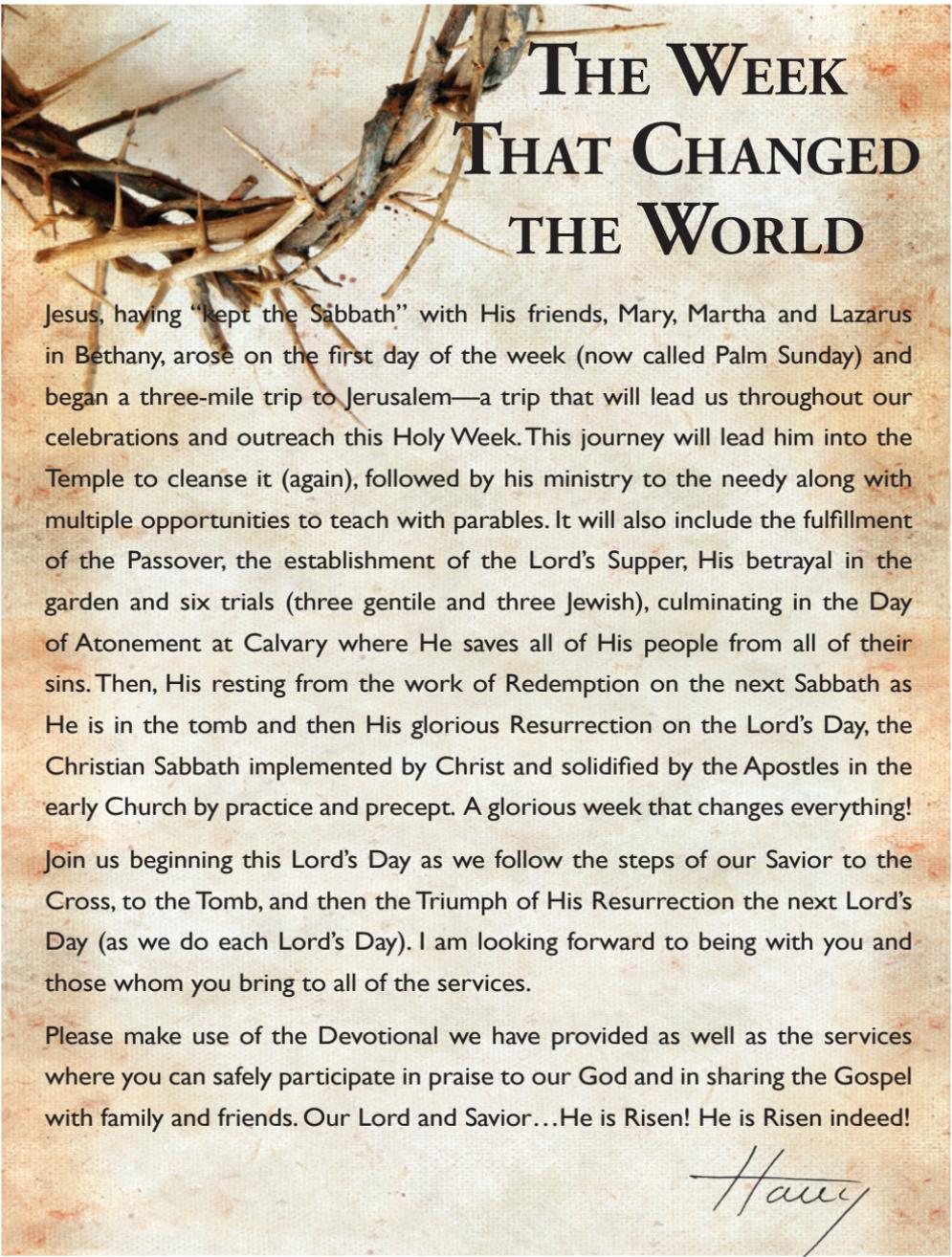


BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

• MARCH 26, 2021 •



THE WEEK THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

Jesus, having “kept the Sabbath” with His friends, Mary, Martha and Lazarus in Bethany, arose on the first day of the week (now called Palm Sunday) and began a three-mile trip to Jerusalem—a trip that will lead us throughout our celebrations and outreach this Holy Week. This journey will lead him into the Temple to cleanse it (again), followed by his ministry to the needy along with multiple opportunities to teach with parables. It will also include the fulfillment of the Passover, the establishment of the Lord’s Supper, His betrayal in the garden and six trials (three gentile and three Jewish), culminating in the Day of Atonement at Calvary where He saves all of His people from all of their sins. Then, His resting from the work of Redemption on the next Sabbath as He is in the tomb and then His glorious Resurrection on the Lord’s Day, the Christian Sabbath implemented by Christ and solidified by the Apostles in the early Church by practice and precept. A glorious week that changes everything!

Join us beginning this Lord’s Day as we follow the steps of our Savior to the Cross, to the Tomb, and then the Triumph of His Resurrection the next Lord’s Day (as we do each Lord’s Day). I am looking forward to being with you and those whom you bring to all of the services.

Please make use of the Devotional we have provided as well as the services where you can safely participate in praise to our God and in sharing the Gospel with family and friends. Our Lord and Savior...He is Risen! He is Risen indeed!



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A graphic for Palm Sunday. The top half features a textured, parchment-like background in shades of beige and light brown. On the right side, a vibrant green palm frond with long, slender leaves extends diagonally across the frame. Overlaid on the left side of the parchment is the text "Palm Sunday" in a dark brown, elegant cursive script. The word "Palm" is on the top line, and "Sunday" is on the bottom line, with the letters flowing together.

Palm Sunday

Children's Palm Sunday Triumphal Entry

K4–3rd grade are invited to process down the aisles waving palm branches during the worship service Mar. 28, Palm Sunday. Please have your child in the church foyer 15 minutes prior to the service to be lined up in the hallways across from the women's and men's restrooms. Children will not be singing, but will instead walk straight to Children's Worship.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, March 28

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. Worship Services

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship to include *Conversations with Harry & Bruce*

Maundy Thursday, April 1

7:00 p.m. service of Communion

(Reservations required at briarwood.org/easter)

Good Friday, April 2

Noon Service of Reflection on the Cross

Resurrection Sabbath

6:30, 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. Worship Services

(Reservations required at briarwood.org/easter)

All services will be available online.

Children's Worship

Children's Worship will be provided for all Holy Week services except Good Friday. When reserving your space for the worship service of your choice, please be sure and reserve your child(ren) space by clicking the link at briarwood.org/easter.

Nursery

The Briarwood Nursery will provide childcare for all Holy Week services, with reservations. When reserving your space for the worship service of your choice, please be sure and reserve your child(ren) nursery space by going to briarwood.org/nursery.

Holy Week Devotional

To assist you in your walk with the Lord during the Week of Passion, Briarwood will provide a Holy Week Devotional Guide that will be delivered daily through the BriarwoodPCA App, and also be available on the website at briarwood.org/holyweek. Be sure you allow push notifications on the app to be sure you receive the daily devotions.

Please let us know if you will not be able to attend a service for which you have reservations to free the space for others.

Email Ireese@briarwood.org for adults, rmacoy@briarwood.org for children and acraig@briarwood.org for Nursery.

CONVERSATIONS

WITH HARRY AND BRUCE

Join us this Sun., Mar. 28 for evening worship at 6:00 p.m. in-person or via livestream. The service will include Pastor Reeder and Bruce Stallings answering questions submitted to askthepastor@briarwood.org.

Available at briarwood.org/livetv, on Facebook, Roku, AppleTV and the BriarwoodPCA App.



Celebration of Worship

PALM SUNDAY

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – March 28, 2021

Worship Leaders

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III, Pastor/Teacher

Mr. Bruce Stallings, Executive Pastor

Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist

Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

Mr. Hunter Goff, Organist

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

...not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Hebrews 10:25

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 118:26

[All:] Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD. The LORD is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us.

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus" (arr. Haines)

Briarwood Ensemble

Gracious Heavenly Father, we acknowledge this day that You are the Giver of every good and perfect gift, and the Sustainer of our lives. We humbly come before You, recognizing the presence of sin in our hearts, and knowing that You have graciously given Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to pay the price and bear the penalty for our sin. We confess our sin before You now, and gratefully accept Your full and complete pardon. Free us to worship You now in Spirit and Truth, with joy and celebration, and tune our hearts and fit our lives to live to the praise of Your glory and the advancement of Your Kingdom.

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

The Children's Palm Processional

"Jesus Loves Me" (Warner/Bradbury)

Cindy Reeder, soloist

*Jesus loves me! this I know, For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but He is strong.*

[Refrain:]

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

*Jesus loves me! He who died Heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin, Let His little child come in. (Refrain)*

*Jesus loves me! He will stay Close beside me all the way;
He's prepared a home for me,
And some day His face I'll see. (Refrain)*

The Hymn of Ascents

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” Hymn 234

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne:
Hark! how the heav’nly anthem drowns All music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love: Behold His hands and side—
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wond’ring eye At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life: Who triumphed o’er the grave,
Who rose victorious to the strife For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heav’n: One with the Father known,
One with the Spirit through Him giv’n From yonder glorious throne.
To Thee be endless praise, For Thou for us hast died;
Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days Adored and magnified.

*The Confession of Truth

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 24:9, 10

[Leader:] Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
behold, your King is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble
and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

[All:] Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that
the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD
of hosts, He is the King of glory!

[Leader:] The Word of the Lord.

[All:] Thanks be to God!

THE PETITIONING OF GOD’S PROVIDENCE

I call upon the LORD, Who is worthy to be praised... Psalm 18:3

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD’S GLORY

*Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great
in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. Isaiah 12:6*

The Presentation and Consecration of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

*Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns
will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. Proverbs 3:9–10*

*The Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs “Living Hope” (Johnson/Wickham)

How great the chasm that lay between us;
How high the mountain I could not climb.

In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke Your Name into the night.
Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished, the end is written;
Jesus Christ, my Living Hope; God, You are my Living Hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken: I am forgiven,
The King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever;
Jesus Christ, my Living Hope.

[Chorus:]

Hallelujah! Praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah! Death has lost its grip on me.
You have broken every chain,
There's salvation in Your Name;
Jesus Christ, my Living Hope.

Then came the morning that sealed the promise.
Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me.
Jesus, Yours is the victory! (Chorus x2)

Jesus Christ, my Living Hope; God,
You are my Living Hope.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of the Scripture,
to exhortation, to teaching. 1 Timothy 4:13*

*The Prayer of Illumination

*†The New Testament Reading

John 12:12-19

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

I. Holy Week in Biblical Perspective

Eight Days of Grace to Glory

"The Week that Changed the World—Day One, Palm Sunday"

John 12:12-19

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power
of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13*

*The Pastoral Benediction

*The Congregational Affirmation

"Rejoice, the Lord is King" Hymn 228 v. 1

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, And triumph evermore:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

The Postlude

* The congregation is requested to stand, if able.

The 8:00 and 11:00 Sunday morning services are broadcast live on WLJR 88.5 FM, and are also available online at briarwood.org/livetv. Watch the recording anytime at briarwood.org/archivetv.

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