

# *Palm Sunday*

## *April 14, 2019*

10:00 A.M.

Violet



Prelude      *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty* – arr. by Dan R. Edwards  
                 *When Palms Before Him Went* – by Douglas Wagner  
(*You are invited to a time of quiet preparation for worship during the Prelude.*)

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome and Informal Moments

Choral Introit      *Prepare Ye the Way* – by Stephen Schwartz  
                                 George LaBar, Soloist

\* Call to Worship & Lenten Candle Ceremony (raise your palms!)

L: On this Palm Sunday, the cross draws near as we too cry “Hosanna!” and continue to follow the Light of the World.

**P: Hosanna in the Highest!**

L: We come in unsettled and joyful anticipation of the week that is about to unfold.

**P: We know the good news that awaits next Sunday. We know that God’s love is stronger than death. That the Light of the World will never be extinguished.**

L: Still the world did not welcome the light.

**P: In this Holy Week journey, dark days still lie ahead.**

(*Extinguish the Sixth Candle*)

L: While only one lone candle burns low, we still trust that, in the end, light will not be lost!

**P: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the Highest!**

\*Opening Hymn

*All Glory, Laud and Honor*

No. 178

## Unison Prayer of Confession and Lord's Prayer

**O God, who in Jesus Christ triumphantly entered Jerusalem, be with us now as we follow the way of the cross. Create within us clean hearts as we begin this sacred journey of Holy Week. Transform us through the love and grace which profoundly touched us and the world through the events remembered and celebrated this week. Prepare us for the glories ahead. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray saying, "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."**

## Words of Assurance

Anthem                      *A Festive Hosanna* – by Douglas Nolan

Scripture                                      Luke 19:28-40                                      Zoë Bigley

## Time for Children

*(The children are dismissed to Church School until 11:00 am.)*

\*Hymn                                      *Jesus in Glory Comes (vs. 1-3)*                                      No. 182

## Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer

Choral Prayer Response

## Invitation to Offering

Offertory                      *On My Heart Imprint Your Image* – by Thomas Tallis, arr. by John G. Barr

**\*Doxology**

**No. 44**

*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*

*(As our morning offerings are brought forward, so too are the non-perishable food offerings from the basket in the Narthex for St. Philip's Food Pantry.)*

**\*Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**Good and Gracious God, bless the offerings that we lay before you. May they sustain and strengthen the ministries from this church that proclaim your hope and glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

WHEN LIGHT SEEMS LOST –Lenten Preaching Series

Sermon                                    “Cannot be Hid”                                    Rev. Josh Fitterling

\*Closing Hymn                                    *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!*                                    No. 179

Benediction

Postlude                    *The Third Tune* – by Thomas Tallis, arr. by John G. Barr



\*All who are able may stand.

All are invited to join us after worship for coffee in Fellowship Hall

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## **Announcements**

If you have a **prayer request**, please enter it in the book at the rear of the sanctuary. The book will be brought forward during the first hymn. **Bulletin Announcements**, should be sent to the office by Wednesday of each week to be included the following Sunday.

- Today:           Worship and Church School 10am
- April 15:        CIS 12:30pm  
                  Game Night 6pm
- April 16:        Healthy Kids Play Group 10am-12pm  
                  Trustees 6pm  
                  Sheepscot Chorus 7pm
- April 17:        Organ Society 9:30am  
                  Communications 10am
- April 18:        Maundy Thursday and Tenebrae Service 7pm  
                  Choir 4pm
- April 19:        Good Friday Worship Service 6pm, St. Philip's Episcopal Church  
                  Sanctuary open for quiet prayer 12pm-3pm
- April 21:        Easter Sunrise Service with St. Philip's on Town Pier, 6:00am  
                  Easter Worship 10am  
                  Easter Brunch

## Holy Week Schedule

### **Maundy Thursday & Tenebrae—Thursday, April 18, 7pm**

Join us as we remember the Lord's Supper and the growing darkness as we head toward Good Friday. This service includes Tenebrae and communion.

### **Good Friday—Friday, April 19, 6pm at St. Philip's**

Our sanctuary will be open for quiet prayer from 12pm to 3pm. A joint worship service will be held at St. Philip's Church, 12 Hodge Street, at 6pm.

### **Easter Sunday!—April 21st**

There are two opportunities to celebrate with us on Easter

- **6am – Community Sunrise Service on the Town Pier.** Offered by St. Philip's and FCCW jointly. Rain or Shine! Coffee and sweet treats to follow in the Wiscasset Yacht Club
- **10am – Easter Sunday Worship in FCCW sanctuary.** Celebrate the gift of our Lord's rising among the 50 flowers ordered for the occasion. Followed by a festive Easter brunch hosted by Ron Sanchez & Tom Cramer. The offering collected will benefit the church's Special Needs Fund, which allows us to help our neighbors through some of the challenges of life. Checks can be made payable to "First Congregational Church" with memo "Special Needs."

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### **Habitat Spring Walk—Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 2pm**

This year our church will once again be sending a team of walkers to participate in the Habitat for Humanity Spring Walk to Build! The Spring Walk to Build "help(s) ensure that Habitat will continue to build new affordable homes and help existing homeowners with much needed home repairs, weatherizing and help older adults to remain where they are with home modifications." We too, of course, will be looking for sponsors to help us meet our \$5,000 fundraising goal. If you have any questions, please reach out to Steve Hatt (882-6712 or [stevehatt@roadrunner.com](mailto:stevehatt@roadrunner.com)) or Rev. Josh (882-7544 or [joshfitterling@myfairpoint.net](mailto:joshfitterling@myfairpoint.net)). Thanks for your support!