

DISMISSAL PRAYER

As we go from this time together, would you Guide us this week in the remembrance of the passion of our Lord. through this season, may we not avoid struggle but open ourselves to blessing through the cleansing of your blood and passion. Help us stay connected to you this week.

CLOSING HYMN: #607 JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE

—
A Benediction Prayer from
Pastor Gary

FORGIVE US FATHER FOR MAKING OURSELVES THE SOURCE FOR THE THINGS WE FEEL WE NEED WHEN ALL ALONG YOU HAVE BEEN ENOUGH. YOU ARE THE OWNER OF THE VINEYARD, JESUS IS THE LIFE-GIVING VINE AND WE ARE THE BRANCHES. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT BY ABIDING IN THE VINE, WE PRODUCE GOOD FRUIT, THE RESULT OF OUR LIVES LIVED IN HIM. OUR MOST EARNEST DESIRE IS THAT PEOPLE MAY KNOW US AS FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST BY OUR FRUIT. AMEN



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What do you think about what Jesus describes in John 15 as spiritual pruning? What is Spiritual Pruning?
2. How do you think God does the pruning?
3. What benefits do branches derive from the vine?
4. What does love have to do with spiritual gardening?

Scripture for next week:

ISAIAH 65: 17-25;
PSALM 118: 1-2, 14-24;
I CORINTHIANS 15: 19-26;
JOHN 20: 1-18



Wollaston Church of The Nazarene

Sunday, April 5th 2020

Palm Sunday

"I Am The True Vine"

Liturgy

Until We Meet In Person Again



Call To Worship

Gathering Hymn: #215 All Glory,
Laud & Honor

Psalm 98

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music.

Make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing.

With trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—shout for joy before the Lord, the King.

Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;

Let them sing before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

I AM THE TRUE VINE

Welcome to worship! We celebrate Palm Sunday today, where we proclaim *Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!* We prepare to enter into Holy Week as we walk in the memory of the Passion of Jesus. Though we are physically apart during this season, we are still joined in spirit as the Body of Christ. You are loved and prayed for. If you have any prayer requests, needs, or just want to talk, please call the church office at 617-472-5669.

With Love In Christ, Pastor Gary and Pastor Jennie

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 55:9-13

READER: THE WORD OF THE LORD.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 5:1-6

READER: THE WORD OF THE LORD.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jesus, Lord of Life, show us how to live. When we are afraid, angry, sad or rejected, teach us to live deeply. Help us find meaning and purpose even in the moments that require dying. May this be another step in our living. We Bless you, and praise you, singing "Hosanna!" together.

We lift up our prayers and petitions to you: _____

We give you thanks for all you have done and all you are going to do. In Your Holy Name, Amen.

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 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.

GOSPEL HYMN: #600 I NEED THEE EVERY

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 15:1-17

READER: THE WORD OF THE LORD.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Sermon: Pastor Gary Sivewright

SERVICE OF THE TABLE

Until we can gather around the Lord's Table again:

Almighty God, unto you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We come to You, Lord, in meekness of heart and humility of spirit, knowing that we cannot approach You in our own righteousness, but because of Your great goodness. Your nature is always to show mercy to those who justly deserve Your wrath and punishment. We are so thankful for your forgiveness, redemption and new life you have freely given us. **Amen.**

175 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to Thee, Re - deem - er, King,
 2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing Thee on high;
 3. To Thee, be - fore Thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring,
 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
 to Thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.

Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, Thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore Thee went;
 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es, ac - cept the praise we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One!
 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!

WORDS: Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1854, alt.
 (Matt. 21:8-9; Mark 11:8-10; Luke 19:36-38)

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MUSIC: Melchior Teschner, 1615

Higher key, No. 225

Just A Closer Walk With Thee

Traditional

I am weak but Thou art strong; Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
 Thro' this world of toil and snares, If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?—
 When my fee - ble life is o'er, Time for me will be no more;—

I'll be sa - tis - fied as long— As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.
 Who with me my bur - den shares?— None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.
 Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er— To Thy king - dom shore, to Thy shore.

Just a clo - ser walk with Thee, Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea,—

Dai - ly wal - king close to Thee,— Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

I Need Thee Every Hour

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy,
 and find grace to help in time of need. Heb. 4:16 Pray without ceasing. 1 Th. 5:18

1. I need Thee eve - ry hour, most gra - cious Lord;
 2. I need Thee eve - ry hour, stay Thou near - by;
 3. I need Thee eve - ry hour, in joy or pain;
 4. I need Thee eve - ry hour; teach me Thy will;
 5. I need Thee eve - ry hour, most Ho - ly One;

No ten - der voice like Thine can peace af - ford.
 Temp - ta - tions lose their pow'r when Thou art nigh.
 Come quick - ly and a - bide, or life is vain.
 And Thy rich prom - is - es in me ful - fill.
 Oh, make me Thine in - deed, Thou bless - ed Son.

Refrain
 I need Thee, oh, I need Thee; Eve - ry hour I need Thee;

Oh, bless me now, my Sav - ior, I come to Thee.

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