



**Palm Sunday
April 5th 2020**

This morning's service is the second in our series of three monthly joint services for the Church of Scotland churches in the town. This morning we should have been gathered together in Penicuik North Church, but of course, at the moment, this is not possible. This act of worship has been prepared to allow us all to spend a space of time with God, knowing that others are sharing in it.

It is for you to use as you are able: some of you may wish simply to read it, whether silently or aloud. Others may wish to listen, or perhaps join in with the singing, in which case click on the links.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Geoff and Sheena Dawe

SONG: Hosanna, loud hosanna (Hymn 367)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yOAsWh316kY>

- 1. Hosanna, loud hosanna
the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple
the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them,
close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.**
- 2. From Olivet they followed
mid an exultant crowd,
the victory palm branch waving,
and chanting clear and loud.**

The Lord of earth and heaven
rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children
should on his bidding wait.

3. "Hosanna in the highest!"
That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer,
the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence
eternally rejoice.

WELCOME AND NOTICES Graham Astles

YOUNG PEOPLE'S TALK Joan Cape

PRAYER: Peter Wood

SONG: One Thing Remains

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=234MrMdWo8E>

Higher than the mountains that I face
Stronger than the power of the grave
Constant through the trial and the change
One thing remains,
One thing remains.

Your love never fails,
It never gives up
It never runs out on me

And on and on, and on, and on it goes
Before it overwhelms and satisfies my soul
And I never ever have to be afraid
One thing remains
One thing remains.

**Your love never fails
It never gives up
It never runs out on me.**

**In death, in life
I'm confident and covered by the power of Your great love
My debt is paid.
There's nothing that can separate my heart from Your great love.**

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THE WORD OF GOD: Peter Wood

Psalm 118: 1, 2 and 19-29

- ¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.**
- ² Let Israel say:
"His love endures forever."**
- ¹⁹ Open for me the gates of the righteous;
I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.**
- ²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord
through which the righteous may enter.**
- ²¹ I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.**
- ²² The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;**
- ²³ the Lord has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**
- ²⁴ The Lord has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.**
- ²⁵ Lord, save us!
Lord, grant us success!**
- ²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
From the house of the Lord we bless you.**

²⁷ The Lord is God,
and he has made his light shine on us.
With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession
up^[b] to the horns of the altar.
²⁸ You are my God, and I will praise you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.
²⁹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

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.”

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This is the Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

SERMON: The Rejected Stone (John Urquhart)

SONG: How deep the Father's love for us

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tzQj7XvKFmA&list=RDtzQj7XvKFmA&index=1>

**1. How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.**

**2. Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.**

**3. I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart –
His wounds have paid my ransom.**

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**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION Peter Wood
Followed by the LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Strengthen us through the trials of temptation,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

SONG: Drenched In Love

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BCrZMcYIJyQ>

**1. All souls atoned by the blood of the Lamb.
I'm not a slave to what once held me damned.
How beautiful that cleansing flood.
I am washed, I am washed, I am drenched in love.**

**Oh precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow.
No other fount I know.
I am washed, I am washed
I am drenched in love**

**2. All filth made clean in that crimson sea
I'm not ashamed of what once shackled me
How infinite that grace divine
I am free, I am free, I am a child of God**

**How priceless, how precious.
There's power in the blood of Jesus.
There's power, power,
Wonder working power in the blood of the Lamb**

**3. I was buried deep with Christ my Lord
Now I'm raised to life forevermore
My name's been carved upon Your heart
No not death, no not hell could ever rip us apart**

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**BENEDICTION Peter Wood: Closing with All God's people said
All: Amen**

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