



Second Christian Church of Kittery
North Church of Portsmouth
April 13, 2025 - 10:00 AM
Second Sunday Jazz for Palm - Passion Sunday

Welcome one and all! Whether you are gathering with us in-person or online,
Remember: No matter who you are, no matter who you love,
no matter where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here!

(* You are invited to stand as you are able)

WE GATHER

Gathering Music

Lisbon Stomp

Keith Jarret

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Music

Country

Jarret

Call to Community

(from Luke 19:28-40)

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

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, 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. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this,

Many: 'The Lord needs it.' "

So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said,

"The Lord needs it."

Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. 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, saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered,

"I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

*** Hymn #192**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ST. THEODULPH

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*** Prayer for Transformation and New Life †**

Gracious God, as we enter this Holy Week, we may be tempted to skip parts of the story that begins with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

There are challenging chapters ahead of us this week.

We may want to turn away from the betrayals and hardships and suffering in the Passion Story, just as we too often turn away from the hardships and suffering of people in our own time. Forgive us when our focus slips.

Bring us back to the path you set before us.

Renew our strength and increase our faithfulness. Amen,

*** Words of Grace †**

*** Gloria**

Hirst/Effenberger

Glory to you, creating One!

Glory to you, redeeming Son! Glory to you, O Spirit, come!

Meet us now, make us one! Glory to you, O God!

Special Music

Personal Mountain

Jarret

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

A Prayer before the Scripture Reading

(J Mary Luti)

Ever-living Spirit, give us humility of mind and hospitality of heart to receive your gracious Word in ancient stories of your faithfulness.

You have yet more light and truth for us: we long to receive it and understand.

Speak now, for by your grace, your servants are ready.

Speak now, we are ready for you. Amen,

The Scripture

Luke 22:14-23:56

The Message

The Liturgy of the Passion

WE RESPOND

We Share our Joys and Concerns

The Prayers of the People

The Prayer of Our Savior

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread,

and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen,

Invitation to Offering

Special Music

Lucky Southern

Jarret

*** Response (#317 in hymnal)**

Amen

African-American

*** Dedication of Gifts**

**God of the great shouts of hope,
just as you received the voices of the crowd upon your entry into Jerusalem,
receive these gifts as an expression of our joy and gratitude.**

**Take our voices, our intentions, and our offerings,
and use them all to proclaim your salvation to all the world. Amen and Amen,**

WE GO OUT

*** Closing Hymn #211**

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

LONESOME VALLEY

*** A Blessing**

Music for Going Out

Bop Be

Jarret

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*All glory, laud and honor
to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

*You are a child of Israel,
Great David's greater Son;
you ride in lowly triumph,
Messiah, blessed One!*

*The company of angels
are praising you on high,
and, we with all creation
in chorus make reply.*

*The people of the Hebrews
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present.*

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

*As you received their praises,
now hear us as we pray.*

*Since you delight in goodness,
rule in our hearts today.*

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

*Jesus walked this lonesome valley,
he had to walk it by himself;
O, nobody else could walk it for him,
he had to walk it by himself.*

*We must walk this lonesome valley,
we have to walk it by ourselves;
O, nobody else can walk it for us,
we have to walk it by ourselves.*

*You must go and stand your trial,
you have to stand it by yourself;
O, nobody else can stand it for you,
you have to stand it by yourself.*

LONESOME VALLEY

WORDS and MUSIC: American Spiritual

Music arr. Bill Thomas, 1994

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ST. THEODULPH

WORDS: Theodulph of Orleans c. 821;

tr. Mason Neale 1854, alt.

MUSIC: Melchior Teschner, 1615;

harm. William Henry Monk, 1861; desc. O. I. Cricket
Harrison, 1994

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An Open and Affirming Congregation

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Welcome to worship! You have been greeted by Sylvia and David Sutton.

Our Ushers are Diane and Rob McDonough, and our Liturgist is Mark Fecteau.

Following worship, please join us downstairs for a time of refreshment and fellowship!

We welcome back our Second Sunday Jazz Trio with Mike Effenberger on piano, Jim Rudolf on drums, and Rob Gerry on bass. This month they are offering some of the music of American pianist and composer Keith Jarrett, who started his career with Art Blakey, Charles Lloyd and Miles Davis before becoming a band leader and solo performer in his own right. The Trio will also be accompanying this morning's reading of Luke's account of the passion.

Holy Week at Second Christian:

Monday, April 14:

6:00pm Seacoast Gay Men

Tuesday April 15:

4:00pm As the Page Turns will be discussing
The Ride of Her Life, by Elizabeth Letts

Wednesday April 16:

10:00am AA

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Maundy Thursday, April 17:

2:00pm Prayer Time - *via Zoom*

6:00pm **Potluck Supper** in the Vestry, hosted by the Deacons

7:30pm **Worship with Holy Communion
and Office of Tenebrae**

In person and on Facebook Live

Good Friday, April 18:

9:00am Breakfast with Brad at *Kasha's Kitchen*

10:30am Preparing the Sanctuary for our Good Friday Service

7:30pm **A Good Friday Musical Meditation**

My Soul Looks Back in Wonder - Good Friday through
the lens of the music of Aretha Franklin

Holy Saturday, April 19:

10:00am Preparing the Sanctuary for Easter

Easter Sunday, April 20:

10:00am **Worship for Easter Sunday** with Special Music

In person and on Facebook Live

Holy Week Continues with Second Christian and North Church

April 17 - Maundy Thursday

6:00pm - Potluck Supper

7:30pm - Service of Holy Communion with *Office of Tenebrae*

April 18 - Good Friday

7:30pm - A Good Friday Musical Meditation

My Soul Looks Back in Wonder - Aretha Franklin

April 20 - Easter Sunday

10:00am - Easter Worship with special music

Easter

LILIES - HYACINTH - TULIPS

Plant Order for Easter Sunday

I/we would like to provide the following for Easter Sunday (indicate quantity):

Lily _____ Tulip _____ Hyacinth _____

Given in In Loving Memory of: _____

or

In Honor of: _____

By: _____

We suggest a donation of \$20.00 per plant.

They will be available for you to take home with you after worship on Easter Sunday.

Please place your order by Thursday, April 17, 2025