



**RIVIERA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SUNDAY APRIL 5, 2020
PALM and PASSION SUNDAY**

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE HYMN #196 All Glory Laud And Honor

CHIMING OF THE HOUR AND WELCOMING THE LIGHT

INTRODUCTION OF SERVICE Rev. Martha M. Shiverick

INVITATION TO GIVE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Cry out, people of faith! Rejoice and praise God!

If we did not sing praise, the very stones would cry out!

Cry out, people of faith, for your savior draws near to Jerusalem.

Hosanna! God saves! Blessed is the One who comes in God's name!

Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER

God of salvation, our Lord entered his passion to raise us to life. In this holiest of weeks, help us to walk the way of the cross, that we may be raised in a resurrection like his and dwell forever in you, Eternal God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Rosemary Noga Welton

Rev. Dr. David Welton

ROSEMARY: Judas, slave of jealousy, where are you?

DAVID: I am here.

DAVID: Peter, slave of fear, where are you?

ROSEMARY: I am here.

ROSEMARY: Thomas, slave of doubt, where are you?

DAVID: I am here.

DAVID: People of Jerusalem, enslaved to mob rule, where are you?

Rosemary: I am here.

Rosemary: Pilate, slave of expediency, where are you?

David: I am here.

David: The story of Christ's passion and death mirrors for us much of our own weaknesses and sin. We all come here as men and women who have missed the mark and are alienated from God and our neighbor near and far. Let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all times and places, we confess that we would rather join the crowds than stand alone. We prefer the popular point of view to a solitary witness for justice and truth. We like safety and security while shrinking from the risk of involvement. We sing 'hosanna' when everyone else is doing so - but not when the hostile "Good Friday" forces may hear us. We do not like to admit our lukewarm response to you, but neither do we want to be considered fanatics. We believe Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. We know that means us, not just the other folk involved in obvious evils

everyone knows about. We ask you to be patient with us, to help us to understand our own guilt. Then pour out your forgiveness in such a way that we are forever transformed.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God sweeps into our human scene, redeeming all who turn from evil and do good. There is grace, mercy, and renewed strength for all who earnestly seek the new life Christ brings. Let us rejoice together, for even the stones cry out with good news. God forgives. We are freed from the burden of our sin. Praise God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Come Holy Spirit, source of all life. As we hear again the story of the passion, let the same mind be in us that was in Christ, who was a servant that we might be free. Awaken our ears, open our hearts, and sustain the weary with your word. **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO PASSION

CHRIST'S PASSION ACCORDING TO THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

HYMN #218

Ah, Holy Jesus

THE PASSOVER WITH THE DISCIPLES

**Ethan Lee
MATTHEW 26:17-30**

PRAYING AT GETHSEMANE

**Michele Ready
MATTHEW 26:31-46**

HYMN #221 O Sacred Head Now Wounded

THE ARREST OF JESUS

Elaine Lanaris

MATTHEW 26:47-67

PETER'S DENIAL AND JUDAS' SUICIDE

Karen Collier

MATTHEW 26:69- 27:10

JESUS IN THE HANDS OF PILATE

Amy Bogardus

MATTHEW 27:11-26

HYMN #223 When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS

Christian Mazzola

MATTHEW 27:27-44

THE DEATH OF JESUS

Rev. Martha Shiverick

MATTHEW 27: 45-54

POSTLUDE

**They Crucified My Lord
He Never Said a Mumblin' Word**

Bryan Page, Soloist

We're delighted that you joined us today. We thank God for the gift of technology and the ability to worship together even when we are apart. Sign up on our website to be added to the email list to receive information or send us an email at rivierachurch@bellsouth.net. Visit us on Facebook right [here](#), as another way to connect with friends and neighbors.

Riviera's Food Pantry Ministry will be distributing food on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 am – 12:00noon on the east entrance of the sanctuary.

If you would like to shop for the food pantry the following items are needed: **paper bags, peanut butter, tuna, rice 1lb bags, dried beans, canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned soup, crackers, pasta sauce and pasta.** Please, NO condiments at this time.

Donations can be dropped off at the church Fellowship Hall doors on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. If you are ordering the food to be delivered please schedule them for Tuesdays or Thursdays.

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