

RETURN *to the* LORD



Return to Prayer

For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

Romans 8:26

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February 24, 2021—4:00 & 6:30 pm

** - Congregation will rise*

As We Gather

The season of Lent is a time for self-examination and repentance, and it is a time for prayer. “Prayer is the soul’s sincere desire . . . the Christian’s vital breath,” penned hymnwriter James Montgomery (*TLH* 454:1, 5). But sometimes that holy conversation is interrupted or sidelined from a place of priority in our lives. Even our Lord’s closest disciples did not serve Him faithfully as watchers and prayers with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. In this holy season, we return to prayer, treasuring the opportunity to pray without ceasing and leading prayerful lives that reflect the mercy of our heavenly Father, who hears our supplications and responds to them in love.

Please stand

Leader: O Lord, open my lips,

People: and my mouth will declare Your praise.

Leader: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

People: make haste to help me, O Lord.

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.**

Anthem

“Sanctuary”

Sung by Grade 6

The verse will be sung 3 times, the congregation is invited to join in after the first time through.

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary.
Pure and holy, tried and true;
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for You.**

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Psalm of the Day

Psalm 121

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
² My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

³ He will not let your foot be moved;
 He who keeps you will not slumber.
⁴ Behold, He who keeps Israel
 will neither slumber nor sleep.
⁵ The LORD is your keeper;
 the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day,
 nor the moon by night.
⁷ The LORD will keep you from all evil;
 He will keep your life.
⁸ The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
 from this time forth and forevermore.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Please be seated

Office Hymn

“Now the Light Has Gone Away” - #887

**1 Now the light has gone away;
 Father, listen while I pray,
 Asking Thee to watch and keep
 And to send me quiet sleep.**

**3 Let my near and dear ones be
 Always near and dear to Thee;
 O bring me and all I love
 To Thy happy home above.**

**2 Jesus, Savior, wash away
 All that has been wrong today;
 Help me ev’ry day to be
 Good and gentle, more like Thee.**

**4 Now my evening praise I give;
 Thou didst die that I might live.
 All my blessings come from Thee;
 Oh, how good Thou art to me!**

**5 Thou, my best and kindest Friend,
 Thou wilt love me to the end.
 Let me love Thee more and more,
 Always better than before.**

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First Reading

Genesis 32:22-30

Leader: A reading from Genesis, the thirty-second chapter.

²²The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that He did not prevail against Jacob, He touched his hip socket, and Jacob’s hip was put

out of joint as He wrestled with him. ²⁶Then He said, "Let Me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me." ²⁷And He said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked Him, "Please tell me Your name." But He said, "Why is it that you ask My name?" And there He blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

Leader: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Romans 8:22-28

Leader: A reading from Romans, the eighth chapter.

²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And He who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.

Leader: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

*Holy Gospel

Matthew 26:36-46

Leader: A reading from St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.

³⁶Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and He said to His disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." ³⁷And taking with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, He began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸Then He said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with Me." ³⁹And going a little farther He fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will." ⁴⁰And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And He said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with Me one hour? ⁴¹Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ⁴²Again, for the second time, He went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, Your will be done." ⁴³And again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴So, leaving them again, He went away and prayed for the third time, saying the

same words again. ⁴⁵Then He came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶Rise, let us be going; see, My betrayer is at hand."

Leader: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Lent Responsory

Leader: Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

People: **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

Leader: In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

People: **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

Leader: Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

People: **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

Please be seated

Children's Message (4:00)

Hymn of the Day

"Break Your Hearts"

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Break Your Hearts

Lisa M. Clark

KING'S WESTON
Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958



1 Break your hearts with mourn - ing And your pride in two,
2 See your Sav - ior dy - ing, Hung up - on the tree.
3 Gath - er all in num - ber From both far and near;



Ash and grief a - dom - ing Your re - pen - tance true.
It is vain de - ny - ing What is plain to see:
E - ven those in slum - ber Wait for trum - pets clear.



With your tears and fast - ing, From your God dis - cem
While His heart is break - ing, Still your God will eam
When the Lord grants bless - ing, Bro - ken hearts will learn



His ways ev - er - last - ing: To your Lord re - turn.
Free - dom in the mak - ing. To your Lord re - turn.
Joy be - yond ex - press - ing; To your Lord re - turn.

Offering

Please stand

† PRAYER †

***Kyrie**

People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

***Lord’s Prayer**

**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.**

***Collects**

Leader: O Lord, hear my prayer.

People: And let my cry come to You.

***Collect of the Day**

Leader: God our Father, You promise to hear our prayers, whether spoken or even too deep for words. During these Lenten days, breathe the breath of Your Spirit into our mouths, that we learn to pray without ceasing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving

***Collect for Lent**

Leader: Faithful God, through the ancient prophets You call us to return to You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Let these Lenten days be a time when, remembering how You relentlessly return to us in mercy, we return also to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

***Collect at Evening**

Leader: Ever-present God, stay with us, for darkness has come and the day is now past. Forgive, we pray, both our neglect in doing good this day and the wrongs we have done. Awaken us in the morning, bathed in the light of our Baptism, so that we will be ready to love and serve You and our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

***Collect for Peace**

Leader: God our strength, the peace You provide through the cross of Christ flows like a river through the chaos of our lives. Lead us to drink deeply from the still waters of Your peace, and thereby dispel our anxieties and fears, so that we may serve you with humility and grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

***Benedicamus**

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Benediction**

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

People: Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

“My Song Is Love Unknown” - #430 v. 1-2, 4-5

**1 My song is love unknown,
My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown
That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh and die?**

**2 He came from His blest throne
Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend,
My friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend!**

**4 Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries!
Yet they at these
Themselves displease
And 'gainst Him rise.**

**5 They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He
To suffering goes
That He His foes
From thence might free.**

PARTICIPANTS

Preacher..... Vicar Kurt Hellwig
Liturgist..... Rev. Scott Schmieding (4:00); Rev. Allen Schade (6:30)
Children’s Message..... Sem. Josiah Schultz (4:00)
Organist..... Dr. Rachel Hahn
Choir..... Grade 6
AcolyteAveri Budde (4:00); Claire Witte (6:30)
Video/Sound Technician Don Hemwall (6:30)

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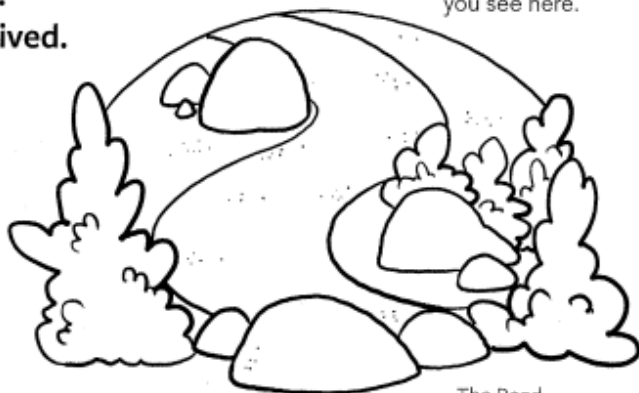
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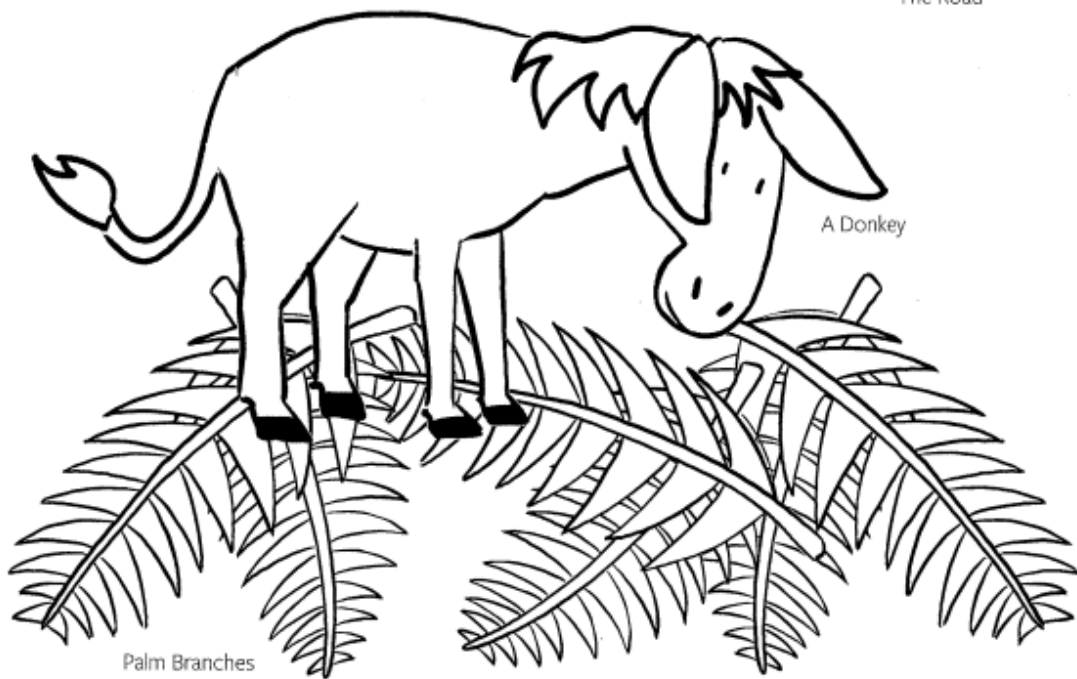
Along the Road

This donkey has a special load
to carry on our Lenten road.
Our humble King has just arrived.
He comes to save each
of our lives.
Let's wave a palm branch
as we sing Hosanna
to our coming King.

Read Matthew 21:1-11
and color the objects
you see here.



The Road



A Donkey

Palm Branches

Activities for the First Week of Lent

Along the Road



Hidden Words

Find the words from the story of Jesus' palm parade.

P K I N G F N W R
Q A D O W M B E T
A I L E H A C L Y
T U G M O D O C E
E R G T S P A O K
L F T O A E T M N
R O A D N L S E O
N J S I N G R R D
G I U K A E J B V

PALMS + DONKEY + ROAD + COATS
HOSANNA + SING + KING + WELCOME

Look along the road to Jerusalem and you'll see people waving palm branches. How many words can you make from the letters in **palm branches**?

P A L M B R A N C H E S

What Do You See?

Complete this picture of a donkey carrying King Jesus along the road to Jerusalem. What do you see?

