

First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia



**CELEBRATION!**

Palm Sunday  
March 24, 2024

**Welcome**

The Reverend Laura Colee

**Opening Acclamation**

Open our lips, O Lord,  
**And our mouths shall proclaim your praise!**

**\*Song**

**All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. (Refrain)

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King! (Refrain)

**\*Prayer (unison)**

The Reverend Dr. Baron Mullis

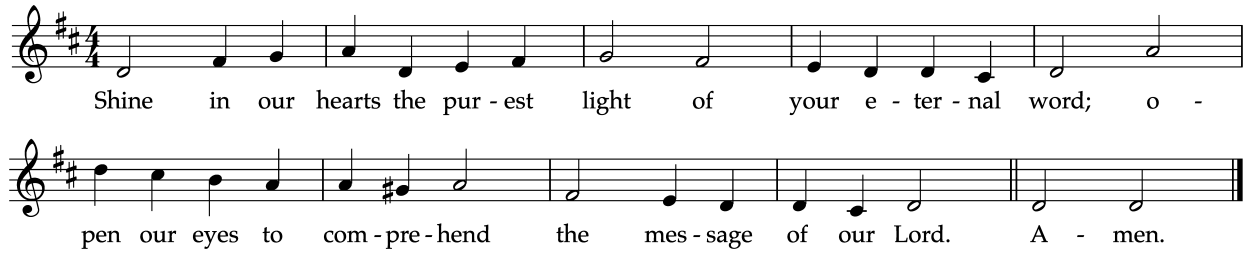
Lord God, your love is always reaching out to us. Wherever we go, you go with us. Help us to feel your presence walking alongside us throughout this season of Lent.

Lord, you tell us to love one another, but we do not always do what you ask of us. Forgive us for the ways we have hurt others and ourselves. Forgive us for ignoring you and our neighbors. Help us to be brave and kind every day of our lives. Guide us, step-by-step, on our journey of faith and hear our prayers for Jesus' sake, that we offer to you now in silence...

**The Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

## Prayer for Illumination



Shine in our hearts the pur - est light of your e - ter - nal word; o -  
pen our eyes to com - pre - hend the mes - sage of our Lord. A - men.

## Reading the Word of God

Mark 11:1-11

Emily & Sydney Roan

## Seeing and Touching the Word

## Reflections

Rev. Colee

## \*Song

### Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King.  
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

## \*Affirmation of Faith (unison)

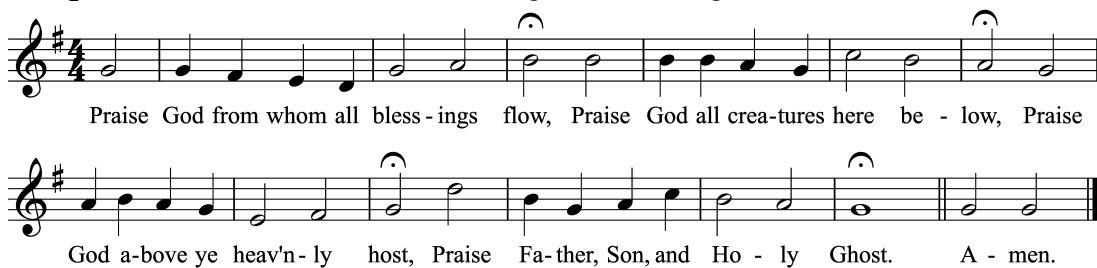
adapted from the PCUSA Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Amen.

## Offering (You may remain seated during the Doxology.)



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow, Praise God all crea - tures here be - low, Praise  
God a - bove ye heav'n - ly host, Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## **Prayers of the People**

### **The Lord's Prayer** (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.

### **The Lord's Supper**

The Lord be with you.

**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 right to give God thanks and praise.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Let us keep the feast!**

### **Prayer after Communion** (unison)

God, who takes care of each one of us, thank you for feeding us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation; now send us out into the world to tell everyone about your love. Amen.

### **\*Closing Song**

### **You Shall Go Out With Joy**

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;  
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field  
will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;  
the trees of the field will clap their hands;  
the trees of the field will clap their hands  
while you go out with joy.

### **Benediction and Going Forth**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the power of the Holy Spirit.**



## Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday, March 28  
Good Friday, March 29

Tenebrae Service  
Service of Readings & Music

7:00 p.m.  
12:00 p.m.

## Dedications at Easter

We continue our tradition of accepting donations and dedications in honor of or in memory of friends and loved ones at Easter. Please submit dedications by **tomorrow, March 25**; forms are available in the narthex and the church office. Checks should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia; please note "Easter Dedications" on the check memo. Dedications and donations may also be submitted online via the church website: [fpcphila.org/easter-dedications](http://fpcphila.org/easter-dedications) or emailed to the church office ([office@fpcphila.org](mailto:office@fpcphila.org)).

## Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt

You're invited to join us for our annual Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt on Easter morning after our Celebration service. The scavenger hunt will take place in Old Buttonwood Hall for younger kids and throughout the FPC building for older kids. We're excited to have you join us in this year's hunt!

## Lenten Donation Drive

The Missions Committee is sponsoring a donation drive to support Philly House, a shelter for men that provides temporary housing and comprehensive services to support transitions to long-term housing. The drive will run through April 7. Visit our [website](#) or scan the QR code for a list of needed items and Amazon Wishlist options.



## Become a Sunday School/Nursery Volunteer

We'd love to have you volunteer with our children's Sunday School or Nursery program. If you are interested in helping lead Sunday School with Pastor Laura or volunteering the nursery a few times a year, please reach out at to Rev. Laura Colee ([laura.colee@fpcphila.org](mailto:laura.colee@fpcphila.org)).

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