St. John's at Worship **Palm Sunday**

Prelude "Palm Sunday Fanfare" D. Morgan

Welcome and Announcements (please pass the fellowship roll)

"Passion Chorale" Hassler Introit

Luke 19:29 – 40 Scripture Reading

*Call to Worship

Leader: On this day of celebration, we wave our palms

and cry out with the whole multitude of the disciples,

"Hosanna! Save us!"

People: Hosanna!

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

Leader: We cannot help but shout of the glory of God!

If we did not, then all of creation would!

People: Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!

Leader: Let us sing praises to our king as we worship God!

*Hymn 278

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" PROCESSION OF THE CHILDREN WITH PALMS

Children's Time Rev. Marshall

Pre-K through 12th grade may go to Sunday School after the children's time. Sunday School ends at 10:45.

Prayer of Invocation and 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, forever. Amen.

Unison Prayer of Confession

At the beginning of this holy week,

we are part of the crowd waving palms and shouting, "Hosanna!"

But by the end of the week,

we will be part of the crowd shouting, "Crucify him!"

We praise you one moment, and betray you the next,

through our words, our thoughts, and our actions;

the ways we treat each other,

and the ways we treat your world.

Our lives do not bear the fruit of your Kingdom.

So we cry out, "Hosanna,"

hoping that you will save us,

from our sin and from ourselves.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen. Scripture Reading Psalm 47 (pg. 518) Debbie Ealer

Sermon **ENTHRONE** Rev. Marshall At the end of the sermon, we will have a moment of silent reflection and prayer.

"How Marvelous! How Wonderful!"

McDonald

COMMISSIONING OF TRUSTEES

Trustees, Class of 2020: Skip McClennen, John McClintick, Rich Scott Questions of Commissioning

Commissioning Prayer (Unison)

We thank you, Lord, for these your servants, whom you have called to greater service in the life of your church. Guide them in your way and bless them with every good gift necessary to live out your calling. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, now and forever. May they lead with humility and faithfulness, even as they are led by your Holy Spirit. We ask your blessing upon them, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Blessing

Anthem

Offering (Ushers will also collect blue prayer request cards at the time of the offering.)

"Were You There?" Offertory Marchand

*Doxology and Presentation of the Offering

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. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication (If you need to sit for the prayer, please feel free.)

*Hymn 327, vss. 1, 3, 4 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Lord in Your Mercy" Bell

*Postlude "Great Day" Hopson

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music Iris Blanco Greeter Virginia Holt

Ushers John & Barbara Alexander, Lisa & Steve Scolari **Flowers** Given by John & Barbara McClintick in dedication to

their parents

Coffee Service David and Christine Markel

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

We are so happy that you have joined us for worship this morning, and we hope that you experience the love of Jesus Christ here with us! If there is anything we can do to help you feel more at home, please feel free to ask one of the ushers located at each of the sanctuary doors. We would love for you to join us for refreshments downstairs immediately following worship. Our greeter, Virginia Holt, will be available in the back of the sanctuary after worship to answer any questions you might have about St. John's. We are glad that you are here, and hope you will worship with us again soon!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

From now until Easter Sunday, we will be collecting the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering. This offering goes to provide water, food, and disaster relief for those in need around the world. Please use the envelopes in your bulletin (and if you don't use them, please leave them here so we can use them next week).

CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY - APRIL 23

Help us prepare for the upcoming renovation project! Following worship on Sunday, April 23, we will be cleaning out the kitchen and closets, reorganizing storage areas, and disposing of unneeded items. You can wear your work clothes to worship, and lunch will be provided for all who help.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER - APRIL 29

The arrival of spring means it's time for St. John's Annual Progressive Dinner. Plan to join us on Saturday, April 29 at 6 PM at the home of Andrea and Michael Zomber, conveniently located right across from the church. After some time for conversation with appetizers and drinks, we will split into small groups for dinner and dessert in individual homes. It's a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends or meet new ones! You can sign up during Coffee Fellowship or by contacting Nancy Phillips. Please consider hosting a dinner where we will supply the recipes for the entrée, and the guests supply the rest, including drinks. The cost is \$5 per person or \$10 per couple (no fee for hosts). We look forward to seeing you on April 29!

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S RETREATS

On Saturday, May 6, we will be holding two separate retreats for men and women. The men's retreat is titled, "Building Your Legacy in God's Grace," and will be led by Gavin Kerr here at St. John's. Contact Jim Little to sign up. The women's retreat is titled, "Bread for the Journey," and will be led by Nicole Duran at Daylesford Abbey. Contact Carla Chieffo to sign up. Both Jim and Carla will be available to answer questions or sign you up at coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall following worship. This will be a great opportunity to deepen your faith, as well as your relationships with others in the church!

WOMEN'S BIBLICAL REFLECTION GROUP

The Women's Biblical Reflection Group meets every Sunday at 8 AM in the Carriage House. Beginning April 2, we will be reading Eboo Patel's book, Acts of Faith, which reflects on how Christians and Muslims can not only coexist in America, but be neighbors. We welcome any women who would like to join us!

HELP US STUFF EGGS FOR THE EASTER EGG HUNT

Stop by the table on the stage in the Fellowship Hall after worship to help us stuff eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt! Just take an empty egg, stuff one or two pieces of candy in it, and put it in the bin.

FREE PLAY TICKETS

The Barn Playhouse in Jeffersonville has generously donated 25 tickets to their upcoming production of The Addams Family as a "thank you" letting them rehearse in our Fellowship Hall. The show runs April 28 and 29 at 7 PM; May 5, 6, 12, and 13 at 7 PM; and May 7 at 2 PM. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis. Please see Jen Marshall in Fellowship Hall after worship.

HOLY WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Starting today, Christians around the world begin a weeklong observance of the events leading up to the death of Jesus on Good Friday and his resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Maundy Thursday

At 7:00 PM on Thursday, St. John's will celebrate the Lord's Supper at a worship service appropriate for all ages. Childcare will be provided for nursery and toddlers through age 4.

Egg Hunt (Saturday)

St. John's will host a community Easter Egg Hunt for children 5th grade and younger on the Carriage House lawn starting at 10 AM. Children will hear the Easter story, hunt for eggs, and play games. They may bring their Easter basket or we will supply small bags to carry home their goodies.

Easter Sunday

Celebration of the Resurrection at 9:30 AM worship. There will not be Sunday School on Easter, however childcare will be provided for nursery and toddlers through age 4.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR UPDATE

If you have not yet heard the news, the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee has extended a call to a candidate to be our first Associate Pastor for Youth and Family Ministries! The candidate has accepted the call, but unfortunately, we cannot share any details about the candidate until they are approved by the Presbytery's Examination Commission on April 20. After that meeting we will be able to release more information, but we want to go ahead and give you two dates to put on your calendar:

On **Saturday**, **May 6**, we will be hosting a get-to-know-you dinner for children, youth, and parents at the church. This will be a chance for you to meet the candidate before worship on Sunday.

On **Sunday, May 7**, our candidate will be preaching in worship, and there will be a congregational meeting to vote on the candidate immediately following worship.

We are working on providing an opportunity for everyone in the church to get to know the candidate, and we will let you know as plans develop. We hope that you will join us for this very exciting time in the life of our church!

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, April 9		Palm Sunday
	8:00 am	Trustees Stated Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
Mon, April 10	6:00 pm	All Boards Dinner
	7:00 pm	Session Meeting (Kean Room)
	7:00 pm	Deacons Meeting (Carr. House)
Thur, April 13		Maundy Thursday
	7:00 pm	Worship & Communion
Sat, April 15	10:00 am	Egg Hunt (Carriage House)
Sun, April 16		Easter Sunday
	9:30 am	Worship

Patrick is out of the office on Fridays and Saturdays. Lara is out on Saturdays and Sundays. If you email or call on those days, you may not get a response until they are back in the office. If you have a pastoral emergency on a Saturday, you may call (610) 608-2568.



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

"Enter Into Our Jerusalems, Jesus" by Elizabeth Padillo Olesen

We bid you, Jesus, come into our Jerusalem. Enter into our hearts where hatred and bitterness can possibly lurk and thrive, cutting out the petals of love.

We bid you, Jesus, come into our Jerusalem. Enter into our family life where love and faithfulness can possibly be choked by thistles of fear and mistrust.

We bid you, Jesus, come into our Jerusalem. Enter into our working places where stress, boredom and discontent may eat away all our joy and energy.

We bid you, Jesus, come into our Jerusalem. Enter into our churches, synagogues, mosques, and temples where power struggles and personal interests may blind us from living in God's way.

Enter into our Jerusalems, Jesus, on this Palm Sunday in our life.