

MAY YOUR HOME AND HEART BE A SANCTUARY

In Christ's name we gather in homes in Columbia and beyond to worship God. This day we set our homes apart for Christian worship. As the Prelude begins, we invite you into a period of quiet reflection as we prepare for worship.

*“God is in His Holy temple,
let all the earth keep silence before Him.”*

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 117

Leader: Praise the Lord, all you nations.

People: Praise him, all you people of the earth.

Leader: For his unfailing love for us is powerful.

People: The Lord's faithfulness endures forever.

All: Praise the Lord!

*HYMN OF ADORATION #196

All Glory Laud and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

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 people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. **Refrain**
3. To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. **Refrain**

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Lynn A. Grandsire

*THE APOSTLES' CREED *(Unison)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our LORD; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I lie down and when I get up. You know the outward acts that I do and the inward thoughts of my heart. Lord, forgive me for I know that sin plays far too big a part of my reality. Help me to turn to You and receive Your mercy and Your forgiveness that You made available through Your Son, Jesus. Give me the strength to extend that same forgiveness to those that hurt me just as You came and died for the ones that continue to sin against You. Gracious heavenly Savior, thank you for showering us with Your grace, and help us to live differently in light of Your great sacrifice. Hear us now as we lift to you the confessions of our hearts...

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.
Congregation: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON #518

Lamb of God

LAMB OF GOD

Your only son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side
to walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in his precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

During this time you are encouraged to share the peace of Christ by texting, "The peace of Christ be with you" to three people, two Eastminster members and one other person God has put on your heart.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

To respond to God's grace by participating in God's work through Eastminster, use one of the following options:

1. Mail contributions to: EPC, 3200 Trenholm Road, Columbia, SC 29204.
2. To set up recurring gifts, register on the members portal at <https://members.eastminsterpres.org> then follow prompts for giving.
3. One time gifts: Go to our webpage at <https://eastminsterpres.org/contribute> and select "2020 General Fund" and follow prompts.
4. Give by texting 18035909901, type "give" and hit send. You will be sent a link to give.

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“The Triumphal Entry of Jesus”

Rev. Brian J. Marsh

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

1. When I survey the wondrous cross on which the 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 death 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?

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER

We are delighted that you have chosen to celebrate this Lord's Day with us, and we hope that in a real and meaningful way you will sense God's presence, power and purpose among us.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

Contact Susie Glenn (sglenn@eastminsterpres.org or 256-1654 x123) to learn more and find out about our next First Step class, a class designed to help you learn about Eastminster and our on-going ministries.

April 12, 2020

Dr. Bradley D. Smith

Mark 16:1-8

"How About You?"

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Worship services during Holy Week

- **Monday, April 6-Wednesday, April 8** – Daily prayer livestream, Noon, 4 pm and 7 pm
- **Thursday, April 9** - Maundy Thursday Communion broadcast at Noon, 4 pm and 7 pm
NO Seder Meal – Thursday, April 9
- **Friday, April 10** - Good Friday worship broadcast at Noon, 4 pm and 7 pm
- **Sunday, April 12** – 9 am and 11:15 am -- broadcast of Easter worship
(NO Sunrise service at 6:45 am)

A WORD ABOUT CORONAVIRUS-Please see Quick Links on the website for Brad's April 2 newsletter.

VISIT EASTMINSTERPRES.ORG AND CLICK ON "VIRTUAL RESOURCES." You will find six types of tools: 1. Calming & Coping; 2. Bible Study; 3. Children; 4. Daily Resources; 5. CLC Fitness and; 6. Story Time. Within each of these you will find resources for adults and children from familiar pastors, musicians, fitness instructors, counselors & more. We're doing our best to come alongside you all, even from a distance. Please check these out at your convenience, or monitor the scheduled showings via the "virtual calendar" then clicking on "Live Feed."

EXPERIENCING EASTER A NEW WAY: We all need Good News these days. Join in and share: *Yard Art & Scripture*. Join the movement of posting a brief Scripture verse on a sign in your front yard as encouragement for your neighbors. For Holy Week, make a sign using any of the seven last words of Jesus (see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sayings_of_Jesus_on_the_cross). Replace that sign with a big, bright, colorful cardboard sign declaring any of: "He is risen!" "Hallelujah!" "Happy Easter!" "Happy Day of Resurrection!" "Let the Light Shine" "Love One Another!" If you need help displaying/mounting your sign, pick up a real estate sign, loaned from some of our members, from the CLC entrance (please do return them). *Video Easter Greetings*. Upload a roughly three second "Easter Greeting" on your phone, either individually or as a household. Use one of the phrases from above or another. OR include both an Easter greeting and a 1-2 sentence "what Easter means to me." Upload your brief videos clips to http://www.mediafire.com/filedrop/filedrop_hosted.php?drop=a0959daf8ba09c0ba4b99a81a97ce90f64cf8f316e00938bf61ae74e52e47afe so we can weave them together to enjoy before and after worship on Easter Morning.

THANK YOU TO TROMBONIST, Brian Wargel, for his participation in today's service.

ACCESS EASTMINSTER'S VIRTUAL CALENDAR ON THE HOMEPAGE. You will see online activities for mind body and soul for all ages for the coming week. If you miss a day, you can access previous recordings via the VIRTUAL RESOURCES button.

MISSING WE@EPC MEALS? Eastminster will have to-go dinners on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The costs are the same: \$3 per child (0-8), \$6 per adult (9+) with a \$25 family cap. Please register through the EPC website, so we know how many dinners to make. In an effort to decrease the spread of germs, we will not be accepting payment in person. If you are not able to pay online via PayPal, please mail in your payment. MENU Tuesday, April 7: Chicken Stuffed with Spinach and Cream Cheese, Rice Pilaf, Steamed Broccoli, and Caprese Salad. MENU Thursday, April 9: Beef Petit Medallions, Roasted Root Vegetables, Squash Casserole, and Spinach Bacon Salad.

MINISTRY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: This week, please keep Homeless No More in your prayers. Homeless No More is the umbrella organization that comprises long-time ministry partners Family Shelter and St. Lawrence Place. They provide emergency and transitional housing to those who find themselves in difficult situations. Right now, they are in need of household necessities such as toilet paper, paper towels, and toiletries. Reach out to Susie Glenn for more details (sglenn@eastminsterpres.org).

SHARE PHOTOS OF YOUR VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION WITH EPC! Just send images to Blythe Lewis at blewis@eastminsterpres.org.