

PALM SUNDAY  
11:00 A.M.  
Rev. Mark Piedmonte  
Music Director – Gregory Fraser  
*\* Congregation will stand*

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: Beethoven Sonata 8 3<sup>rd</sup> Movement  
GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS - During Covid, masks are required. There will be no singing other than by the minister and organist. At this time there is no need to stand during designated hymns. Hymn lyrics are provided as inserts so you may participate spiritually. We do not touch hymnals, friendship pads, Bibles, or offering plates. Place offering in plate upon entrance or when exiting.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: The end of our services this week will be a bit different as we will transition from the celebration of Palm Sunday into the solemnity of Holy Week. After the final hymn we ask you to remain for a reading of the Passion of Jesus, followed by the ancient tradition of stripping the church bare. (As such, the service will be around 15 minutes longer than usual). Once finished, please leave the church in silence and refrain from talking until you’ve reached your cars, taking time to remember and reflect on the impact of the week ahead.

MISSION MOMENT: Operation We Care

INTROIT: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (Celtic version) *(See Insert to follow along)*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 118)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; **All: his love endures forever.**

Leader: Let Israel say: **All: “His love endures forever.”**

Leader: Let the house of Aaron say: **All: “His love endures forever.”**

Leader: Let those who fear the Lord say: **All: “His love endures forever.**

Leader: Let us worship our good and loving God! **All: Hosanna! Alleluia!\***

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray:

**All: God of salvation, our Lord entered his passion to raise us to life. In this holiest of weeks, help us to walk the way of the cross, that we may be raised in a resurrection like his and dwell forever in you, Eternal God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen**

\*OPENING HYMN: “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” *(See Insert)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Let us confess our sin to our God, trusting that God’s steadfast love endures forever. Let us pray:

**All: God of heaven and earth, we give you thanks for sending us Jesus Christ in your name. Even though we profess to follow him, we confess that in times of trial we too often deny him. Forgive us and heal us, we pray. Help us to put our faith not in the princes of this world, but only in the Prince of Peace. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear this wonderful news: because of the grace we’ve received in Christ, we have nothing to fear! **All: Because of Christ we are Forgiven and freed! This we believe; for this we are forever grateful. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*RESPONSE: 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. Amen.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE:

Leader: The peace of Christ be with all of you. **All: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us share a sign of Christ’s peace with each other in community.

*(turn to extend signs of peace to neighbors from a distance)*

YOUTH MESSAGE: Make Some Noise!

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Let us join together in prayer, asking for the Scriptures to be opened to us:

**All: Spirit of life, as we hear again the stories of the parade and the passion, awaken our ears and open our heart to the fullest power of your Word. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Philippians 2:5-11 **Sung Response** (Psalm 118:24-29)

Mark 11:1-11

**Response to God’s Word**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord! **All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: “Preparing for Impact”

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\*HYMN: “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High” *(See Insert)*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Philippians 2:5-11

**We believe in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

PRAYERS FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE (Please be seated)

**Response:** Leader: Save us, O Lord; **All: Your mercy is great.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

OFFERTORY / DOXOLOGY / DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN: “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant” *(See Insert)*

\*BENEDICTION (Please be seated)

A READING OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD: Mark 14:12 - 15:47

**After the church is stripped and the lights are dimmed and extinguished,  
please exit the church in silence**

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my richest gain I count but loss,  
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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 through 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?  
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demands my soul, my life, my all.

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To thee, Redeemer, King  
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2. For us baptized, for us he bore  
his holy fast and hungered sore;  
for us temptations sharp he knew,  
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3. For us by wickedness betrayed,  
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he bore the shameful cross and death,  
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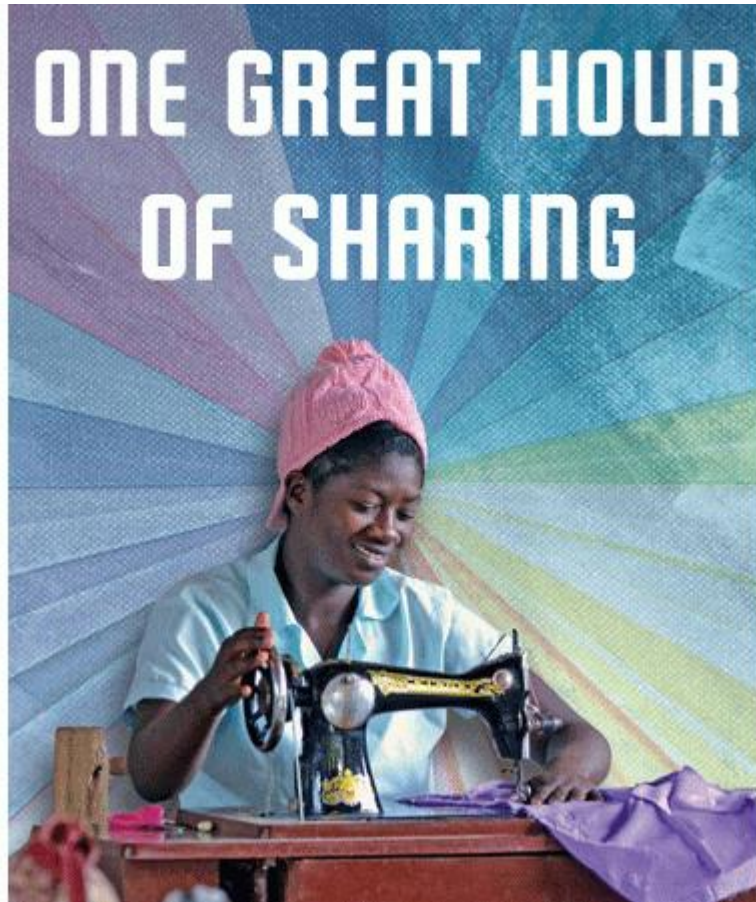


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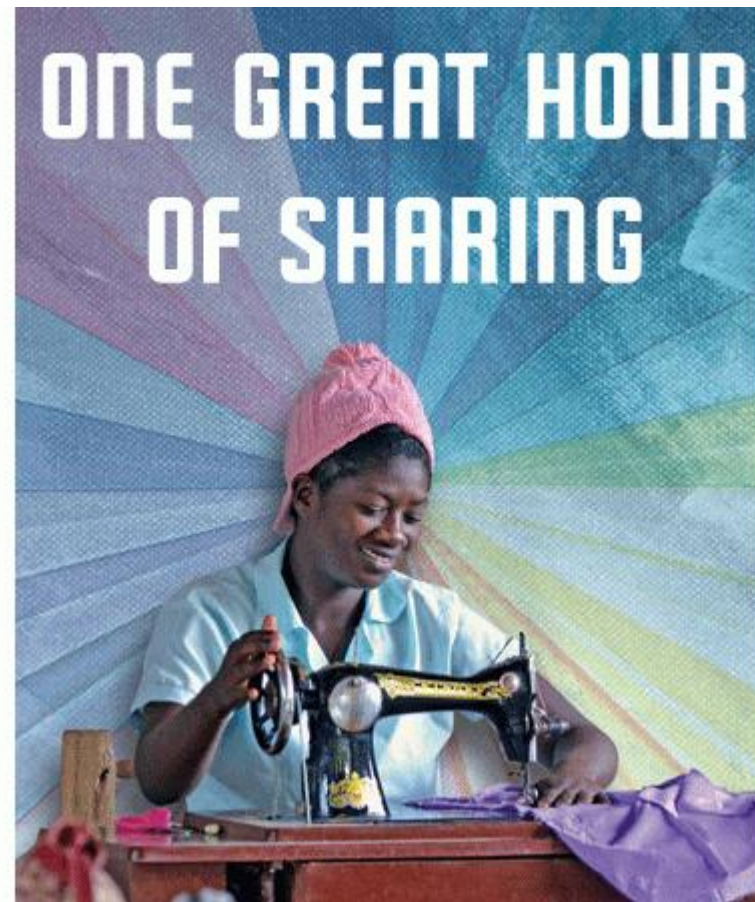


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