

Palm Sunday
March 28, 2021
John Willingham preaching, Roberta Kearney assisting

Prelude "Palm Sunday Celebration" arr. Dan Edwards
Joyful Bells

Words of Welcome

Hymn 196 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN
(Verses 3 and 4)

Prayer of Confession

Suffering God,

the way of the cross is a hard road.

It is draining. It is demanding. It is fraught with danger.

**You ask us to stay by your side as you walk toward Calvary,
but weariness and fear overtake us.**

Like the first disciples, we are quick to betray you, to deny you, to abandon you.

Forgive us, God, and strengthen us for the journey ahead.

**Give us courage to face the pain and suffering of this world
and to respond with compassion.**

**As the darkness gathers, renew our faith, fill us with hope,
and startle us with your grace.**

(Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends believe the Good News of the Gospel. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

First Scripture Lesson: Luke 23:44-49

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

Anthem "Shout Hosanna" Robert C. Evans
Sunshine Singers

Time with the Children

Second Scripture Lesson: Luke 23:50-56

Sermon

"The Road Ahead"

"But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things." —Luke 23:49

Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

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.

Offertory	“Just As I Am”	arr. Carol Tornquist
Prayer of Dedication		
Hymn 228	“Were You There” (Verses 1, 4, and 5)	WERE YOU THERE
Benediction		
Postlude	“Hosanna!”	Theodore Dubois

The **flowers** today are given in loving memory of Bill and Larry Melsky and Lorraine Melsky Broomall by Sue and Tom Haldeman; and in loving memory of Lois Lovelace and Russell Lovelace by Cindy Harris and family.

Special thanks to Meghan Burkins for serving as Lay Leader and our Joyful Bells for sharing their musical gifts with us.

Today’s prayer of confession is taken from *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching and the Arts*. Volume 53.1, p. 74

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Through the One Great Hour of Sharing offering we share God’s love with our neighbors-in-need around the world. If you would like to participate in this offering, you may do so with the envelope in your offering box, at the Easter service, or through the [online giving page](#) on the DPC website.

Holy Week begins today! We invite you to join us through several online and in-person opportunities this week. Each service will be available to view at the listed times and any time after at www.dtownpc.org/worship/watch-us-live/. Social distancing will be in place and masks will be required for in-person gatherings.

- **Maundy Thursday, April 1.** A virtual service will be posted to our website at 8 am. Communion will be offered any time from 12-1 pm and 5-6 pm in the Narthex of the Sanctuary building. Please enter through the red doors at the front of the building. You may take some time to pray and meditate in the Sanctuary while listening to a brief musical offering, which will be repeated every 15 minutes during these designated times.
- **Good Friday, April 2.** A virtual service with a focus on the Seven Last Words of Jesus will be shared on our website at 8 am. Our Sanctuary will be open for a time of prayer from 12-3 pm. Please enter through the doors on Mechanics Street.
- **Easter in the Park, April 4.** All are invited to join us in Central Park, 425 Wells Road in Doylestown Township, at **9:30 am** for a celebration featuring song, prayer and opportunities to make memories with friends and family – including a fun photo station! You’ll also learn how you can be a part of our growing effort to fight against hunger in our community and beyond. You are asked to bring your own Communion elements (bread or crackers and juice) to share in the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. Prepackaged elements will also be available. Lawn chairs recommended and masks required. In the event of inclement weather, we will offer our usual Livestream service at 9:30 am and will invite you to tune in from home.