



Holy Family Episcopal Church

Palm Sunday
April 5, 2020

Welcome to Holy Family's Online Worship!

If you would like more information about Holy Family or otherwise want to communicate with the clergy or office, please email admin@hfec.org. Thank you for being part of the community this worship time!

References marked *BCP* are for pages in *The Book of Common Prayer*

Entrance Hymn

Hymnal 154
All Glory Laud and Honor

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

1 Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's Name comest, the King and Blessed One.

Refrain

2 The company of angels is praising thee on high; and we with all creation in chorus make reply.

Refrain

3 The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present.

Refrain

4 To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise; to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Refrain

5 Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.

Refrain

The Word of God

Officiant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Trisagion

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:19-29

- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.**
- 20 "This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter."**
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.**
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**
- 23 This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.**
- 25 Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! Lord, send us now success.**
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord.**
- 27 God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.**
- 28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you."**
- 29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.**

The Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:12-16

Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 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. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "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." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

The Rev. Bruce Gray

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead, and his kingdom will have no
end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father
and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is
worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness
of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Form IV BCP pg. 388

The Leader and People pray responsively

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the clergy and people of St. John's, Lafayette.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray for those expecting babies soon especially Kylie & Dylan, Jenifer & Jason, Diane & Quinn. We pray in Thanksgiving for our church community. Even when we are physically separated, we are one body in prayer. We pray for those participating in the Lenten Challenge. We pray for those preparing for Confirmation. In our parish cycle of prayer we pray for the Barker, Beard, and Beldin families and for those who serve as readers and prayer leaders.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Especially remembering those on our prayer list Tim, Noel, Linda, Greg, Tim, Carla, Kristine, Kerry, Lindy, Laraine, Krista, Kyla, Alma, Betty, Paul, Bob, Dee, and Natalie, comfort and heal all those who suffer in

body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Officiant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory Anthem

*Let Sweet Hosannas Ring
Hayes*

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers

The Blessing

The Priest will pronounce a final blessing

Dismissal Hymn

Hymnal 474

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross where the young Prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.
- 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Announcements:

Welcome to Holy Family! If you would like more information about Holy Family, please email Fr. Bruce at bgray@hfec.org or go to the Holy Family Website HolyFamilyFishers.org.

You can use your smartphone to scan this code which opens the Holy Family website.



Social Media: Be sure to check in on social media and talk about today's online worship. Share how you are spending your worship time and spread the Good News!

Holy Week Worship with Holy Family

Holy Family will offer its usual schedule of Holy Week and Easter worship online this year. The links for the bulletins, YouTube videos, and Facebook Watch Parties will be found on the parish home page, www.holyfamilyfishers.org.

Maundy Thursday, April 9, 7 PM Facebook Watch Party: The Last Supper is remembered with Scripture readings about the first Eucharist and Jesus washing the disciples' feet to teach them about the call to servant ministry for all Christians. The Rev. Cathy Scott will offer the sermon.

Good Friday, April 10, 7 PM Facebook Watch Party: This solemn service commemorates Christ's suffering and death on the cross by offering readings, special prayers, and a sermon by The Rev. Cathy Gray.

Easter Vigil, April 11, 7 PM Facebook Watch Party: This Saturday evening worship is the first service of Easter. This service features the reading of Scripture that illuminates "God's saving deeds in history" and the proclamation that "Christ is risen". The Rev. Bruce Gray will offer the sermon.

Easter Day April 12, 9:00 AM Facebook Watch Party: The Easter morning service will feature special music as well as the prayers and readings for Easter. The Rev. Bruce Gray will offer the sermon.

Church at Home: Weekly resources for children, youth, and adults can be found at Faith@Home.

Lenten Challenge: Join the Lenten Challenge by making a special effort to follow the practices of Prayer, Worship, Serving, Learning and Discerning, and Sharing through Holy Saturday, April 11. Contact a member of the Vestry for more information, and sign up online at tinyurl.com/LentenChallenge2020

Personal Prayer: During this difficult time, Deacon Cathy and Father Bruce are available to pray with individuals or families by text or phone. Please reach out by text first (if possible) to set up a time to pray together. The Reverend Bruce W. Gray (317) 363-6412
The Reverend Cathy Scott (317) 441-8493

Love Thy Neighbor: While following recommended social distancing procedures, consider checking in on ill, elderly, or isolated neighbors to make sure they are doing ok.

Morning Prayer & Compline – Facebook Watch Parties: The Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis has set up a new page (IndyDio Virtual Abbey) on Facebook for live videos of Morning Prayer and Compline at 8 AM and 8 PM, respectively. Holy Family's Senior Warden, Ruth Everett, has been setting up a watch party for these so that the Holy Village can still worship together during this complicated time. All are welcome to join in on these Watch Parties. If you don't see her hosting a watch party online for this, feel free to participate directly through the diocesan page, IndyDio Virtual Abbey.

Discover DOK Online Gathering: All women of the church are invited to an online chat to "Discover DOK". The current Daughters of the King officers will be available in a casual, relaxed setting via Zoom (online video conference) on Sunday, April 5th at 4 PM. We invite you to use this time to ask questions about Daughters of the King, the study preparation process, the chapter at Holy Family, and/or any other questions that you may have.

New Online Resource: Fr. Bruce has started a new blog for spiritual resources, especially during this time of social distancing. Holy Family's deacon, Cathy Scott, is also contributing to it and other authors may also do so in the future. The website is www.churchfromadistance.org. Feel free to share it with others, and to offer suggestions or questions that would help make the blog more interesting and helpful. Contact Bruce at bgray@hfec.org.

Confirmation Class Continues Via Email: Holy Family's confirmation class is continuing its study of our faith and Episcopal Church practices, by holding discussions through email, rather than in-person classes. This week we explore church history. Future discussions will cover what we believe, our worship practices, prayer, and the sacraments. You are welcome to join the discussion. If you are interested, contact Deacon Cathy by email to cscott@hfec.org.

Morning Book Club Going Online: This book club is for adults of all ages. The current book is *Listening Is An Act Of Love* by Dave Isay. This book is full of inspiring stories of ordinary people, so is very appropriate to this difficult time. An online discussion group has been formed for those who are interested, and may be helpful in forming connections with one another. Please send a request to join the group here: tinyurl.com/HolyFamilyBookClub

Shortcut to Sunday Podcasts: Holy Family hosts a podcast that focuses on the bible readings for each week. Father Bruce and Ben Paden briefly discuss the assigned scriptures. New episodes are released on Tuesdays in preparation for the following Sunday. The podcasts can be found on iTunes and other podcast sources. Share with your friends!

Sew Many Ways to Help! Area crafters are joining together to sew protective masks and scrub caps for area healthcare providers, food pantry volunteers, and others. For more information on how to help by donating money or supplies or by sewing these items, please click [HERE](#).

Pass the Peace: Record yourself and/or members of your household saying, "The Peace of the Lord be with you....and also with you" on a phone, laptop, or tablet. Email the video files to shortcut@hfec.org for the recordings to be used in an upcoming Holy Family online worship service video on YouTube (HFECVIDEOS). Record in a place where there is good lighting on your face and little or no background noise. Your videos may include any members of your family, including pets.

Giving to Holy Family Online: Even though Holy Family is not gathering in person, the work of ministry continues in a wide range of activities. Bills continue to be paid, and therefore giving by parishioners continues to be crucial. Make a contribution via [this link](#), and The Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis will absorb 100% of the payment processing fee, so every cent you give will go to Holy Family. Other ways to donate are using your online banking, using the giving link on the [parish webpage](#) (which works using PayPal), or mailing a check to the church office. Everyone's support of God's work through Holy Family is needed and very appreciated!

COVID-19 Information: The Episcopal Church Foundation has created a helpful website for information about the COVID-19 virus and Episcopal Church responses. The links range from home prayer resources to official church announcements. The page can be found at <https://www.ecfvp.org/blogs/3763/covid-19-resources-2>

Easter Eggs: Since activities at Holy Family and around the Fishers community are significantly disrupted this spring, there will not be an Easter egg hunt at Holy Family. If you picked up a bag of eggs to fill, you are invited to return the empty eggs to church (after the pandemic is over) to be used next year. While candy donations cannot be accepted, eggs filled with non-candy items such as stickers, bouncy balls, etc. can be saved to be used later. Please contact [Jolene Johnston](#) if you have any questions.

Mulch Cash & Carry: Looking to freshen up your landscaping in these dreary winter months? Bags of Forrest Fines mulch are now available for just \$5. Please make payment to the church office or online here: holyfamilyfishers.org/donate/ If you prefer, bulk mulch delivery to your home will also be available on April 22 or 23 and May 20 or 21. Watch for upcoming announcements for this year's mulch sale and flower market in May.

Upcoming Events:

Bishop's Visit & Confirmation: May 31 @ 10 AM

In Case of Emergency: Please contact Fr. Bruce at this number 317-363-6412 via voice or text.

Prayer List: Tim, Noel, Linda, Greg, Tim, Carla, Kristine, Kerry, Lindy, Laraine, Krista, Kyla, Alma, Betty, Paul, Bob, Dee, Natalie

Thanks Be to God

- Ben Paden for producing Holy Family's worship videos
- Ruth Everett for hosting Facebook worship watch parties
- Local crafters who are sewing masks for healthcare professionals
- Hospital staff and first responders
- IT professionals who are working to increase connectivity
- Those who work in grocery stores, food service, and delivery

Serving today:

Officiant:	The Rev. Bruce Gray
Homily:	The Rev. Bruce Gray
Deacon:	The Rev. Cathy Scott
Music Director:	Bethany Paden
Readers:	Bob Murray, Betty Bogeman
Prayers:	Joan Head

Parish Budget Update: Holy Family relies on the generosity of Sunday worshippers to support the ministries of the church. If possible, please keep up on your pledge so Holy Family can continue to grow in its ministry. The financial information reflects the church financial reports as of March 31, 2020.

	Actual
Income	\$59,659*
Expense	\$58,988
Difference	\$671

** Includes \$13,167 received in 2019 for 2020 pledges.*

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