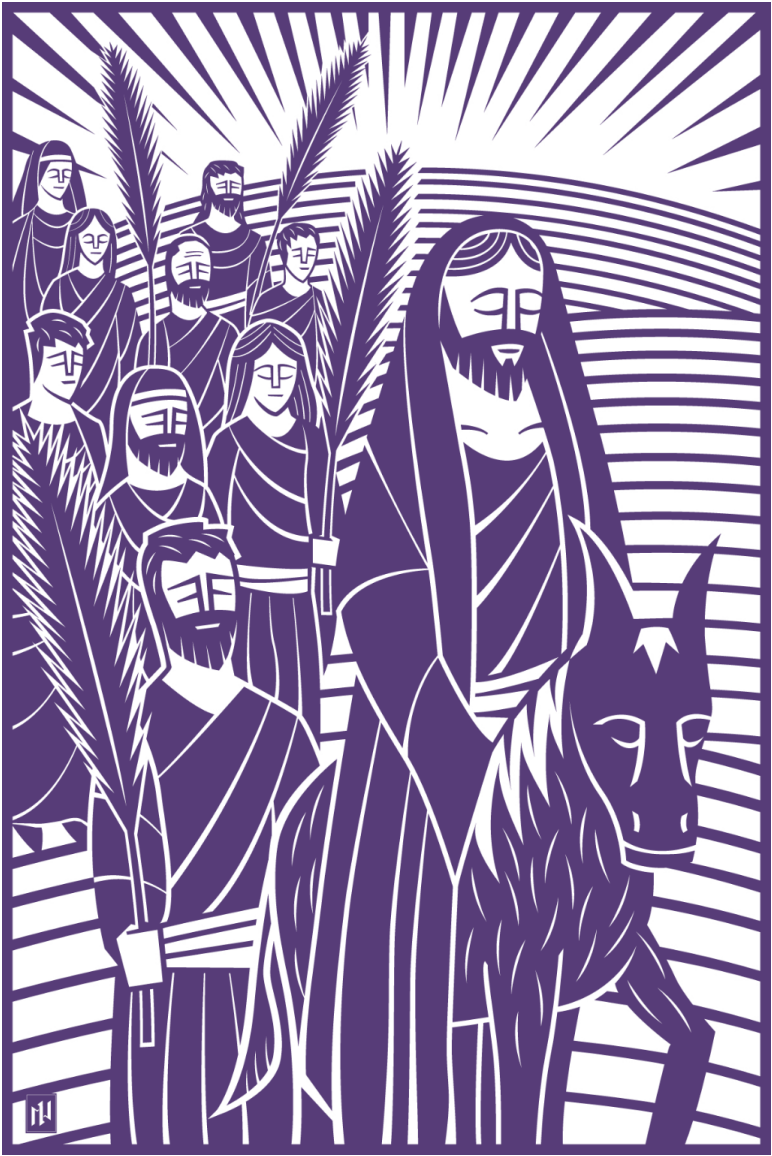
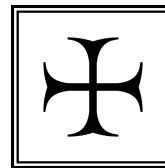


PALO ALTO CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Palm Sunday
March 28, 2021



Gathering: God's People Together



PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Zech. 9:9, also based on Ps. 118:26, NRSV

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

OPENING PRAYER

Mighty God,

as we enter Holy Week,

turn our hearts toward Jerusalem,

where Christ entered in triumph,

proclaimed Messiah and King

by those who spread garments and branches along his way.

Holy God,

turn our hearts toward Jerusalem,

that we may follow Christ in the way of the cross,

that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom.

Merciful God,

turn our hearts toward Jerusalem,

so that, united with Christ and all the faithful,

we may one day enter in triumph

the new Jerusalem,

where with you and the Holy Spirit,

Christ lives in glory forever.

Hosanna! Amen.

Refrain:

*Lift up the gates eternal, lift up your voices;
the King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.*

See, all the earth is God's, its people and nations;
God built it on the deeps and laid its foundations. **{Refrain}**

Come, lift your voices high, be lifted to glory;
the Lord our God approaches, come, shout the story. **{Refrain}**

Who is this glorious one, for whom we are waiting?
We wait the mighty Lord, our God celebrating. **{Refrain}**

Come, lift your heads with joy; come, lift up your tower;
the King of glory comes in full might and power. **{Refrain}**

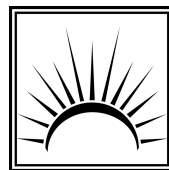
Who is this King of glory of whom we're singing?
Our God, the Lord of Hosts, the vict'ry is bringing. **{Refrain}**

Renewal: Washed by God's Grace

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you,
we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's,
that our faith is often more show than substance,
that our hearts are in need of cleansing.*
Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives.
*Help us lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are,
trusting you to forgive what is sinful,*



*to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises,
and receive us as your own. Amen.*

ASSURANCE AND GRATITUDE

Hear the good news!

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Save us now.

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

**For Christ came into the world
not to condemn the world,
but to save the world through him.**

Know that in Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven and you are given life in his name.

Praise be to God!

GOD'S WILL FOR OUR LIVES

Word: God Speaks, We Respond

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

HYMN

Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights



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Through-out these Lent - en days and nights we turn to
 We bear the si - lence, cross, and pain of hu - man
 So let us choose the path of one who wore, for

3
 walk the in - ward way, where, meet-ing Christ, our guide and light, we live in
 bur - dens, hu - man strife, while sis - ters, bro - thers help sus - tain our cou - rage
 us, the crown of thorn, and slept in death, that we might wake to life on

7
 hope till Eas - ter day. The pil - grim Christ, the Lamb of God, who found in
 till the feast of life. And though the road is hard and steep, the Spir - it
 Res - ur - rec - tion Morn! Re - joice, O sons and daugh - ters! Sing and shout ho -

11
 weak - ness great - er power, em - brac - es us, though lost and
 ev - er calls us on through Cal - vary's dy - ing, dark and
 san - nas! Raise the strain! For Christ, whose death Good Fri - day

14
 flawed and leads us to his ris - ing hour.
 deep, un - til we see the com - ing dawn.
 brings on Eas - ter day will live a - gain!

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Eternal God,

whose Word silences the shouts of the mighty:

quiet within us every voice but your own.

May we now give to you our ears, our minds, and our hearts,

as you speak to us through the life of Christ,

your Word made flesh.

Amen.

SERMON

Salvation on a Borrowed Donkey

Mark 11:1-11

HYMN (#863)

Take My Life and Let It Be

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in endless praise,
let them flow in endless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing, always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart—it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

Sending: God Goes with Us



SENDING PRAYER

*Heavenly Father,
take indeed our praises, our gifts, and our wills;
accept our lives, our labor, and our love.
May you open our eyes
to see your good and radiant works of transformation and redemption
in what we give to you,
and in this practice of service,
may you grant to us new purpose and new joy.
Amen.*

BLESSING

HYMN (#146, v. 1-4)

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain:

*All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming, the King and Blessed One. **{Refrain}**

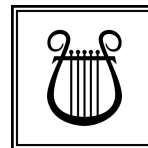
The company of angels is praising you on high,
and we with all creation in chorus make reply. **{Refrain}**

The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. **{Refrain}**

To you before your passion they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. **{Refrain}**

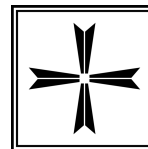
POSTLUDE

Participants, Music, Art & Liturgy



<i>Cover</i>	Paramentics, <i>The Entry Into Jerusalem</i>
<i>Prelude</i>	Gretchen Hull, organ; <i>Interlude</i> , by Henry Smart
<i>Liturgy</i>	Parts of our liturgies are selected or adapted from <i>The Worship Sourcebook, Second Edition</i>
<i>Pastor</i>	Rev. Rich Loerop
<i>Hymns</i>	The Hull family
<i>Postlude</i>	Gretchen Hull, organ; <i>Prelude in C</i> , by Jules Massenet

Offering



As you worship this weekend, we invite you to respond with your gifts. If you'd like to send a check, please make it payable to the PACRC and designate the cause (General Fund or special offering) in the notation line. Mail your checks (no cash) to the church and we will keep them safe until we are able to count them.

You are invited to give through our online portal on the PACRC website: <http://www.pacrc.org/donate>. Using the drop-down menu, you may specify which cause you would like to support. If you do not designate a cause, your donation will be applied to the General Fund. Please feel free to contact the deacons if you have any questions.

PACRC General Fund – The General Fund pays for the operating expenses of the church, including staff salaries, local education and outreach programs, and property maintenance, as well as ministry shares supporting the work of the Christian Reformed denomination in California and around the world.

San Jose Christian School – San Jose Christian School partners with Christian families to provide students through the eighth grade with a strong foundation for life and prepare them for academic success in high school and beyond. The school infuses faith into its curriculum, teaches students to develop a discerning Biblical worldview, and challenges them to use their community, time, and resources to transform their world for Christ.

Offerings for upcoming weeks:

- 4/4 StreetLife Ministries
- 4/11 CRCNA Resonate Global Mission (Cal and Jamie Hofland)
- 4/18 Climate Witness Project
- 4/25 Bread for the World

Announcements



A **new young adult Bible study** is beginning Sunday March 28 at 1:30pm via Zoom. We will be following a Gospel Project Bible study in the book of Acts. If you would like to participate and need further information, please email info@pacrc.org.

A **new adult Bible study** is being organized and will meet the first and third Wednesday of each month. The Bible study portion of the meeting will be from 7-8 pm, and meetings will be over Zoom for the time being. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, April 7, and we will begin with a study of the book of Colossians. Watch your email for a meeting link soon. We hope to see you there!

Notes from the March 9 meeting of the PACRC Council:

1. **2021 council suggestions:** This June, we will elect one elder and one deacon to fill the vacancies left by outgoing council members Ron Schrotenboer and Pietie Vreman. If you have suggestions **for nomination**, please speak to a member of council.
2. **Congregational survey:** Council thanks all those who responded to the reopening survey; 35 responses were submitted. We reviewed the results and referred them for further discussion by the reopening team. Council will discuss the reopening team's input before making further decisions.
3. **Good Friday:** There will be a Good Friday service the evening of Friday, April 2. We will observe the Lord's Supper at that time. The service will be via podcast or Zoom. Further details will be forthcoming.
4. **Easter Sunday:** Plans are being made for in-person Easter worship on Sunday, April 4. Please watch your email for further information.
5. **New members classes:** Pastor Rich will be offering membership classes in the near future. Please contact Pastor Rich or a member of council if you would like to participate.
6. **Search committee:** Betsy Lindemulder was named council liaison to the pastoral search committee.
7. **Facilities:** Improved air filtration panels have been installed at the church, and painting/repair of the cabinets in the pastor's office and Sunday School rooms has begun.

Birthdays

3/29 Allison Hoeksema
3/29 Gabriel Hull
3/30 Elliot Fiske
4/4 Mary Schrotenboer

Anniversaries

