

# Sermon Notes

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## 1. The Hour of Triumph

## 2. The Hour of Humility

## 3. The Hour of Glory

# Welcome to Rivermont!

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Whether you are new to Lynchburg or new to church, we are so grateful to the Lord that He has brought you to us this morning. We would love to connect with you more personally and we invite you to fill out a Digital Connect Card by scanning the QR code into your mobile device. You can also fill out a Connect Card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. You can also drop it off at the Welcome Table in the Narthex (lobby) and receive a special gift as our way of saying thanks for coming.



## Next Steps:

We invite you to take some additional steps to get more connected to this church body.

- Attend a Sunday School class at 9:45 am between worship services.
- Join a Life Group, which meet throughout the week in member homes.
- Sign up for our next Getting To Know Rivermont class at [www.rivermont.org/gtkr](http://www.rivermont.org/gtkr).

# Coming Up This Week

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### Sunday, April 14 - Palm Sunday

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)  
8:30 am Worship Service  
9:45 am Sunday School  
9:45 am College Hour (Rivermont A)  
11:00 am Worship Service  
11:00 am Westminster Canterbury Worship Service  
12:30 pm 20-Somethings Lunch (Youth House)  
6:00 pm High School SNL (Youth Center)

### Monday, April 15

10:00 am Prayer Group (Family Room)  
5:15 pm Nominating Committee (Conference Room)

### Tuesday, April 16

6:30 am Dawn Patrol  
6:36 am Boys' 636 (Biscuitville)  
6:15 pm Deacons' Meeting (John Knox)  
7:00 pm Officers' Prayer Meeting (John Knox)  
7:30 pm Session Meeting (John Knox)

### Wednesday, April 17

12:00 pm 60+/- Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)  
4:00 pm Praise Ringers (206)  
5:15 pm Carillon (206)  
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir  
6:30 pm Prayer Service (Chapel)  
7:45 pm Easter Brass Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### Thursday, April 18

9:30 am CBS (Fellowship Hall)  
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Communion Service

### Friday, April 19

12:05 pm Good Friday Service

### Sunday, April 21 - Easter Sunday

7:30 am Easter Garden Service (Sanctuary Front Steps)  
8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)  
8:30 am Easter Worship with the Lord's Supper  
9:45 am Continental Brunch (Cheatham and Locke)  
11:00 am Easter Worship with the Lord's Supper

**OUR PASSION:** *the renewing of lives through God's compelling love in Lynchburg and the world.*

# Prayer Opportunities

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**IN HOSPITAL:** None

**RECUPERATING:** Erle Thompson

### MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK: Campus Outreach (CO) Summer Leadership Team

This morning concludes a weekend Leadership Retreat for staff and students from CO Lynchburg and CODC ministries. These leaders will serve in Sandbridge Beach, Virginia at the upcoming CO Alpha Project, which is an 18-day "life-giving leadership intensive" uniquely designed to establish believers in their faith and equip them to be laborers for Christ. We are privileged to have this team attending our 11:00 service. Please pray for these leaders as God prepares them to serve this summer and for the many other students who will attend the Alpha Project.

# Contact Us

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## ORDER of WORSHIP

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April 14, 2019

*Palm Sunday*

## Preparation *for* Worship

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.*

### THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Triumphant Lord and God, we have come to welcome and worship Your Son this day. Yet as the words of Scripture echo through our souls, we realize how our behavior parallels that of the people of Jerusalem: one day we are celebrating Christ's arrival, the next we are criticizing Him for the demands He places on us. Gracious God, have mercy on us, for our faith is seldom mature. At times we resist Your message. At times we have treated Your Word carelessly, producing a shallow belief. Many times we compromise and shape our faith around convenience. Loving Lord, we confess our involvement in these sins. Cleanse and renew us by the consistent love and life of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

### PRELUDE:

*"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*

Rivermont Chimes

arr. David S. Deane

### THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Mike Palombo

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:19-23, 26 (responsively)

*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.*

**Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

*This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.*

**I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.**

*The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.*

**This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

*Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the LORD!*

**We bless You from the house of the LORD.**

### \*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE: #235

*"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*

ST. THEODULPH

### \*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

### \*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Romans 8:34; 6:8, 11

### \*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE: #535

*"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!"*

EBENEZER

### \*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST: Revelation 1:4-5 (responsively)

*Grace to you and peace from Him Who is and Who was and Who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To Him Who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood.*

**Hosanna in the highest!**

### THE SPECIAL TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES:

*"Lift High the Palms of Praise"*

Lori Flowers - Director; Rebecca Edmiston - Accompanist

Chapel Choir

Brad Mix

### THE INTERLUDE:

During the interlude, children ages 4 to first grade may be dismissed for Children's Church to the Orange Room #115.

### THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: John 12:12-28 (page 899)

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE SERMON:

"His Finest Hour"

Dr. David Weber

### THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

### \*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

THE PHILIPPIAN CREED based on Philippians 2:6-11 (in unison)

We believe in Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death—even death on a cross! Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and given Him the name that is above every name; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### \*THE GLORIA:

*"Gloria Patri"*

GREATOREX

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!

### THE PASTORAL PRAYER, concluding with THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison):

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.

### THE RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Sanctuary Choir

*"Lift Your Voice"*

David Lantz III

Lift your voice! Lift it like a trumpet!

Clap your hands, sing for joy, shout with the people of God!

Hosanna! Blessed is the King Who comes in the name of the Lord!

See, He comes, riding on a donkey.

Israel's King, Jesus Christ, comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna! Blessed be the King Who comes in the name of the Lord!

Lift your voice! Lift it like a trumpet! Blessed be the King!

Praise the living God! Glory in the highest! Stand and shout, "Hosanna!"

### \*THE DOXOLOGY:

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### \*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER:

God, You are the fountain of all good: we bring to You our gifts, according to the blessings You have given. Enable us, with our earthly things, to give You the love of our hearts and the service of our lives. Let Your favor, which is life, and Your lovingkindness, which is better than life, be upon us now and always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### \*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #263

*"Lift High the Cross"*

CRUCIFER

### \*THE BENEDICTION

### \*THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN (sung by all):

"A-men, A-men, A-men!"

### \*POSTLUDE:

*"Marche Romaine"*

Charles Gounod

\*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.  
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## Prayer Ushers

Prayer Ministry teams are available after each morning service for those who would like someone to pray with them about a personal need, large or small. The Prayer Ushers will meet you at the Family Room off the Cheatham Center. They will be identified with name tags. This ministry is available to visitors as well as members. All prayer requests are confidential.

You can also share your prayer needs on a Connect Card, which can be found in the pew rack, and place it in the offering plate or one of the designated prayer boxes located outside the Library and in the Locke Commons.

## The Sanctuary Floral Arrangement

The Palms used in the service today are presented by the Butler family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Laura and Lindsay Butler, Lindsay Butler, Jr., and Hazel Butler.