

INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

On this Palm Sunday, this morning's text may not be an obvious one. After all, these horrific scenes in Genesis 34 — Dinah's rape, Simeon and Levi's slaughter — aren't the soothing passages we would like to hear at the beginning of Holy Week. But that's the point, isn't it? Because this week we remember horror and betrayal and crucifixion, perpetrated against God himself — this is evil in its fullest manifestation. And yet, God is in the midst of it all, working out salvation for his people, experienced both now in the present and at the end of the age when we will be finally saved from God's judicial wrath.

Our service this morning connects us to that week in which Jesus died for sinners like us. Our call to worship draws from the joy of Palm Sunday as told in John's Gospel. Our hymns not only reflect that triumphal entry, but also point us to the end of the week and Jesus' suffering and death for sinners like us. And as we pray for each other, we do so in the sure confidence that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord! Let us adore our Crucified King!

WELCOME TO INDEPENDENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

If you are a visitor, thank you for joining us. Please be sure to stop by our Visitor Welcome Center in the Rotunda, where we will have a gift for you. Any questions about our church? We encourage you to ask an usher or one of our greeters. Please see an usher if you need a hearing amplification device.

The Sanctuary, Balcony, and Fellowship Hall are open to anyone, while we continue social distancing. *Additionally, masks are now required.* The Fellowship Hall is also available for overflow from the Sanctuary. The Chapel is reserved for people who may be at higher risk due to medications or underlying health conditions (and their families). Both morning Worship Services are shown via livestream in the Fellowship Hall and the Chapel.

We also livestream our 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services at ipcmemphis.org. Please note: the link will be active only on Sunday morning. In addition, audio recordings of this morning's sermon are available the following week on our website. More opportunities for teaching can be found on our YouTube channel. Go to YouTube, and search for Independent Presbyterian Church Memphis.

Visitors interested in joining IPC are invited to attend our next *Pathway Class for Prospective Members*, April 11, 18, 25, and May 2, during the Sunday School hour. To register, please visit ipcmemphis.org.

As you enter the Sanctuary, please silence your mobile devices.

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF MARCH, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-ONE
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

"Trumpet Tune in D" Purcell
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

THE PROCESSIONAL (11:00 a.m.)

"Hosanna to the Son of David!" Bedford
The Children's Choir Emilee Garrett, Director
Caroline and Helen Garrett, Handbells

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the Son of David!
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, Jesus comes.

Riding on a donkey through the city streets,
Jesus smiles and waves to ev'ryone he meets.

See palm branches waving as the people say,
"Blest is he who comes on this triumphant day!"

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

based on John 12:12-13

The Minister: King Jesus comes, King Jesus, Son of God, Son of Man, Messiah.

The Congregation: Hail! King Jesus, King of all!

The Minister: Recall the words of the Scriptures: "The great crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!'"

All: In praise we adore you, King Jesus. Enter our hearts today as you entered Jerusalem long ago, and lead us by faith in the way everlasting. Amen. Let us worship God!

The Reverend J. Edward Norton, Associate Pastor (8:30 a.m.)
The Reverend Robert O. Browning, Associate Pastor (11:00 a.m.)

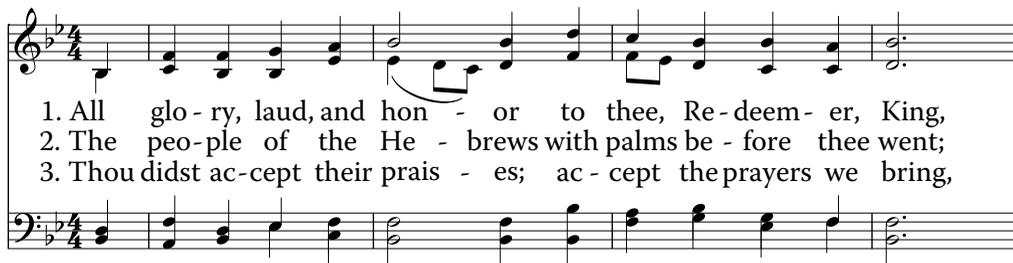
THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

No. 235

Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 820

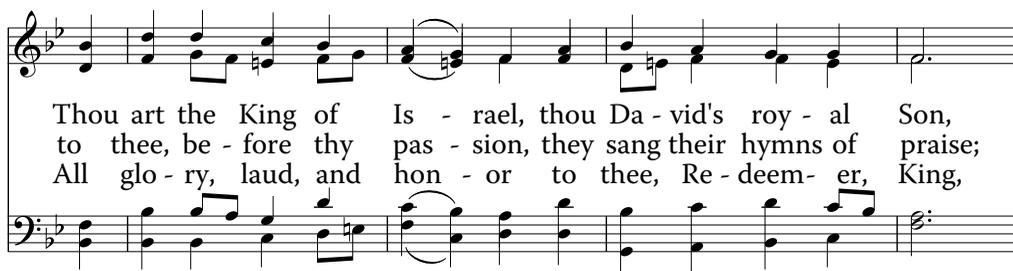
St. Theodulph



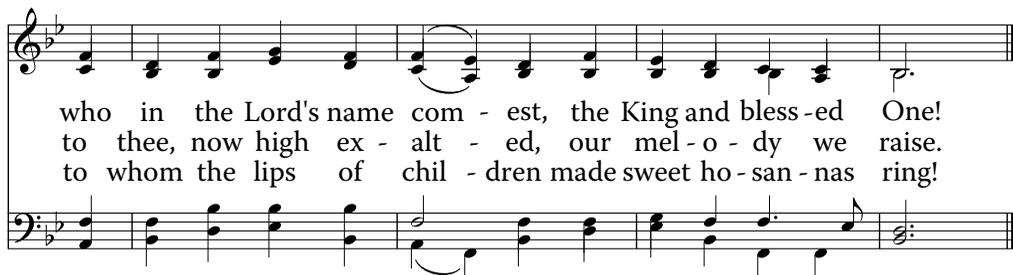
1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,
2. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent:
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!



Thou art the King of Is - rael, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
to thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,



who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One!
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

Based on Psalm 24

Truro

1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Be - hold, the
2. Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a
3. Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to

King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
thee; here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner

draw - ing near, the Sav - ior of the world is here.
heav'n's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Anne Carlisle Miller (11:00 a.m.)

Jesus loves you, this you know, for the Bible tells you so;
Little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you!

Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells you so.

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior, *Amen*.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.” — *Romans 5:8-9*

THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross”

No. 264

Mitchell Cloutier, Violin Kelly Turner, Mandolin

James Brown, Guitar Tim Keith, Bass

Franny J. Crosby, 1869

Near the Cross

1. Je - sus, keep me near the cross; there a pre-cious foun - tain,
2. Near the cross, a trem-bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4. Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trus - ting ev - er,

free to all a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the Bright and Morn - ing Star shed its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its sha - dow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

REFRAIN

In the cross, in the cross, be my glo - ry ev - er;

till my rap - tured soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

The New City Catechism, Q and A 3-5

The Minister: How many persons are there in God?

The Congregation: There are three persons in the one true and living God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They are the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

The Minister: How and why did God create us?

The Congregation: God created us male and female in his own image to know him, love him, live with him, and glorify him. And it is right that we who were created by God should live to his glory.

The Minister: What else did God create?

The Congregation: God created all things by his powerful Word, and all his creation was very good; everything flourished under his loving rule.

THE PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

THE ANTHEM

“Lift Up Your Heads” from *Messiah*
James A. Brown, Jr., Director

Handel

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors,
and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.
The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 34:1-31

¹Now Dinah the daughter of Leah, whom she had borne to Jacob, went out to see the women of the land. ²And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, the prince of the land, saw her, he seized her and lay with her and humiliated her. ³And his soul was drawn to Dinah the daughter of Jacob. He loved the young woman and spoke tenderly to her. ⁴So Shechem spoke to his father Hamor, saying, “Get me this girl for my wife.”

⁵Now Jacob heard that he had defiled his daughter Dinah. But his sons were with his livestock in the field, so Jacob held his peace until they came. ⁶And Hamor the father of Shechem went out to Jacob to speak with him. ⁷The sons of Jacob had come in from the field as soon as they heard of it, and the men were indignant and very angry, because he had done an outrageous thing in Israel by lying with Jacob’s daughter, for such a thing must not be done.

⁸But Hamor spoke with them, saying, “The soul of my son Shechem longs for your daughter. Please give her to him to be his wife. ⁹Make marriages with us. Give your daughters to us, and take our daughters for yourselves. ¹⁰You shall dwell with us, and the land shall be open to you. Dwell and trade in it, and get property in it.” ¹¹Shechem also said to her father and to her brothers, “Let me find favor in your eyes, and whatever you say to me I will give. ¹²Ask me for as great a bride-price and gift as you will, and I will give whatever you say to me. Only give me the young woman to be my wife.”

¹³The sons of Jacob answered Shechem and his father Hamor deceitfully, because he had defiled their sister Dinah. ¹⁴They said to them, “We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one who is uncircumcised, for that would be a disgrace to us. ¹⁵Only on this condition will we agree with you — that you will become as we are by every male among you being circumcised. ¹⁶Then we will give our daughters to you, and we will take your daughters to ourselves, and we will dwell with you and become one people. ¹⁷But if you will not listen to us and be circumcised, then we will take our daughter, and we will be gone.”

¹⁸Their words pleased Hamor and Hamor's son Shechem. ¹⁹And the young man did not delay to do the thing, because he delighted in Jacob’s daughter. Now he was the most honored of all his

father's house. ²⁰So Hamor and his son Shechem came to the gate of their city and spoke to the men of their city, saying, ²¹"These men are at peace with us; let them dwell in the land and trade in it, for behold, the land is large enough for them. Let us take their daughters as wives, and let us give them our daughters. ²²Only on this condition will the men agree to dwell with us to become one people — when every male among us is circumcised as they are circumcised. ²³Will not their livestock, their property and all their beasts be ours? Only let us agree with them, and they will dwell with us." ²⁴And all who went out of the gate of his city listened to Hamor and his son Shechem, and every male was circumcised, all who went out of the gate of his city.

²⁵On the third day, when they were sore, two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brothers, took their swords and came against the city while it felt secure and killed all the males. ²⁶They killed Hamor and his son Shechem with the sword and took Dinah out of Shechem's house and went away. ²⁷The sons of Jacob came upon the slain and plundered the city, because they had defiled their sister. ²⁸They took their flocks and their herds, their donkeys, and whatever was in the city and in the field. ²⁹All their wealth, all their little ones and their wives, all that was in the houses, they captured and plundered.

³⁰Then Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, "You have brought trouble on me by making me stink to the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites and the Perizzites. My numbers are few, and if they gather themselves against me and attack me, I shall be destroyed, both I and my household."

³¹But they said, "Should he treat our sister like a prostitute?"

The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

THE SERMON

"God and Our Families' Tragedies"

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

SERMON NOTES

1. Jacob's daughter

2. Jacob himself

3. Jacob's sons

4. God

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Lift High the Cross”

No. 263

George William Kitchin, 1887

Crucifer

REFRAIN

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim,
till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

The refrain is written in 4/4 time. The melody is on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are: "Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim, till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name." The word "Fine" is written above the final note.

1. Come, breth - ren, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
2. Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
3. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4. Thy king - dom come, that earth's de - spair may cease
5. For thy blest cross which doth for us a - tone,

The first five verses are written in 4/4 time. The melody is on a treble clef staff. The bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "1. Come, breth - ren, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod, 2. Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign, 3. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree, 4. Thy king - dom come, that earth's de - spair may cease 5. For thy blest cross which doth for us a - tone,"

our King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
the hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw men un - to thee.
be - neath the shad - ow of its heal - ing peace.
cre - a - tion's prais - es rise be - fore thy throne. *D.C.*

The final verse is written in 4/4 time. The melody is on a treble clef staff. The bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "our King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God. the hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine. as thou hast prom - ised, draw men un - to thee. be - neath the shad - ow of its heal - ing peace. cre - a - tion's prais - es rise be - fore thy throne." The word "D.C." is written above the final note.

THE BENEDICTION

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Franny J. Crosby, 1869

Near the Cross

Je - sus, keep me near the cross; there a pre - cious foun - tain,

The first line of musical notation for the song 'Near the Cross'. It consists of a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, keep me near the cross; there a pre - cious foun - tain,'

free to all a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.

The second line of musical notation. The melody continues from the first line. The lyrics are: 'free to all a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.'

In the cross, in the cross, be my glo - ry ev - er;

The third line of musical notation. The melody continues. The lyrics are: 'In the cross, in the cross, be my glo - ry ev - er;'

till my rap - tured soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

The fourth and final line of musical notation for this section. The melody concludes with a double bar line. The lyrics are: 'till my rap - tured soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.'

THE POSTLUDE

“O World, I Must Now Leave Thee”

Brahms



IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY

The arrangement in the Sanctuary is given to the glory of God.

BIRTH

Congratulations to

Allie and Forrest Baty on the birth of their son,
Alexander Frederick Baty, on March 14.

DEATH

We extend our sympathy to

Jennifer Abston on the death of her husband,
Josh Abston, on March 19.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

College | Zach Hood | Room 131

Young Adults | Robert Browning | Room 222/220

Mid 30s-40s | Parker Tenent | Fellowship Hall South

Mid 40s-50s | Jeremy Jones | Fellowship Hall North

Mid 50s-60s | Ed Norton | Chapel

Line by Line Class | Rankin Fowlkes | Room 132

Westminster Class | Jurey Howard and Ray Wilson | Room 233

60s+ | Mike Malone | Room 237

PALM SUNDAY PROGRAM

Jesus, Name Above All Names

Tonight | 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Please join us as we joyfully praise our Savior this evening in the Sanctuary, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The worship service will include choral and orchestral music by our Adult, Senior High, and Junior High Choirs; congregational hymns; and Scripture readings to praise, honor, exalt, love, and adore the One Who is above all. *Nursery available.*

IPC CHOIRS THIS WEEK

Adult Choir Palm Sunday Rehearsal — Today | 5:00 p.m. | Sanctuary
Jr. High/Sr. High Choir Palm Sunday Rehearsal — Today | 5:15 p.m. | Sanctuary
Adult Choir Rehearsal — Wednesday, March 31 | 7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

FAMILY NIGHT FISH FRY

Wednesday, April 7 | 5:30-7:00 p.m. | IPC Courtyard

*Cost: \$10 per adult; \$5 per child; Children 5 and under free

Catered by Primetime | All You Can Eat

Menu: fish, chicken, hush puppies, fries, coleslaw,
banana pudding, tea, lemonade, condiments

IPC kitchen staff and trained volunteers will be serving (no buffet)

Register and pay online at ipcmemphis.org.

Registration ends Thursday, April 1, 5:00 p.m.

*If you wish to attend but the cost is prohibitive, please talk
to your community pastor so the church can help.

We want everyone to come enjoy this night for fellowship!

PATHWAY CLASS FOR PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS

April 11, 18, 25, May 2 | Taught by Dr. Sean Lucas

If you are interested in becoming a member of Independent Presbyterian Church and want to know more about what we believe, come to our spring Pathway Class, taught by Dr. Sean Lucas during the Sunday school hour, April 11, 18, 25, and May 2. You may want to purchase *On Being Presbyterian* by Dr. Lucas, available at our bookstore, but the book is not mandatory for the class.

*To register, scan the below QR code
with your phone, or go to ipcmemphis.org.*



CHURCHWIDE SPRING DINNER AND SPEAKER

Mitch Maher | *Clarifying the Bible*

April 13 | Fellowship Hall

Box Dinner served at 5:30 p.m.

Program 6:00-8:30 p.m. (with intermission)

\$25/person includes dinner and workbook

Join us for dinner and a unique opportunity to hear Mitch Maher.

His acclaimed *Clarifying the Bible* is a passionate and compelling overview of Genesis through Revelation that will help you dive into Scripture with confidence.

Space is limited. Childcare is available for ages 0-11. Older children are encouraged to attend the program. Register at ipcmemphis.org.

CAMP PALMER REGISTRATION IS OPEN

May 28-June 1 | Barefoot Republic Camp

For 50 years, the children of Palmer Home and Independent Presbyterian Church have gone to camp together, enjoying a week of fun and friendship. Camp is open to anyone who has completed 1st grade up to 12th grade; space is limited and filled on a first come basis. This year Camp Palmer will be held at Barefoot Republic Camp in Fountain Run, Kentucky. Camp details and forms are available on our website, or you can pick up a brochure at church. *Register online at ipcmemphis.org.*

SAVE THE DATES

The Independent Cup | April 21, 24, 25

Building Intergenerational Relationships Through

The IPC Men's Ministry and Competition

Golf • Cycling • Pickleball • Rib Cookoff • Shooting • Running • Trivia

Something for Everyone!

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday *Communion Service*

April 1 | 6:00 p.m. | *Sanctuary*

Good Friday *Service*

April 2 | Noon | *Sanctuary*

Easter Sunday *Worship Services*

April 4 | 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. | *Sanctuary*

9:30 a.m. **Outdoor Family Service** | *North Parking Lot*
(*weather permitting*)

*Nursery will be provided for all services except Good Friday.
There will be no Sunday School on Easter.*



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