



First Presbyterian Church of Athens

In response to God's grace, the mission of First Presbyterian Church is to create a community where people seek the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, rejoice in worship, and go forth sharing the love of Christ with Athens and the world!

April 10, 2022
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
Palm Sunday

GATHERING IN THE NAME OF GOD

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us. As we enter a holy space this morning, please silence your cell phone.

Greeting

Psalm 118:24

This is the day the Lord has made; **let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Prelude

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

All Glory, Laud and Honor arr. Frances L. Callahan

Call to Worship

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

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

This is the day the Lord has made.

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Let us rejoice and be glad.

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

*Prayer of the Day

***Processional Hymn 88** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

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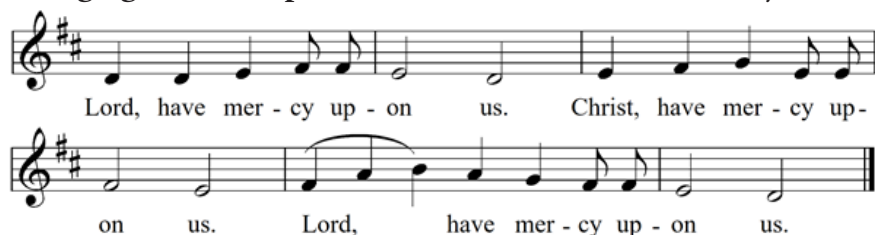
*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Triumphant God, we join the crowds of the ages in shouting your praises. While our lips give you glory, our lives don't always reflect your purposes. We sing easily of your greatness, but living faithfully is often beyond us. We hear of your salvation, yet sin is still close and real, daily leading us away from you. Have mercy on us. Ride into our hearts with healing grace. Forgive what we have done and direct who we shall be. Lord, save us. Hosanna!

*Congregational Response

Healey Willan



Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad, making note of new and old friends, check in on Facebook, and follow us on Instagram (firstpresathensga).

Bishop Theodulph of Orleans was imprisoned in 818 for conspiring against King Louis the Pious. *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* is believed to have been written by Theodulph while in prison. The original Latin hymn had 78 lines. The tune is a 17th-century German chorale.

**Those who are able may stand.*

At “The Peace,” worshipers are invited to greet each other by saying, “The peace of Christ be with you,” and responding, “And also with you.”

Children are invited to remain in the Sanctuary on Palm Sunday.

The anthem is a traditional Palm Sunday text, written from the perspective of someone observing rather than participating. It is set to the hymn tune *Munich* in an arrangement by contemporary American composer Alfred Fedak.

My Song Is Love Unknown is a personal and poignant reflection on Christ’s Passion, which moves quickly from songs of praise and “hosanna” to “Crucify!” It is set to a lyrical 20th-century tune.

Scholars debate whether this powerfully poetic text is an early Christian hymn which Paul is quoting or his own composition. It is one of the best-known and most influential passages in the Pauline corpus.

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*Assurance of Pardon

*The Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Psalm 24, page 491

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

11:00 a.m. Anthem

The Simplest and the Best

Alfred V. Fedak

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang,
through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang:
to Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.
From Olivet they followed ‘mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud;
the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.
“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing.
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.
Now may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice.
And in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

Second Lesson

John 12:9-19, page 982

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Palm Sunday Parade

Dr. Ryan Baer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn 76

My Song Is Love Unknown

LOVE UNKNOWN

*Affirmation of Faith

Philippians 2:5-11

**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 of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

**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.**

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

My Song Is Love Unknown

Michael Burkhardt

***Doxology**

Hymn 592

**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**

SENDING IN THE NAME OF GOD

***Hymn 91**

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

ST. DROSTANE

***Charge and Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

LAND OF REST

Amen, amen, amen.

Postlude

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Johann Sebastian Bach

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A special word of welcome to our guests: thank you for joining us for worship this morning. Please fill out the Fellowship Pad so that we may be in touch. We are delighted you are here and look forward to seeing you again.

Nurseries for children 4 years old and younger, available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., are located next to the Children's Ministry Suite and are accessible down the stairs in the Atrium and through the glass door. Our fully vaccinated nursery staff is excited to welcome our youngest members.

Children's Church is an important developmental time for children, but there are times when children remaining in worship, watching and learning from their parents, is even more valuable. Children are invited to remain in the sanctuary on Communion Sundays, Palm Sunday, and Easter. Children's Church will resume after Easter.

NOTES ON THE SERVICE

WORSHIP LEADERS

Dr. Ryan Baer, *Senior Pastor*

Dr. Carol Strickland, *Associate Pastor*

Dr. John Coble, *Director of Music and Organist*

Lay Reader

11:00 a.m. Matt Crim

USHERS

8:45 a.m. John Simpson, Mary Peace

11:00 a.m. Jimbo LaBoon III, Beverly Phares,
Bo Thurston

AUDIOVISUAL TECHNICIANS

Jack Palmer, Paulo Santos

SUNDAY MORNING MANAGER

Rebecca Carlton

FLOWERS

The palms are given to the glory of God.

TO AID IN WORSHIP

If you need to leave the sanctuary during the service, a live video feed is available in the Atrium and at 11:00 a.m. is on Facebook and YouTube.

Available in the Narthex or from an usher:

- **Personal hearing receivers** usable anywhere in the sanctuary
- **Large-print** hymnals, Bibles, bulletins, and hymnsheets
- **Sermons** from the previous six weeks

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office, 706-543-4338, by the Prayer Request link on our church website (firstpresathens.org) or on the prayer cards in the Fellowship Pads.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY

Join Dr. Carol Strickland for the Josephine Paine Bible Study on 2nd and 4th Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Staff Conference Room. The group will study the scripture which will be the preacher's text for the upcoming Sunday. Scripture for 4/14 meeting will be John 20:1-18. Everyone welcome!

HOSPITAL STAYS

If you become aware that a church member or friend is hospitalized or otherwise in need of a pastoral visit, please let the church office know!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Week Services & Activities

Palm Sunday, April 10

Everyone is invited to join the palm procession at 10:40 a.m. in the upper parking lot.

Labyrinth in Fellowship Hall; today and Easter, 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Monday-Thursday, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

The Labyrinth will be open during Holy Week. No reservations are needed, but please check in with church staff to let them know that you are here to walk the Labyrinth.

Maundy Thursday Service, April 14, 7:00 p.m.

We will recall the night of Jesus' arrest and celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Good Friday, April 15, 7:00 p.m.

Our siblings from Athens area Presbyterian churches and campus ministry will join us for our annual Good Friday service hosted this year by FPC. It will feature prayer, scripture, and song.

Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic, April 16, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., The Hill (1800 Crescent Lane)

FPC families are invited to join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Please bring your Easter basket, picnic basket with lunch, and a blanket. RSVP online or contact the church office.

Easter Sunrise Service, April 17, 6:45 a.m.

Oconee Hill Cemetery invites everyone to the Wingfield Chapel within the cemetery grounds for an Easter Sunrise Service led by Dr. Ryan Baer at 6:45 a.m. Gates will open at 6:15 a.m. Please dress comfortably and consider bringing a flashlight and folding chair.

Easter, April 17, Worship Services 8:45 & 11:00 a.m., One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Continental Breakfast, 9:30 a.m. Atrium Porch

Join us for the celebration of the risen Christ. Instead of Sunday School we will all gather as a church family for fellowship.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Easter Special Offering

On Easter we will receive the OGHS special offering. The three programs it supports are Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, these programs provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. PDA funds are currently providing assistance to Ukrainians for emergency humanitarian aid such as food items, shelter, medicines, diapers, hygiene items, etc. You may donate by a check to FPC with "OGHS" noted on the bottom or via firstpresathens.org/give/ (please select "General Fund" under "Select a Fund," and in the optional memo write "One Great Hour of Sharing.")

Montreat Women's Connection Conference

Again this year we have reserved the Georgia Lodge for any of our members who would like to go to the conference (August 12-14). You can sign up to stay at the Georgia Lodge by **April 30** using the link on FPC website (cost \$70). Registration and information about the Women's Connection can be found at montreat.org/events/wc-2022. Please contact Carol McKay (carol_mckay@att.net or 706-354-8604) or Nancy Hernandez (nfergie2@gmail.com or 706-338-5383) if you have any questions. If you need scholarship assistance, contact Carol Strickland at cstrickland@firstpresathens.org.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 10 - Palm Sunday, Labyrinth in Fellowship Hall

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Services, Dr. Ryan Baer preaching
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School and Godly Play
- 7:00 p.m. Middle and High School Youth Group at Ness house

Monday, April 11

- 5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Handbell Room
- 6:00 p.m. Fellowship & Evangelism Commission Meeting via Zoom (*ID: 706-543-4338*)

Tuesday, April 12

- 7:00 a.m. Our Daily Bread Breakfast, First Baptist Church
- 9:00 a.m. Chair Yoga via Zoom (*Zoom ID: 558-324-3907, PW: 6136*)
- 9:30 a.m. Congregational Care Commission Flower Delivery to Homebound
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 1:30 p.m. Knitting Purls, Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group Dinner and Worship at Presbyterian Student Center

Wednesday, April 13

- 9:05 a.m. Weekday School Chapel, Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 a.m. 1820 Legacy Society Committee Meeting, Brides Room
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Chancel Choir Room

Thursday, April 14 - Maundy Thursday

- 10:00 a.m. Josephine Paine Bible Study via Zoom (*ID: 706-543-4338*)
- 11:00 a.m. Congregational Care Commission Meeting via Zoom (*ID: 706-543-4338*)
- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service, Dr. Carol Strickland preaching

Friday, April 15 - Good Friday

- 7:00 p.m. Pan-Presbyterian Community Good Friday Service, Sanctuary

Saturday, April 16 - Holy Saturday

- 11:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic, The Hill (1800 Crescent Lane)

Sunday, April 17 - Easter Sunday

- 6:45 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service, Dr. Ryan Baer preaching, Wingfield Chapel at Oconee Hill Cemetery
- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Services, Dr. Ryan Baer preaching
- 9:45 a.m. Continental Breakfast, Atrium Porch

Easter Lily Dedication

If you wish to give a contribution in honor or memory of a loved one, please place your order by **tomorrow, April 11**. Each dedication is \$10. You may place your completed form and check in the offering plate, mail it to the church office, order online, or contact the church at 706-543-4338 or frontdesk@firstpresathens.org with your dedications. Each dedication will be listed in the April 17 worship service bulletin.

In Memory of

In Honor of

Given by

EDUCATION – FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAYS FOR CHILDREN

Director of Children's Ministries: Natalie Bishop

Nursery Coordinator: Rita Raines

Children's Ministry Suite • Infants – 5th Grade

Nursery, 8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Children will enjoy playtime, story time, and snack time with their church friends in the Nursery Playroom and outside on the playground.

Godly Play, 9:45 a.m.–10:45 a.m.

Children are invited to Godly Play during the Sunday School hour. Godly Play is an innovative way of teaching and learning that helps children “discover” who God is rather than being “told” who God is. The structure and routine of Godly Play offer children a safe space to explore, connect, wonder, and worship God.

Children's Church, 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
Children are invited to Children's Church during the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. Children will begin worship with their families in the sanctuary and then will leave for the Children's Ministry Suite for Children's Church after the passing of The Peace during the 11:00 a.m. service. During Children's Church, children will worship together and experience the many ways we worship God with our families in the sanctuary – listening to God's Word, singing to God, praying to God, and giving to God. **Children are invited to remain in the sanctuary on Communion Sundays, Palm Sunday, and Easter. Children's Church will resume after Easter.**

SUNDAYS FOR YOUTH

Director of Youth Ministries: Kim Ness

Middle School Coordinator: Erin Osborne

The PIT (basement level) • 6th – 12th Grade

Middle school and high school will be combined for youth group during Lent as we focus on Matthew 25. In addition to the daily devotionals and online 40 Day Journey, we will be delving deeper into each of the “I was” statements on Sunday nights.

Jesus said, “just as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me.” Just as we began the season of Lent, we'll close our Lenten journey with a fire pit at the Ness house. We'll start the evening with some games and an Easter egg hunt – who will find the golden egg? Then gather around the fire for an introduction to Holy Week and Palm Sunday worship. We'll meet from 7-8:30 p.m. at 200 Glenwood Drive.

The next parent gathering will be **April 24**.

For more information, visit www.fpcathenspitt.com.

**While we will not be offering Youth Sunday School, we have set up a classroom in the PIT with games, crafts and comfy couches if you'd like to come enjoy some peace and quiet on Sunday mornings.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

9:45–10:40 a.m.

IN PERSON ONLY

Inquirers • Moses Waddel Room

Thoughtful introspection and lively group discussion covering contemporary issues and daily Christian living, with guest speakers or DVD studies.

Facilitators: Carl Bergmann (cberg@ccrc.uga.edu), Carla Buss (cbuss@uga.edu), Larry Jones (lfjones@uga.edu)

Parents in the PIT • The Pit

This class is an invitation for parents of children and youth to come down to the PIT for a time of fellowship and support.

Coordinator: Kim Ness (kness@firstpresathens.org)

HYBRID (*in person and over Zoom*)

Del Dunn Christian Issues • Room 308

An in-depth study and discussion of scripture – with a chapter-by-chapter reading and discussion of Acts of the Apostles. Zoom and in-person.

Coordinator: Susan Landrum (slandrum@uga.edu)

Zoom ID: 875 216 0708, PW: 634175

New Voices • Room 310

Discussion guided by *Women In the Bible*, by Jaime Clark-Soles, with emphasis on women in the lineage of Jesus Christ.

Led by: Lewis Hudgins (lewisahudgins@gmail.com)

Zoom ID: 870 1906 3194, PW: 305215

Wayne F. Middendorf Men's Bible Class

Bride's Room, Tinsley Stern

Open and honest discussion in a nonjudgmental atmosphere about various aspects of Christianity.

Contacts: Ian Hardin (ianhardin1@gmail.com), Jim Scanlon (jitscanlon@yahoo.com)

Zoom ID: 883 5159 0923

Women's Bible Class • Staff Conference Room

Reading and discussion of the Gospel of Mark.

Zoom ID: 861 8893 3837, PW: 981458

ON HOLD (*stay tuned...*)

W. D. Hooper • Room 309

The “oldest” Sunday School class at First Pres will continue to focus on a Bible Study format. **The class will resume on a date to be announced.**

Led by: Jeris Hayes (jhayefirstpres@gmail.com), Richard Lane (rlane@uga.edu)

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN 7.6.7.6 D

Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820
Trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1859Melchior Teschner, 1614
Arr. William Henry Monk, 1861

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To Thee, Re-deem-er, King!

To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

Fine

1. Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, Thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2. The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore Thee went;
 3. To Thee, be - fore Thy pas - sion, They sang their hymns of praise;
 4. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain

Who in the Lord's name com - est, The King and bless-ed One.
 Our praise and prayers and an - thems Be - fore Thee we pre - sent.
 To Thee, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
 Who in all good de - light - est, Thou good and gra-cious King!

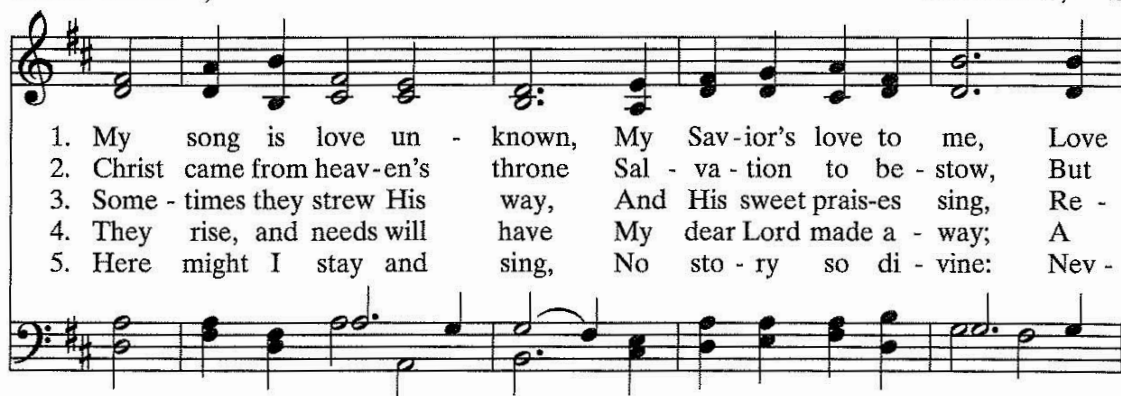
My Song Is Love Unknown

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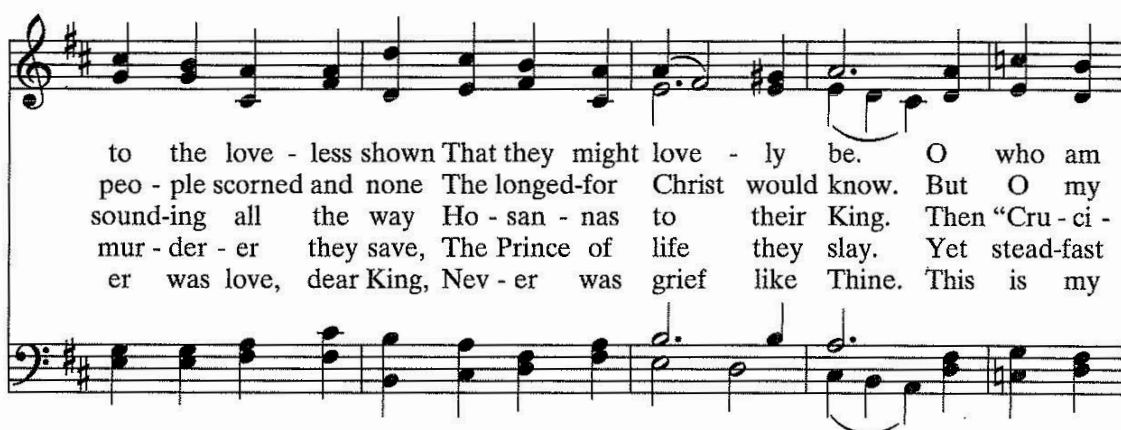
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Samuel Crossman, 1664

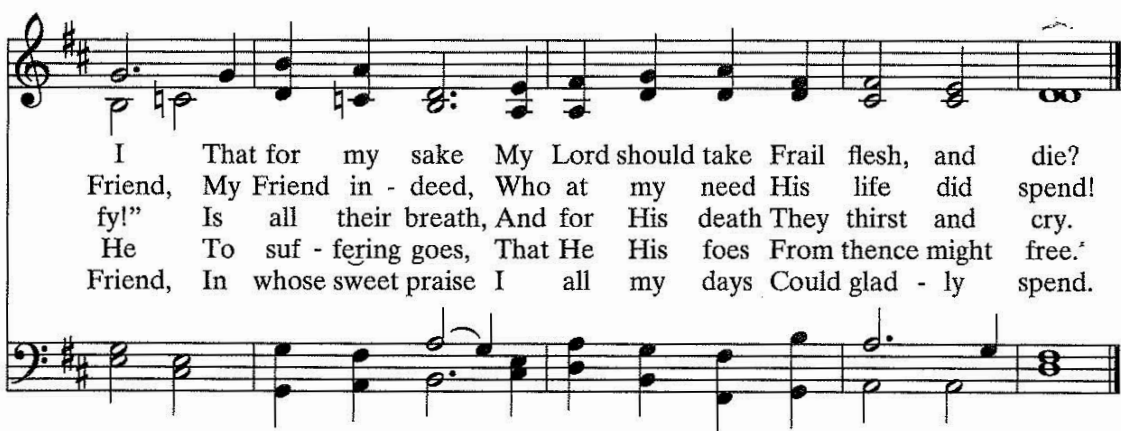
John Ireland, 1918



1. My song is love un - known, My Sav-ior's love to me, Love
 2. Christ came from heav-en's throne Sal - va - tion to be - stow, But
 3. Some - times they strew His way, And His sweet prais-es sing, Re -
 4. They rise, and needs will have My dear Lord made a - way; A
 5. Here might I stay and sing, No sto - ry so di - vine: Nev -



to the love - less shown That they might love - ly be. O who am
 peo - ple scorned and none The longed-for Christ would know. But O my
 sound-ing all the way Ho - san - nas to their King. Then "Cru - ci -
 mur - der - er they save, The Prince of life they slay. Yet stead-fast
 er was love, dear King, Nev - er was grief like Thine. This is my



I That for my sake My Lord should take Frail flesh, and die?
 Friend, My Friend in - deed, Who at my need His life did spend!
 fy!" Is all their breath, And for His death They thirst and cry.
 He To suf - fering goes, That He His foes From thence might free.
 Friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days Could glad - ly spend.

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

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ST. DROSTANE LM

Henry Hart Milman, 1827

John Bacchus Dykes, 1862

1. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the
 2. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
 3. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty! The wing - ed
 4. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly

tribes ho - san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, pur -
 pomp ride on to die: O Christ, Thy tri - umphs
 squad - rons of the sky Look down with sad and
 pomp ride on to die; Bow Thy meek head to

sue Thy road With palms and scat - tered gar - - ments strowed.
 now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 won - dering eyes To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 mor - tal pain, Then take, O God, Thy power, and reign.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Ryan Baer, Moderator Kitty Donnan, Clerk of Session
Carol Strickland, Associate Pastor

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