

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Palm Sunday

March 28, 2021

*Today we worship as one congregation in two locations: in-person and via the internet.
Wherever your location, we encourage you to pause for a moment to become aware of God's presence.
Quiet your mind, listen to the voluntary, and prepare to worship God.*

Voluntaries

*Processional
Benedictus*

William Mathias
Max Reger

Dr. Robert Gallagher, organ

Welcome, Invocation, and Our Lord's Prayer

Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram

**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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Hymn

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

In silent reflection

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

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| 1. Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessed One. (<i>Refrain</i>) | 2. The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems
before thee we present. (<i>Refrain</i>) |
| 3. To thee, before thy passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. (<i>Refrain</i>) | 4. Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King! (<i>Refrain</i>) |

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 118:24-29

Ella Glaze

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Lesson

John 12:12-16

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!"

**Please stand if you are able.*

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

“Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

The Gospel of our Lord; **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

Duet

Ex Ore Innocentium

John Ireland

It is a thing most wonderful,
almost too wonderful to be.
That God’s own son should come from heaven,
and die to save a child like me.
And yet I know that it is true:
He chose a poor and humble lot,
and wept, and toiled, and mourned, and died,
for love of those who loved him not.
I sometimes think about the cross,
and shut my eyes, and try to see
the cruel nails and crown of thorns,

And Jesus, crucified for me.
But even could I see him die,
I should but see a little part
of that great love, which, like a fire,
is always burning in his heart.
And yet I want to love thee, Lord;
oh light the flame within my heart,
and I will love thee more and more,
until I see thee as thou art.

Eleanor Roberts and Emelia Roberts, sopranos

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram

*Offertory Sentences and Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

In silent reflection

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Duet

My Song Is Love Unknown

Malcolm Archer

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| 1. My song is love unknown,
my Saviour’s love to me;
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.
O who am I,
that for my sake
my Lord should take
frail flesh and die? | 2. He came from His blest throne
salvation to bestow;
but men made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know:
but O! my Friend,
wy Friend indeed,
who at my need
His life did spend. |
| 3. Sometimes they strew His way,
and His sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King:
then “Crucify!”
is all their breath,
and for His death
they thirst and cry. | 4. Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King!
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my Friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days
could gladly spend. |

Eleanor Roberts and Emelia Roberts, sopranos

Sermon

Where Palms Meet Passion

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Hymn
In silent reflection

Ah, Holy Jesus

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| 1. Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted! | 2. Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;
for our atonement, while we nothing heeded,
God interceded. |
| 3. For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation,
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
for my salvation. | 4. Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving. |

*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Voluntary

Ah, Holy Jesus

Johannes Brahms

*Please remain seated for the Voluntary and depart as you are guided by ushers,
from the rear to the front of the sanctuary.*

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of our parents, Peggy and Buck Buchanan, and Eleanor and Joe Way, by Bonnie and Oliver Way.

Christian Sympathy is expressed to Bob and Diane Shoemake upon the death of his brother, and to Padgett Shoemake and Josh Shoemake upon the death of their uncle, Ben Shoemake, in Texas on March 20.

We are grateful for your continued generosity to God through our church ministry. You may give securely online at rrcb.org/give-online or by mailing a check. Thank you for your faithfulness.

In-person worship reservations are available at rrcb.org/reservations. Next Sunday is Easter Sunday, and due to high demand, we will hold two Easter services at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Please note, to accommodate seating for everyone in attendance, including deacons and musicians, reservations are required by noon on Friday. Reservations are also open for worship on April 11 and 18. To watch Dr. Glaze's re-entry video, please visit rrcb.org/live.

Virtual Easter Lily to Support the Fellowship Fund—We'd love it if you would give a gift in honor or memory of a loved one, and like always, we will list that gift in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. To be sure, we will still have lilies in the sanctuary, but we are confident that our generous congregation will give more than we need! This year your gift of a "virtual lily" (the amount is up to you) will support our Fellowship Fund, helping those in financial crisis in the Richmond metro area. You may mail us a check with "Easter gift" in the memo line (received by Friday, April 2) or you may give online (rrcb.org/give-online) and select "Easter gift" as the fund. Please include a note with your check or send an email to info@rrcb.org with your wording to be included in the bulletin. Thank you for your generosity.

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services—Our Maundy Thursday service is an at-home worship service for you and your family to observe around your table. You can download and print the service at rrcb.org/mtservice. Our Good Friday service will be available beginning at 12:00 p.m., on rrcb.org/live so each person or family can participate at a time that is best for them.

For information regarding upcoming events and activities, please visit rrcb.org/connect, read the *e-Spire* on Tuesdays, or follow us on social media.

Sun, Mar 28	Breakfast Chat with Mrs. Sandy , 9:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) Life Sunday School Class , 9:30 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) Faith Walk Sunday School Class , 9:45 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) New Horizons Sunday School Class , 10:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) Worship , 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and rrcb.org/live Easter Egg Hunts , 1:00 p.m., Plaza, Courtyard, and Playground Shepherd-Holland Sunday School Class , 2:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) Youth Choir , 2:15 p.m., Plaza Youth Group , 3:00 p.m., Plaza Chancel Bell Choir , 5:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Mon, Mar 29	Women's Bible Studies: Joyful Hearts , 10:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Wed, Mar 31	Men's Group: The Huddle , 8:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) Stewardship Committee , 8:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Thurs, Apr 1	Maundy Thursday At-Home Service , rrcb.org/mtservice
Fri, Apr 2	Community Dialogue & Lenten Reflection , 12:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) Virtual Good Friday Service , available 12:00 p.m., rrcb.org/live
Sun, Apr 4	Easter Sunday Worship , 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and rrcb.org/live
Mon, Apr 5	Church Office Closed



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