



PALM SUNDAY
THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT
APRIL 13, 2025

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Thank you for joining us for worship today. We welcome you into our fellowship as together we gather in the presence of God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

If you are a visitor, please take a moment to scan the QR code below and fill out the form. We want to acknowledge your presence today with a note of thanks. Please let us know if there is a way we may be of help or encouragement to you today.

If you have any prayer requests or concerns, questions about your faith or the Christian life, if you have updates to your contact information, or if there is anything you need to communicate, please note those remarks on the form.



On the front: "The Entry into Jerusalem," Giotto di Bondone, 14th c.

#### WORSHIP MEDITATIONS

The branches of palm trees are laudatory emblems, significant of victory, because the Lord was about to overcome death by dying, and by the trophy of His cross to triumph over the devil, the prince of death.

-St. Augustine of Hippo, 5th c.

To each one of us Christ is saying: if you want your life and mission to be fruitful like mine, do as I. Be converted into a seed that lets itself be buried. Let yourself be killed. Do not be afraid. Those who shun suffering will remain alone. No one is more alone than the selfish. But if you give your life out of love for others, as I give mine for all, you will reap a great harvest.

-Oscar Romero

The human race may be compared to spikes of wheat in a field, rising, as it were, from the earth, awaiting their full growth and development, and then in time being cut down by the reaper, which is death.

-Cyril of Alexandria, 5th c.

The cost of a thing is the amount of what I will call life which is required to be exchanged for it.

-Henry David Thoreau, Walden, 1854

# Advent + Christmas + Epiphany + LENT + Easter + Pentecost + Trinity

Lent is a 40 day season of confession and repentance in preparation for Easter. Christians have been keeping the season of Lent since the 2nd century. During this season Christians typically fast on certain days and abstain from certain things in order shape our hearts and souls towards repentance. The 40 day fast of Lent symbolizes several events in salvation history: Jesus' 40 fast in the wilderness, Israel's 40 year wandering in the desert, the 40 days of rain cleansing the earth during the flood of Noah, among others. The liturgical colors for Lent are purple and black, symbolizing mourning and repentance.

# THE WORSHIP OF ALMIGHTY GOD GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

#### COMMEMORATION OF THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" <sup>14</sup> And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, <sup>15</sup> "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" <sup>16</sup> His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. <sup>17</sup> The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. <sup>18</sup> The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup> So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

- John 12:12-19

# ALL GLORY LAUD AND HONOR / HOSANNA

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Ho-san - na! Ho-san - na! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!



1. All glo-ry, laud, and hon-or to thee, Re-dee-mer, King, to whom the lips of



children made sweet hosan-nas ring! Thou art the King of Isra el, thou David's royal



- 2. The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present: to thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
- 3. Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King! All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, 9th c. Trans: John Mason Neale, 1854 Tune: Melchior Teschner, 17th c. Chorus by: Timothy R. LeCroy, 21st c.

#### CALL TO CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,

that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,

that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

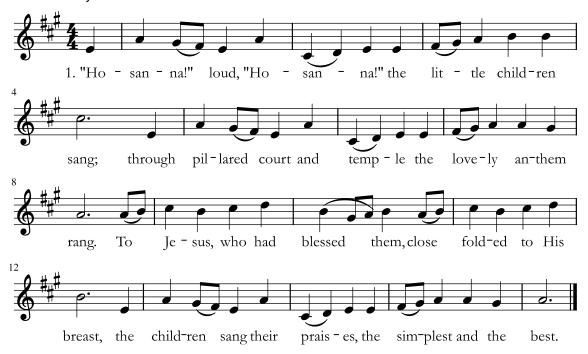
We bless you from the house of the Lord.

-Psalm 118:26, 24:7-10, 118:26

#### **COLLECT**

Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that united with Christ and all the faithful we may one day enter in triumph the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens, where with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory forever. **Amen.** 

### HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA



- 2. From Olivet they followed Mid an exultant crowd, The victor palm branch waving And chanting clear and loud. The Lord of earth and heaven Rode on in lowly state Nor scorned that little children Should on His bidding wait.
- 3. "Hosanna in the highest!"
  That ancient song we sing;
  For Christ is our Redeemer,
  The Lord of heav'n our King.
  Oh, may we ever praise Him
  With heart and life and voice
  And in His blissful presence
  Eternally rejoice!

Text: Jeannette Threlfall, 19th c. Tune: 18th c. German

#### CONFESSING OUR SINS

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness! Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.

- Psalm 143:1-2

Let us then confess our sins unto God, our Maker:

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Continue to confess your sins silently before the Lord.

#### RECEIVING ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

- Psalm 145:8-9

Glory to God in the highest!

And peace to His people on earth.

# RIDE ON, RIDE ON IN MAJESTY







- 2. Ride on, ride on in majesty!In lowly pomp ride on to die.O Christ, Thy triumphs now beginO'er captive death and conquered sin.
- 3. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
  The angel armies of the sky
  Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
  To see the approaching sacrifice.
- 4. Ride on, ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh. The Father on His sapphire throne Awaits His own anointed Son.
- 5. 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 pow'r, and reign.

#### PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dear Jesus, on this happy day when you entered your house, little children shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" We pray that as the children welcomed you into your house, we would all welcome you into our lives as our Lord and Savior, always loving you and obeying what you command. Amen.

#### PRAISES AND PETITIONS

Please see page 22 for the prayers this week.

#### CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL

All children may come forward for a brief lesson and prayer by Pastor Tim. Then children up to fifth grade are dismissed for an age-appropriate lesson.

#### PASSING OF THE PEACE

While the children are being dismissed, we will have a brief time of welcome and greeting. You are welcome to "pass the peace of Christ" to one another.

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are visiting, or have a contact update, please scan the QR code below and fill out the form. Please see announcements on page 23.



#### THE LORD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even

death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!** 

THE PSALM: PSALM 31:9–16; ANTIPHON: V. 5

#### Antiphon:

Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

- <sup>9</sup> Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.
- <sup>10</sup> For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away.

# Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

<sup>11</sup> Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach,

especially to my neighbors, and an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.

<sup>12</sup> I have been forgotten like one who is dead;

I have become like a broken vessel.

- <sup>13</sup> For I hear the whispering of many—terror on every side!—
- as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

# Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

- <sup>14</sup> But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God."
- 15 My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!
- <sup>16</sup> Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

#### Antiphon:

Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

#### GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 19-29-46

29 When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, 30 saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. 31 If anyone asks you, Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it."' 32 So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. 33 And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" 34 And they said, "The Lord has need of it." 35 And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. 36 And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. 37 As he was drawing near already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, 38 saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" 39 And

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. **People: Glory to you, O Lord!** 

some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." 40 He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

41 And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, 42 saying, "Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. 43 For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side 44 and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

45 And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold, 46 saying to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be a house of prayer,' but you have made it a den of robbers."

# HEARING THE WORD PREACHED

Sermon Title: "The Lord Inspects His House"

Sermon Text: Luke 19:29-46

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Timothy R. LeCroy

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

#### THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall 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.

# THE OFFERING

New Life is supported by the generous gifts of our church members and friends. If you are visiting, you are not expected to give, but if the Lord has blessed you today and you would like to support our ministry, it would be most appreciated. If you don't have cash or check, you can also give on-line at www.newlifeithaca.org/giving/

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

-- 2 Cor. 9:6-7

THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

#### **EUCHARIST**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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And also with you.

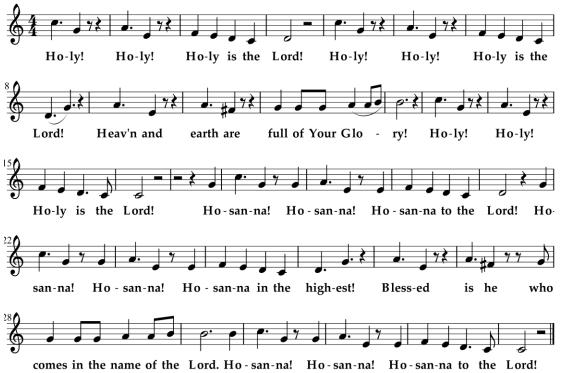
Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is proper and right to do so.

Truly it is proper, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Who on the tree of the cross did give salvation unto mankind that, whence death arose, thence Life also might rise again; and that he who by a tree once overcame, likewise by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, and with the Church on earth, we praise and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



Words and Music: John Michael Talbot, 1986

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER

#### THE ACCLAMATION

For as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of Faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The pastor prays a further prayer for the Holy Spirit to bless our communion meal.

#### 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,
For ever and ever.
Amen.

#### THE INVITATION

New Life Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who trust in Jesus Christ to receive Holy Communion with us.

-If this does not describe you, you are invited to come forward, crossing your arms in front of your chest when you reach the front, to receive a blessing from the pastor.

#### DISTRIBUTION

The congregation will come forward row-by-row, forming two lines in the center aisle. Cup your hands together to receive the bread, then proceed outwardly to the wine tray. There is juice in the very center and wine on the outside. Then use the outside aisle to return to your seat and wait until we eat and drink together.

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

We partake together of the most holy body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. After the communion the pastor prays a prayer of blessing.

### **Prayers for Those Not Communing**

New Life Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who trust in Jesus to receive Holy Communion with us. If you are not able to receive Communion, please use the time to mediate on one of the following prayers:

#### Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

#### Prayer of Belief

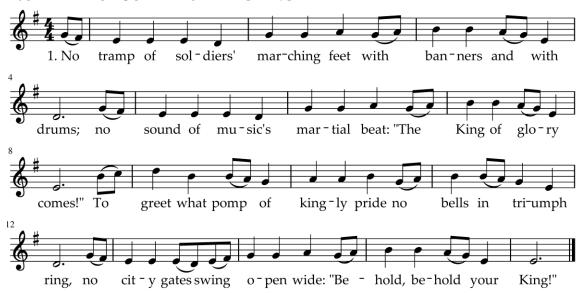
Lord Jesus Christ, I recognize that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### For Those Struggling with Sin

If you are a baptized believer in Christ who is struggling with sin, you should still come forward for communion. As it says in our Larger Catechism 172:

One who doubteth of his being in Christ, or of his due preparation to the sacrament of the Lord's supper, may have true interest in Christ, though he be not yet assured thereof; and in God's account hath it, if he be duly affected with the apprehension of the want of it, and unfeignedly desires to be found in Christ, and to depart from iniquity: in which case (because promises are made, and this sacrament is appointed, for the relief even of weak and doubting Christians) he is to bewail his unbelief, and labour to have his doubts resolved; and, so doing, he may and ought to come to the Lord's supper, that he may be further strengthened.

#### NO TRAMP OF SOLDIERS' MARCHING FEET



- 2. And yet He comes the children cheer With palms His path is strown With every step the cross draws near The King of glory's throne Astride a colt He passes by As loud hosannas ring Or else the very stones would cry Behold behold your king
- 3. What fading flowers His road adorn The palms how soon laid down No bloom or leaf but only thorn The King of glory's crown The soldiers mock the rabble cries The streets with tumult ring As Pilate to the mob replies Behold behold your king

4. Now He who bore for mortals' sake The cross and all its pains
And chose a servant's form to take
The King of glory reigns
Hosanna to the Saviour's name
Till heaven's rafters ring
And all the ransomed host proclaim
Behold behold your king

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith, 20th c. Music: Trad. English Melody Arranger: Ralph V aughan Williams

#### BENEDICTION

The Pastor pronounces a blessing upon the congregation from Scripture.

#### Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674 Music: Thomas Tallis, 16th c.

### **DECLARATION OF PEACE**

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Go in peace.

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#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### THE CHURCH AROUND THE WORLD

Pray for believers in South Sudan, where political tensions between rival groups
continue to build. Pray for wisdom for the missionaries and organizations in the area
evaluating whether or not to evacuate. Pray for safety of the communities most
affected by economic interruption and uncertainty.

#### PCA CHURCHES AND PASTORS IN THE NEW YORK STATE PRESBYTERY

O New Life Presbyterian Church, Canton; Larry Veinott, pastor

#### SISTER CHURCHES IN ITHACA

o Bread of Life Anglican Church, David Smith, Rector; Ryan O'Dowd, Assisting Priest

#### NEW LIFE ALUMS IN VOCATIONAL MINISTRY

Matt & Jenn Irvine, Serge (World Harvest) -- London, England

#### OUTREACH IN LOCAL COMMUNITY

Community Faith Partners, an agency that seeks to unite Christians to meet the needs of the Ithaca community, particularly in seeking racial justice and pursuing jail ministry.

#### GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL LEADERSHIP

 President Donald Trump and Vice-President J.D. Vance; the members of Congress and the Judiciary

#### NEW LIFE CHURCH

- Pray for all New Life alums working for the federal government, that they would retain
  their jobs and funding during this time. Pray also for those working at Cornell who may be
  affected by the related hiring freezes and budget cuts.
- o Pray for our church's financial footing, and that people would continue to give.

If you do not wish to have praises and requests shared during the worship service printed in the bulletin for the next three weeks, please inform Angela Brodie in an email (angelabrodie@gmail.com).

# life@newlife

## **Holy Week Services**

We will have three opportunities for worship and reflection during Holy Week (April 14-18). We will have a video presentation of the <u>Stations of the Cross</u> at Noon on Tuesday and Wednesday. There will be a <u>Maundy Thursday</u> service at 7:30PM and a <u>Good Friday</u> service at 7:30PM, all at the church.

#### Easter Sunday – April 20

We'll have a feast after the service, with the church providing roast lamb and everyone else bringing sides and desserts. We will also have an egg hunt for elementary aged kiddos. Thank you to the youth who helped stuff eggs and will hide them for us!

# Ladies' Bible Study - Saturday, April 26

Please join us at our next meeting on Saturday, April 26 at 2:30pm, at Ann Williamson's (135 Lexington Drive.)

#### Morning Prayer & Pastor Tim's "Office Hours" – Tuesdays

Join us on Tuesdays at 7:45AM for a short time of prayer. We will be using the traditional form for the Daily Office, which has confession of sin, psalms, scripture readings, and intercessory prayer; and our time together should last about 20 minutes. Immediately following Morning Prayer on Tuesdays, Pastor Tim will be available at the church for consultation or conversation. Please feel free to stop by.

#### March Financial Report

	Actual	Budgeted	Net
Income	\$10,944.53	\$20,000	\$-9,055.47
Expense	\$21,806.35	\$20,000	\$-10,861.82

#### Year to date

	Actual	Budgeted	Net
Income	\$60,407.38	\$60,000	\$407.38
Expense	\$63,201.59	\$60,000	\$-2,791.90

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# Please let us know you worshiped with us today!

We would like to acknowledge your presence with us today. You will not be added to any mailing lists without your permission and we will not share your information with anyone. Please fill this out and place it in the offering when it comes by.

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Prayer Requests:				
	I am an out-of-town visitor.			
	I reside locally and I am visiting New Life Church today.			
	I would like more information about New Life. Please have someone contact me.			
	Please send me more information about:			
	I would like to meet the pastor for coffee.			