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Prelude & Procession:

Call To Worship & Scripture Reading, Mark 11:1-11, p. 823

Reader: When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."'

They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it.

Leader: Blessed is the coming kingdom.

All: Hosanna in the highest!

Reader: Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Leader: Blessed is the coming kingdom.

All: **Hosanna in the highest!**

Reflection on Scripture:

Proclaim Psalm 118

Hymn #203 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Children's Message: Do we all have to believe the same thing at the same time?

Affirmation of Faith

Pastor: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God. Do you believe in God?

People: I believe in God.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

The Nicene Creed Hymn #15

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in the 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.

Right Hand of Fellowship

Extend a greeting to those nearby as they wish to be greeted. Today would be the perfect day to use that most ancient of Christian welcomes "*Peace be with you*" to which one responds, "*and also with you.*"

A Prayer of Joys and Concerns:

Let us recite the Lord's Prayer together:

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 forever. Amen.

[For next week, please feel free to send me your joys & concerns and I'll include them in our prayers: minister@bccnh.org or call/text (857) 259-7269.]

Hymn: #43 *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

MINISTRY OF SHARING

***DOXOLOGY: #809 "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 for the Gifts We've Been Given:**

**Holy God, we give thanks for your saving love
made known to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ.
Bless these gifts that they may bring life
on earth as in heaven;
in Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

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Scripture Reading: Mark 15:6-15, pp. 828-829

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, 'Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

[RESPONSE: #820 Threefold Amen \(Danish\)](#)

Reflection on the Scripture:

Hymn: #467 *There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood*

A Prayer to Send us Back Out into the World (a Prayer of Confession to send us into Holy Week)

Minister: Let us confess our sins to God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

All: **We confess that we have sinned,
and although we would like to deny it,
we have forsaken you.
We are horrified by the suffering we cause—
to you, ourselves, and the world you have created.
Open the gates of your forgiveness and restore us
in your love,
for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Minister: The Lord God helps us; we will not be disgraced.
The Lord God helps us; who can declare us guilty?
Sister and brothers, beyond the shadow of doubt,
your sins are forgiven.

By the mercy of Christ, let us stand together
forgiven and free and proclaim the Good News:

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

[CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: # 839 "God Be With You Till We Meet Again;
by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with
you till we meet again."](#)

Postlude

Here ends our worship, now let our service begin.



PRAYER LIST (3/24/24)

- Friends & family of Ken Perrin, Alice Krom, Dave Flannery, Marc Searles.
- For Dave Joki, member of the Brookline Fire Department, fighting cancer
- For Paul, John's friend, who's in a tough fight with cancer.
- For Kim, Donna's relative, whose liver transplant had a setback
- For Brandon, Jill & Kevin's friend, on the heart transplant list.
- For Kevin, Kevin's dad, who's facing some medical issues
- For a friend, figuring out a way to pay her rent
- For a family in transition
- For Terry, Kym's friend, recovering from a double lung transplant, hopefully headed home soon.
- For Ken, Ann's dad, facing complicated diagnosis and treatment
- For Susan, John Nicholson's mom, home after a stay in the hospital, but heading back there for more procedures.
- For Natalie, Marjorie's sister-in-law, recovering from her third heart attack.
- For Alison, Susan's friend, whose breast cancer has returned at Stage 4.
- For Kim, Amy's friend, recovering from a liver transplant
- For Warren, George Razzaboni's brother, entering chemo
- For Alex, Marjorie's friend, starting a new round of chemo
- For Sandy, Ann's sister, who is dreading the one-year anniversary of her husband's death
- For Wiznadine and the other citizens of Haiti, as they face rising violence
- For many friends who are sick, may they recover quickly
- For the people of Israel and Palestine, may they find a way forward
- For the people of Ukraine, who fight on, even as the world looks elsewhere
- For the people of Taiwan, searching for peace in the face of hostility
- For those who have no one to pray for them, accept our prayers
- Individuals serving in our military & their families

Palm Sunday Household Prayer: Morning¹

Jesus, in your passion and resurrection, you show me there is no place you have not been and no place you fear to go. Morning by morning, you awaken me more deeply to this truth. Send me into the world this day with the courage and wisdom to be a faithful witness to your coming reign of justice, mercy, and peace. Amen.

Palm Sunday Household Prayer: Evening

Although I have sought to serve you this day, I have failed to keep your love. You know my strengths and weaknesses more than I; reveal them to me that I may be healed this night and begin afresh tomorrow. Amen.

Maundy Thursday Household Prayer: Morning

Each day, O Lord, I wash my feet, my hands, and head almost without thinking. It is a routine of the morning, ordinary, even perfunctory. This morning, make me newly aware of the water that pours out and over, spilling in abundance, washing me clean. As I go through this day, place before me an opportunity to serve someone—family member, friend, neighbor, or stranger. Help me bend to another's need without seeking gain or advantage. And, if someone should offer to serve me in some way, give me a heart open and vulnerable enough to receive what is offered in kindness, all for love's sake, which is for your sake. Amen.

Maundy Thursday Household Prayer: Evening

God of love, thank you for knowing us fully and loving us to the end. On this night of the Christian year especially, I am grateful to be part of the community of Jesus' disciples. Thank you for all those who handed the faith on to me, and those who continue to teach me by example what it means to serve you and to serve one another. Thank you for making a place for me at your table, even though I fall short of what you have called me to be and to do. In evening's rest,

I remember that, for Jesus, no rest would come this night or tomorrow. Yet, in forgiveness and love, he is with us always: the light shining in the darkness. Amen.

Good Friday Household Prayer: Morning

In you, O God, our ancestors trusted; they cried to you, and you delivered them. Hear my cry this day and deliver me from evil, until I rise to meet you on the day of resurrection. Amen.

Good Friday Household Prayer: Evening

On you, O God, I was cast from birth; since my mother bore me you have been my God. Keep me safe this night and hold me at your breast, until I rise to meet you on the day of resurrection. Amen.

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Announcements

Treats for Easter Coffee Hour

We'd welcome any treats you can provide so we have an abundant and welcoming coffee hour on Easter morning!

2024 Book Group: Anthony Marra's *Mercury Pictures Presents*

The first session had great conversation, and we're all looking forward to even more opinions showing up for the second session. If you have questions, please contact Sanjay (sgcherian@gmail.com).

Let's try and meet on:

- March 17, 4:00-5:30pm; read Part 1 (stop when you get to the chapter "The People vs. Art Feldman")
- April 14, 4:00-5:30pm; read the rest of the book

Maundy Thursday, March 28, Remember Jesus' Last Supper

We remember Jesus' Last Supper and the blessing he promised to his disciples. This year, the Mason Congregational Church is hosting the 7:00pm joint service at 33 Valley Rd in Mason. At 6:00pm, we'll hold a potluck soup and bread supper in the Social Hall. All are welcome to both or either.

Good Friday Vigil, March 29

From 3:00 to 9:00pm, the church is open for quiet reflection on Jesus' death at human hands. Many find this time of deep quiet profoundly renewing.

Easter Sunday Service, March 31, 6:15am at Andres or 10:00am

We celebrate the greatest of Good News – Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, indeed!

Faith Formation: Deepen Your Connection with God: Apr. 14, 8:30am

We will be offering faith formation sessions once a month. In addition to the activities designed for the kids, we'll be offering a separate track of reflections on Christian Faith Practices for the adults.

We meet at 8:30am on Sunday mornings: 4/14 (moving from 4/7 because I usually take the Sunday after Easter off), 5/5, 6/2

Horton Center Schedule for 2024 looks awesome!

Lots of fun theme weeks, from Mysteries on the Mountain to Hogwarts at Horton Center. If you know of anyone who could use some time in a beautiful place, centered on Christian faith, please pass the word. Scholarships are available.

www.hortoncenter.org

Would You Like Offering Envelopes for Your Weekly Offering?

Just let Bill Dunbar (financechair@bccnh.org) know, and he'll set you up!

Gently Used Winter Clothes can find a good next home

If you have any gently used winter clothes, let Amy (arazz3914@gmail.com) know. She'll find a good home for them.

Email Scams may appear to come from the church!

You may get an email that appears to come from the church or Rev. Cath asking for money or gift cards. We won't ever do that, so you can ignore them.

Unfortunately, mean people make it difficult for all of us.

There's a task list in the Social Hall if you could help with a church project

Some are bigger than others; some will require supplies that the church will provide. If you have a few hours and would be willing to take on a task, we would appreciate the help!

The Church has 12 Covid Test Kits, Take & Replace!

NH made Covid supplies available to certain non-profits. We took advantage of the program to snag 12 Covid test kits. If they become hard to find again, feel free to grab one (Candy secretary@bccnh.org can help) and replace it later.

Brookline Food Pantry

The Brookline food pantry is open on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10-2:00 for drop-offs [Brookline Food Pantry's Facebook page](#) has updates. And there's now [a long, robust Google doc](#) that shows what they need.

If there's anyone who could use some help from the Food Pantry, please let Amy know.

Help Lines

You may know someone who needs some support beyond what you can provide.

- Suicide prevention: 1-800-273-8255 (or 988)
- Sexual assault: 1-800-656-4673
- Domestic violence: 1-800-799-7233

The church's financial obligations continue.

	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Income vs. Expenses +/-
February	\$10,593	\$19,921	(\$9,328)

There are several ways to send your offering.

1. Text "GIVE" to 603-506-4455 for your first time. Click "Sign In" then "Register for an Account"
2. Scan the QR code
3. Mail to: Brookline Community Church, PO Box 507, Brookline, NH 03033.





For the month of March Outreach will be collecting items for Janice's House. Janice's House is an emergency shelter run by Bridges who offer a safe, confidential shelter at a non-disclosed location. They are staffed with trained advocates who offer support, information and referrals to women and children to assist them in rebuilding their lives.

Bridges of Milford & Nashua, NH is a nonprofit agency dedicated to helping victims & survivors of domestic & sexual violence. They offer support and options to individuals who need to talk, need information, or feel alone, afraid, or helpless. Advocates provide emotional support and information through their 24 hour support line at 603-883-3044, support victims at a hospital, police station or court, and provide emergency shelter in a safe environment at Janice's House.

These items will be collected from March 1st thru March 31st:

- **Deodorant**
- **Hand & Body Soap**
- **Toothbrushes/Toothpaste/
Mouthwash/Dental Floss**
- **Shampoos and Conditioner**
- **Body lotion**
- **Menstrual Products**
- **Hair Brushes/Combs**
- **Wash Clothes**
- **Facewash**
- **Disposable wipes**
- **Shaving Cream/Razors**
- **Baby/Childrens Diapers-Any
Size**

You may place these items anytime in the plastic bin outside the church by the side door or leave in the front hall inside the church.

If you would like to make a monetary donation you can mail a check to the Brookline Community Church, PO Box 507, Brookline NH 03033 and note that this is for the Bridge's Drive.

If you have any questions pertaining to the Bridges Drive or our Outreach Board please contact Amy Razzaboni at 603-801-9210 or arazz3914@gmail.com.



The Deacons will be donating a small number of Easter flowers to help decorate the sanctuary. Please fill out the form below and give it to a Deacon (Russell H, Barbara HH, John P, or Candy T), or email your dedication to Candy at secretary@bccnh.org. We will include your dedication in the Easter bulletin, as we have done in past years.

Dedication deadline: Sunday, March 24, 2024.

Placed by: _____

In Memory of: _____

And/or In Honor of: _____