

# Penn Wynne Presbyterian Church

Private devotions for April 5, 2020 for Palm Sunday

PSALM OF PRAISE: Psalm 118: 26-29

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you.

The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine upon us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O holy God, we acknowledge our dependence on you, even as we confess our efforts to dismiss you and live without you. We take life into our own hands and close our ears to the prompting of your Spirit. We are embarrassed by the voices of religious fanatics and want to disassociate ourselves from them. We want to shout out the praises of Palm Sunday, quietly. We prefer a religion without a cross and salvation without sacrifice. We shrink from wholly committing ourselves to you for fear of our shame being exposed. O God, forgive us our foolishness. Help us to turn to you and to trust you in all of our lives. In the name of Jesus we ask, Amen.

Zechariah 9:9

9 Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!

Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you,

righteous and victorious,

lowly and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Matthew 21:1-11

**21** As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, **2** saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. **3** If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

**4** This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

**5** "Say to Daughter Zion,

'See, your king comes to you,

gentle and riding on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

**6** The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. **7** They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. **8** A

very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

10 When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

11 The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: **Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.