

Monmouth Grace Ministry Sunday Worship
Palm/Passion Sunday
April 13, 2025, at 10:30 am
Order of Worship

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

1. Our Church's goal for 2025 is to read the entire Bible. If you require a schedule to assist you in participating, please do not hesitate to let us know.
2. Join us for our Lenten Bible Study on Zoom, on Wednesdays 7:30pm, through Lent.
3. Let us keep Judy Bornemann in our thoughts and prayers.
4. Join us for the SOK group meetings every last Sunday of the month, immediately following our fellowship. All are cordially invited.
5. Admin Council meeting after the fellowship on 4/13.
6. Holy Week services
 - a. Holy Thursday service: 4/17 7:30PM
 - b. Good Friday service: 4/18 7:30PM
7. Easter Sunday – April 20, join us in celebrating the Resurrection of Christ! Please note that this will not be a combined service
8. Easter SonRise service: 4/20 6:00 AM at the parsonage back lawn
9. Easter Lilies Order; we are ordering Easter lilies to decorate the sanctuary for Easter Sunday! Each lily costs \$10, and you can contribute by placing an order through Elder Steve Staudinger
10. Join us for worship outdoors on April 27. There will be the Eatontown Cleanup!

Praise and Prayer

***Opening Praise:**

Sing To Jesus

At The Cross

Call to Worship

Leader: Today, we join Jesus in the final ascent to Jerusalem, knowing the depths we will descend on our journey through Holy Week.

People: Open the gates of righteousness, that we may come worship God!

Leader: We join the disciples in declaring that Jesus, riding on a donkey, is our Ruler, the One who will bring peace and salvation for all.

People: Open the gates of peace, that we may come worship God!

Leader: We join with the bystanders who questioned and wondered who this Jesus really is, who feared the consequences of angering the powers that be.

People: Open the gates of truth, that we may come worship God!

Leader: The journey through Holy Week brings us face-to-face with the stark reality of sin and God's faithfulness to save.

People: Open the gates of salvation, that we may come worship God whose steadfast love never fails. Amen!

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, September 2024.

Hymn:

"All Glory Laud and Honor"

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Worship Prayer: God, we gather on this day to begin a week of contrasts. From hope to despair to hope again. As we begin the week, as we join with the crowd, help us cut through the noise to see what is happening, to see what is at stake. As the story unfolds, open us to both the hope and the pain. In this time of worship, prepare us to celebrate, to weep, and to wait. Amen.

Adapted from Rev Gord on his blog, Worship Offerings

Proclamation, Response, and Thanksgiving

Scripture Reading

Luke 19:28-40

19:28 After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

19:29 When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples,

19:30 saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here.

19:31 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"

19:32 So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them.

19:33 As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

19:34 They said, "The Lord needs it."

19:35 Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

19:36 As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.

19:37 Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen,

19:38 saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

19:39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop."

19:40 He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

*This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!***

Children's Corner

Labenyimoh Patrick

Praise

"Jesus Loves Me This I know"

Sermon

"Palm Sunday"

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***Presentation of Offering**

Sending Forth

***Closing Hymn**

"I Love to Tell the Story"

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***Benediction**