box on the back table. Thank you for your participation in the life and mission of this church.

Other ways to give:

- (1) By automating a draft through your bank.
- (2) By mailing a check to PO Box 16402/Chapel Hill, NC 27516.
- (3) Online through Paypal.

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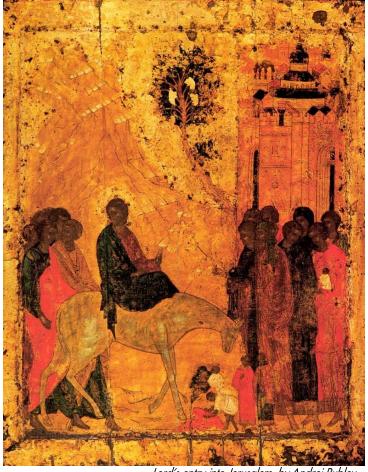
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March 29, 2015 John 12:12-15 | John 17:1-5, 20-26



Lord's entry into Jerusalem, by Andrei Rublev

Palm Sunday

"The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!"

-John 12:12-13

WELCOME TO THIS WORSHIP SERVICE OF THE GATHERING CHURCH

Whether you come today as a skeptic, seeker, or believer, our hope is that you will sense the welcome of God, the love of others, and the opportunity to join Jesus Christ in sharing the grace of God with all people.

GATHERING MUSIC: MCCRACKEN

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

We will feast in the house of Zion

We will sing with our hearts restored

He has done great things

We will say together

We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire He is the Lord our God We are not consumed by the flood Upheld, protected, gathered up

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

In the dark of night before the dawn My soul be not afraid For the promised morning, oh how long O God of Jacob, be my strength

Every vow we've broken or betrayed You are the faithful one And from the garden to the grave Bind us together, bring shalom

HEBER/DYKES

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Holy, holy, holy Holy, holy, holy Lord God almighty Though the darkness hide thee Early in the morning Though the eye of sinful man Our song shall rise to thee Thy glory may not see Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty God in three persons, blessed Trinity Perfect in power, in love and purity Holy, holy, all the saints adore thee Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty Casting down their golden crowns All thy works shall praise thy name Around the glassy sea In earth and sky and sea Cherubim and Seraphim Holy, holy, holy Falling down before thee Merciful and mighty Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be God in three persons, blessed Trinity

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BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE BANKROFT/COOK

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on his hands
My name is written on his heart
I know that while in heaven he stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart
When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see him there
Who made an end of all my sin

Because the sinless Savior died My sinful soul is counted free For God the just is satisfied To look on him and pardon me To look on him and pardon me

Behold him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace
One with himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by his blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God

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DOXOLOGY THOMAS/MAINZER

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

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Notes

COMMUNION

Each Sunday, we remember that we only find life in Jesus, through the love he demonstrated by his death on the cross. So, bringing nothing, we come and receive his grace in the Bread and the Cup that he offers to those who follow him.

PRAYER

If you would like to have someone pray for you or for any other need, you will find Prayer Team members at the back of the gym who will gladly pray with you.

WELCOME

JOHN 12:12-15

The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting,

"Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!"
Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

"Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion;

see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt."

HOSANNA (PRAISE IS RISING)

BROWN/BALOCHE

Hear the sound of hearts returning to you Praise is rising, eyes are turning to you We turn to you We turn to you Hope is stirring In your kingdom Broken lives are made new Hearts are yearning for you We long for you You make us new 'Cause when we see you 'Cause when we see you We find strength to face the day We find strength to face the day In your presence In your presence All our fears are washed away All our fears are washed away Washed away Washed away

Hosanna, hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna, hosanna
Come have your way among us
We find strength to face the day
All our fears are washed away
Washed away
We welcome you here, Lord Jesus

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ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR	THEODULPH/TESCHNER			
All glory, laud and honor	To Thee, before Thy passion			
to Thee, Redeemer, King	They sang their hymns of praise			
To Whom the lips of children	To Thee, now high exalted			
Made sweet hosannas ring	Our melody we raise			
Thou art the King of Israel				
Thou David's royal Son	Thou didst accept their praises			
Who in the Lord's Name comest	Accept the prayers we bring			
The King and Blessèd One	Who in all good delightest			
	Thou good and gracious King			
The people of the Hebrews	All glory, laud and honor			
With palms before Thee went	To Thee, Redeemer, King			
Our prayer and praise and anthems	To Whom the lips of children			
Before Thee we present	Made sweet hosannas ring			
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Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul Worship his holy name Sing like never before, O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning It's time to sing your song again Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger Your name is great and your heart is kind For all your goodness I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

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DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN/YOUTH AND GREETING ONE ANOTHER

Children and Youth are dismissed to participate in their various classes. As they leave, meet and welcome those around you, especially those you might not know. Feel free to fill in the front and center areas.

JOHN 17:1-5, 20-26

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

"Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

"Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

"Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."