

First Presbyterian Church of Rumson, NJ



Our Mission Statement - "We, the First Presbyterian Church of Rumson, are called by God to be a spiritual and visible presence by living out our faith and sharing our gifts among God's people."

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025 @ 9:45 AM

Assemble In God's Name

PRELUDE “*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*” RATHBUN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

INTROIT “*Lamb of God*” Twila Paris

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

Leader: We come unto the gates of righteousness,

People: That we may enter therein and give thanks.

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: Peace on earth, and glory in the highest heaven.

Leader: We praise the Lord, for God has answered us and has become our salvation.

People: This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: This is the day which the Lord has made;

People: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Amen. Let us worship God!

***HYMN #197 “*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*” ELLACOMBE**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O Lord, we confess that we often share the failures of those who accompanied Jesus during his last days. Like those who shouted “Hosanna” in the streets, our enthusiasm can be short-lived. Like Peter, we can be embarrassed to acknowledge that we are followers. Like Pilate, we can yield to public pressure and compromise our convictions. Like disciples, we can be groggy when we should stay alert to the needs of others. Grant forgiveness, O God, and restore us, as you did those of old, to places of responsibility and trust, for your name’s sake and for our own. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION
ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI (#581)**

**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.**

***THE PEACE**

Listen for God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 50:4-9 (pg. 833 OT)

GOSPEL READING Luke 19:29-38 (pg. 101 NT)

SERMON *“The Beatitudes for Lent: O Those Donkeys”* . Rev. E. Nicholas
Van Gombos

*** HYMN #198 “Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”** (Vs. 1, 3 & 4) ST.
DROSTANE

Respond to God

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

SHARING OUR LIVES IN PRAYER

“The Lord’s Prayer” Spoken

WE GIVE OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *“On Humble Beast Now Rides the King”* . Hal H.
Hopson

***THE DOXOLOGY (#607)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit ever more;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Go in God's Name

***HYMN #196 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”** (Vs. 1, 2 & 4) ... VALET WILL
ICH DIR GEBEN

***RESPONSIVE CHARGE for Holy Week .. an echo of the Prayer of St.
Patrick**

Leader: Christ, as a light – illumine and guide me.

People: Christ, as a shield, uphold and overshadow me.

Leader: Christ under me, Christ over me.

People: Christ beside me, on my left and my right.

Leader: This week, be within and without us, ever present. Lord.

**All: May Christ indeed – be in our hearts and our minds to guide
and bless us into this Holy Week and beyond. Amen**

POSTLUDE “*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*” ST. CHRISTOPHER

**Please stand as you are able.*

Indicates song in Glory to God (The Presbyterian Hymnal)

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