



April 10, 2022 Palm Sunday

Front Cover Artwork

Charles de Wolf Brownell, *Palma Real*, 1860, watercolor on wove paper, $8-7/16 \times 5-1/4$ in., National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC.

Charles DeWolf Brownell (1822–1909) was a resident of East Hartford, Connecticut from 1824 to 1860, New York City from 1860 to 1865, and Bristol, Rhode Island from 1878 until his death in 1909, Charles Brownell was born in Providence, Rhode Island. He became known for his landscape and still life paintings, especially a work titled *Connecticut Charter Oak*. In 1853, he gave up a law career to devote himself to landscape painting, and studied in Hartford with Julius Bush and Joseph Ropes and exhibited at the National Academy of Design. He also spent seven consecutive winters painting tropical scenery in Cuba and six years in Europe.

https://www.spellmangallery.com/artists/charles-dewolf-brownell

Palm Sunday is celebrated today in remembrance of the beginning of the final week of Jesus's earthly ministry. On this day we remember that Jesus entered Jerusalem and was received as the promised Messianic King. He was welcomed by the crowd that day as they cut down palm branches to wave and celebrate his arrival.

"Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem signaled the start of the last week of His earthly ministry. In a few days' time He would be betrayed, scourged, mocked, and nailed to the cross to die... [and then] to rise again on the third day after His death. This week...we remember that our sinless Savior took the punishment that we should be receiving. This...week...we remember that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. This...week...we are reminded that we can't save ourselves, but Christ saved us."

from https://www.christiantoday.com/article/what-is-palm-sunday-and-why-is-it-important/127791.htm



Hershey Presbyterian Church (PCA) desires to be a welcoming, grace-filled, all-nations community of Jesus Christ in the Presbyterian tradition. We seek to love God and our neighbor as we make disciples of Jesus Christ who are learning to *worship God, proclaim Christ,* and *love others*.

Preparing to Worship God

Welcome

Welcome to Hershey PCA! We are glad to have you join with us in the worship of God through Jesus Christ, our Savior and King.

Thanks to all those who participate in making this worship service possible (worship service participants may include in alphabetical order): Crystal Basom (vocals), Ephraim Church (leading worship), Dave Eakin (vocals), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), Lynn Ruhl (cello), Brad Weaver (sound), Anita Wood (piano), and Don Wood (vocals).

Today's Communion Servers are Keith Dolon and Joe Kearns.

A **Nursery** for children age infant through 4 years old is provided.

Prelude

Palms for Palm Sunday: At the close of our service today, feel free to take palm fronds from the ceramic vase at the back of our worship space.

Praising God

*Call to Worship

Psalm 118:24-29

This is the day that the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ Save us, we pray, O LORD!

O LORD, we pray, give us success!

²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷ The LORD is God,

and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,

up to the horns of the altar!

²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

you are my God; I will extol you.

²⁹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

for his steadfast love endures forever!

Light Text = Read by Leader

Bold Text = Read by All

*Response of Praise:

Come People of the Risen King



*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

*Confession of Faith:

Psalm 72

Today's confession of faith is a reading from Psalm 72 that celebrates the heart and the work of the righteous king.

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!

- ² May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!
- ³ Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!
- ⁴ May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!
- ⁵ May they fear you while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!
- ⁶ May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth!
- ⁷ In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!
- ⁸ May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth!
- ⁹ May desert tribes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust!
- ¹⁰ May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!
- ¹¹ May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!
- ¹² For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper.
- ¹³ He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.
- ¹⁴ From oppression and violence he redeems their life, and precious is their blood in his sight.
- 15 Long may he live; may gold of Sheba be given to him!

May prayer be made for him continually, and blessings invoked for him all the day!

- ¹⁶ May there be abundance of grain in the land; on the tops of the mountains may it wave; may its fruit be like Lebanon; and may people blossom in the cities like the grass of the field!
- ¹⁷ May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun!

 May people be blessed in him, all nations call him blessed!
- ¹⁸ Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.
- ¹⁹ Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory!

Amen

and Amen!

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*Gloria Patri

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost: as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men, a-men.

Facing Up to Our Sin before God

Reading of God's Standard

Zechariah 9:9

The reading reminds us that we are so sinful that we need a Savior; and yet so loved by God that he sent his own Son for us. Today, confess your failure to appreciate and take joy that God did not treat you as you deserve, but made a gracious provision to you.

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.

Confession of Sin In Unison

Triumphant Lord, We rejoice in your entry into the world and into our lives!

Joining with the crowds, we sing your praises and exalt your reign, but even so, our hearts are far from true worship, our minds are distant from true understanding.

We are disappointed with your humility, we are uninspired by your selflessness.

Our sin leads us to seek your death even though you give us life.

Our treachery guides us to war even though you call us to peace.

Help us to reflect your grace and glory in our lives instead of the darkness and brokenness of our rebellion.

Have mercy on us, our gracious King and Savior.

Forgive what we have done and who we have become.

Bring us to the Father

and be pleased to put a new song of joy and gladness into our hearts.

Amen.

Assurances of Pardon in Christ

From Isaiah 43:1, 3

Let those who fear the Lord and who call on His Name hear this word from Isaiah which is spoken to you in Christ Jesus:

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name. you are mine."

And, "...I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior."



Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of April 10-16, 2022

Intercession for the World:

• **The Hershey Community** (to learn about local township news, subscribe to the Derry Township Weekly eNews at www.derrytownship.org/community/weekly-enews)

Derry Township Chief of Police Garth Warner

• **Civil Government** (those in authority over us):

Dauphin County Commissioner George Hartwick

• **Countries of Origin of our Church Members and Friends.** Did you come from a country different from the ones that we regularly pray for? Please let us know and we will add your country of origin to our list:

Japan

• **Unreached People Group** (includes 6,693 people groups or 40.4% of the world's people groups (approximately 3,109,034,000 persons). In these people groups, there are "few evangelicals and few who identify as Christians." There is "little, if any, history of Christianity" within the people group. See www.joshuaproject.net). "...pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matt. 9:38)

Baloch Leghari of Pakistan

Population: 14,000; Language: Balochi, Eastern; Religion: Islam

Intercession for the Church (God's People):

• Health issues:

Elsie

- Those Who Serve in our Local Church (our ordained officers and non-ordained ministry leaders):

 Assistant Treasurer Jessica Robinson
- Our Denomination (PCA): Member Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery (PCA): New Covenant Fellowship, Mechanicsburg, PA
- Supported Missionary or Organizations: Richard and Lynne Smith, serving with RUF-I at Penn State University

The Lord's Prayer: Our time of intercession will close with this version of the Lord's Prayer in unison.

"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.

Presentation of Our Tithes & Offerings

Tithes and offerings are an expression of our worship to God.

Offertory

*Song of Preparation:

All Glory Laud and Honor



Listening to God's Word

*Prayer for Illumination

In this prayer, we ask the Lord to open our eyes and hearts to his Word.

Reading of Scripture:

John 12:12-16

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ 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!"

¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵ "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

¹⁶ 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.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: Fear not ... Your King is Coming!

Today's Texts: Psalm 72 & John 12:12-16 Pastor David Kertland

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Prayer of Application

The King's

The sermon concludes with a prayer asking the Lord to help us to be those who listen to his word and obey it.

"...be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." (James 1:22)

Receiving Provision from God

Celebration of the Lord's Supper Invitation & Warning

Hershey Presbyterian Church (PCA) welcomes to receive the Holy Supper all baptized Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin and obey Christ, and who are members in good standing of an evangelical church that proclaims the gospel or who have been approved by our Session after indicating a desire to participate (BCO 58-4). Children should await communicant membership before participating.

Let this table, and our communion together, point you to Jesus—to receive grace from him, to hold out your empty and faltering hands to him, to allow him to feed and strengthen you, and to remind you that, if you are in Christ, He is *for you* and *will help you* as you seek to follow him this week.

If you are not a believer in Jesus today, we are glad that you are here with us this morning! We do invite you to stay and observe this part of the service, which is a celebration of the Christian's union with the risen Jesus, but that you do not participate. As the bread and wine are received by the congregation, we invite you to cry out to Jesus and pray the following prayer (or one like it):

Prayer of Belief: "Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared to admit, but in Jesus I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to 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 and rest on you alone for my salvation."

Have you prayed this prayer for the first time this morning? If so, let someone near you know! Also, feel free to talk with our pastor who can suggest ways for you to take next steps in the faith.

Words of Institution:

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

"[T]he Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said,

'This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying,

'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

Prayer

Receiving of the Elements

About the elements: Our communion servers will be handing out the elements, which are in two stacked communion cups. The top cups have the juice or wine, and the bottom cups all have gluten-free bread.

As a server comes to you, please indicate your preference of either grape juice or wine.

The clear cups are filled with grape juice.

The purple-tinted cups are filled with wine.

Prayer

Confessing Our Faith in God

*Song of Dedication and Service:

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty



5. Ride on, ride on in ma-jes-ty, in low-ly pomp ride on to die: bow your meek head to mor-tal pain, then take, O God, your power and reign!

In: Sing Glory 386 (339) The Carol Book 18 Carols for Today 160 words: in this version @ Jubilate Hymns/admin. The Jubilate Group Last verse arrangement and descant @ John Barnard /admin. The Jubilate Group

God's Blessing

*Benediction

1 Timothy 1:17 & 6:21b

"To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen."

and in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit "Grace be with you."

*Postlude

We are glad that you have joined us for worship today either in person or by livestream.

If you are new to Hershey PCA, feel free to reach out to Pastor Kertland at pastor@hersheypca.com. We would love to personally welcome you.

Today's Service Information

- 1) **Artwork:** Front Cover: Charles de Wolf Brownell, *Palma Real*, 1860, watercolor on wove paper, 8-7/16 x 5-1/4 in., National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC.
- 2) **Music:** "Come, People of the Risen King" in hymnal form was purchased at www.gettymusic.com; music for printed lead sheet was notated by Denise Seymour). "Lamb of God" (265) is reprinted from *Hymns of Grace* (The Master's Seminary Press, Los Angeles, CA, 2015). "All Glory Laud and Honor" (235) is reprinted from *The Trinity Psalter Hymnal* (Willow Grove, PA: Trinity Psalter Hymnal Joint Venture, 2018). "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" is reprinted from Jubilate Hymns, the Jubilate Group. Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837.
- 3) Quotes: Page 2: artist biographical information https://www.spellmangallery.com/artists/charles-dewolf-brownell; Palm Sunday information by JB Cachila at https://www.christiantoday.com/article/what-is-palm-sunday-and-why-is-it-important/127791.htm; Page 6: Confession of Sin, modified by Pastor Kertland from https://www.faithward.org/worship-lent-palm-sunday-prayer-and-call-to-worship-ideas/, 04/05/2022. Biblical quotes are from the English Standard Version (ESV) unless otherwise noted. Various quotes describing worship elements are from: Leading in Prayer: A Workbook for Ministers (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1995).
- 4) The "Invitation to the Lord's Supper" and the communion page information was, in part, modified from the practice of Redeemer PCA in NYC (2008) and Westminster PCA in Lancaster. PA (2015).

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