

**ZION CHURCH – FREELAND, MI**  
**OUR SAVIOUR CHURCH – SAGINAW, MI**  
*Connecting Everyday Life With Everyday Faith*

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**Palm Sunday**  
**April, 05, 2020**  
*10:00am Live Stream*

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*Welcome!*

*All are welcomed here. All are welcome regardless of race, culture, wealth, poverty, political affiliation, age, education level, faith tradition, health, (physical, mental, emotional) or wounded, LGBTQ+ identity, married, single, divorced, widow, or nationality. Nothing separates us from God's love in Christ Jesus.*

**Lent 2020: Transition – Change – Serenity**

This season we are intentionally inviting a change in your life. It is time to examine the barriers that keep us from living our faith more fully in our daily life. It is time to ask ourselves what can we change to be more faithful? How can we live by our church's guiding statements and the serenity prayer?

Even in unprecedented and unsettling times of physical social distancing, how may we stay connected with our loved ones, our church family, and our community. As a church, how may we continue to serve others? How can we invite God's peace into our lives, and the lives of those around us, during this time?



## Order of Worship

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

### WELCOME, PRELUDE

### OPENING LENTEN PRAYER

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference. Amen.

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is present, who gives life, who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**C: Amen.**

P: If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.**

P: Receive good news: God turns to you in love. "I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you.

**C: Amen.**

*Refrain*

All glory, laud, and honor  
to you, redeemer, king,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the king of Israel  
and David's royal Son,  
now in the Lord's name coming,  
our King and Blessed One. *Refrain*

The company of angels  
are praising you on high;  
creation and all mortals  
in chorus make reply. *Refrain*

The multitude of pilgrims  
with palms before you went.  
Our praise and prayer and anthems  
before you we present. *Refrain*

To you, before your passion,  
they sang their hymns of praise.  
To you, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise. *Refrain*

Their praises you accepted;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
great author of all goodness,  
O good and gracious King. *Refrain*

**GREETING**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P: Christ humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

**C: Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above ev'ry name.**

## GOSPEL READING *Matthew 21:1-11*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup>“Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

**C: “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”**

R: <sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking,

**C: “Who is this?”**

R: <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying,

**C: “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”**

P: Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## PASTORAL REFLECTION

### HYMN

### *Your Cross Changes Everything<sup>1</sup>*

Some see just a wooden cross  
But I can see the grace of Your redemptive heart  
Some say this is foolishness  
But I believe the truth of Your redeeming love  
And some will say this place belongs to history  
But I can see yes I can see

### *Chorus*

A cross that changes ev'rything  
And a love that sets the captive free  
A hope that resurrected me  
And the power of God for all who believe, I believe  
As real as the ground beneath my feet  
And the very air I breathe  
Your mercy meets me here  
And some will say this place belongs to history  
But I can see yes I can see (*Chorus*)  
And here I know the greatness of Your victory  
Here I know the weight of all Your love for me  
Oh some will say this place belongs to history  
But I can see yes I can see (*Chorus*) (*Chorus*)

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

P: God of mercy, awaken your church to new proclamations of your faithfulness. By your Spirit, give us bold and joyful words to speak, that we sustain the weary with the message of your redemption. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

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<sup>1</sup> "Your Cross Changes Everything" words & music by Chris Tomlin | Jason Ingram | Matt Redman  
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P: God of mercy, quiet the earth where it trembles and shakes. Protect vulnerable ecosystems, threatened habitats, and endangered species. Prosper the work of scientists, engineers, and researchers who find ways to restore creation to health and wholeness. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: God of mercy, drive away fear and anger that cause us to turn against one another. Give courage to leaders who seek liberation for the oppressed. Bring peace and hope to those who are in prison and those who face execution. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: God of mercy, send your saving help to all who suffer abuse, insult, discrimination, or contempt. Heal the wounded. Comfort the dying. Bring peace to those suffering chronic or terminal illness. Tend to all who cry out for relief (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: God of mercy, we pray for all who will prepare and lead worship in this Holy Week. In all things, show us the ways that you call us to die to self, to live for you, and to give of ourselves for the sake of others. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: God of mercy, when we breathe our last, you raise us to eternal life. With all your witnesses in heaven and on earth (*especially*), let us boldly confess the name of Jesus Christ, our resurrection and our hope. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

#### **THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you!**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Spoken in Unison*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## BLESSING

P: Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, ✠ bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace.

C: Amen.

## HYMN

### *Majesty*<sup>2</sup>

Majesty, worship His majesty,  
Unto Jesus be all glory, Honor and praise  
Majesty, kingdom authority,  
Flow from His throne, Unto His own, His anthem raise  
So exalt, lift up on high, The name of Jesus  
Magnify, come glorify, Christ Jesus the King  
Majesty, worship His majesty,  
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SENDING

A: Go in peace. Proclaim the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

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## *We Invite You to Connect with Zion!*

Join our daily text prayer: Send @1minprayer to 81010

Feel free to text/call Pastor Rob Schmidt with questions, concerns, feedback, or to chat at 989-297-1611, or email him at [freelandpastor@zionfreeland.org](mailto:freelandpastor@zionfreeland.org)

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<sup>2</sup> "Majesty" words & music by Jack Hayford  
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# Holy Week

## 2020

CELEBRATING JESUS LIKE NEVER BEFORE

Palm Sunday: 10am Live Stream

Holy Wednesday: 7pm Live Stream

Maundy Thursday: 7pm Live Stream

Good Friday: Short Reflections every  
30mins, 12-3pm & 7pm Live Stream

Easter Morning: 10am Live Stream