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要尋求耶和華與祂的能力，時常尋求祂的面

Seek The Lord And His Strength, Seek His Presence Continually

棕枝主日
Palm Sunday

二零一八年三月廿五日
The Twenty-fifth Day of March 2018

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 25, 2018

1:00 pm English Service

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

★CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Today we hear a story of betrayal, of suffering, or death.

It is a story perhaps we do not want to hear.

People: We'd rather wave palm branches and shout hosanna.

Leader: We come today to watch and wait with those who mourn.

People: Do not be far from us, O God!

★PRAISE SONG "You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)"

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Let these branches be signs of his victory, and grant that we who carry them may follow him in the way of the cross, that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Lord Jesus Christ, you come in unexpected ways. You entered Jerusalem in humility, a servant king, riding donkey. But the people saw only what they wanted, a warrior king, bringing an end to oppression. We, too, look to you to fight our battles. In your name we wound one another with doctrine, or worse—with weapons. King Jesus, forgive and restore us. Help us to follow you humbly, even to a cross.

SILENT PRAYER

★ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news!

People: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Leader: He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.

People: We declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

★PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

RESPONSIVE READING Psalms 118:1-2,19-29 (p.565-566)

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 12:12-16 (p.106)

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON *“Hosanna, the King of Israel!”*

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LOVE

★PRAISE SONG *“Mighty To Save”*

★AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *“The Apostles’ Creed” (front cover of hymnal)*

PRAYER CARD PREPARATION

OFFERING AND PRAYER CARD COLLECTION

Leader: With grateful and humble hearts let us return to God a portion of the blessings of our lives.

★OFFERTORY SONG *“New Doxology”*

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(led by the usher)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(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.

WE BEAR GOD’S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

★PRAISE SONG *“At the Cross”*

(Please gather in center aisle to sing)

★CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

★FOURFOLD AMEN *(led by the speaker)*

★Please stand if you are able.

WELCOME!

Today – *Passion/Palm Sunday*

March 25, 2018 at 1:00 pm – English Worship Service

SPEAKER: Miss Sarah Pang

WORSHIP LEADER: Anna Fong

MUSIC LEADER: Tony Chan

USHER: Jimmy Shek

Next Week – *Easter Sunday*

April 1, 2018 at 11:00 am – Combined Bi-lingual Worship Service

SPEAKER: Rev. Bayer Lee

WORSHIP LEADER: Elder Henry Quan

ORGANIST: You Zheng Jiang

USHERS: Jonathan Chui; Jimmy Shek; Suzanne Yong-Sellers
May Mui; Jessica Teng

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Milton Mui; Rosalynn Mok

PRAYERS & PRAISE

- Thanksgiving for the free gift of God’s grace, the fellowship we share as a church family and the many blessings we have been given.
- Prayers for deliverance from suffering and hostility by God’s words on the Good Friday Holy Communion Service.
- Prayers for those who are in ill health or recovering.
- Prayers for strength, faith and wisdom for all brothers and sisters who dedicate themselves to our church ministry.
- Prayers for the safety and smooth progress on the church renovation.
- Prayers for peace in the midst of the conflicts, wars, and divisions that are taking place in our world.
- Prayers for our congregation’s steady growth and prosperity with God’s blessings, guidance and the Holy Spirit dwelling among us all.

FELLOWSHIPS & GATHERINGS

HAPPENINGS	REGULAR MEETING	TIME	CONTACT	NEXT MEETING
Brothers & Sisters In Christ (BASIC)	4th Sunday	2:00 PM	Gilbert Wong Connie Leung	April 29---Room 309
Sunday School (K-5)	Every Sunday	11:00 AM	Doreen Cheung & Vicki Louie-Shek	Grades K-5 – 2 nd Floor
Sunday School (6-12)	Every Sunday	11:00 AM-12:30 PM	Doreen Cheung & Vicki Louie-Shek	Grades 6-12 – 4 th Floor

FCPC NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1) **Welcome to the First Chinese Presbyterian Church (FCPC).** Thank you for joining us for worship today. We are glad God led you our way. With a handshake and a smile, with fellowship and cheer, as part of God's family, you are always welcome here. We hope you have a spiritual stay in our church and feel free to inquire about our other activities and various fellowships FCPC has to offer. No matter how old or young you are, there is something for everyone here!
- 2) **Tax Refund...**The receipt of your offerings for the year 2017 is ready for your tax report. Please talk to Mr. Sam Yu to register your request if you need.
- 3) **Volunteers on duty for English Worship Service...** please be at the sanctuary by 12:45 pm to be in preparation for 1 pm worship on every Sunday.
- 4) **Keep updated on FCPC news...**Join our mailing list to get weekly announcements at <http://groups.google.com/group/fcpcnyc>. Like our page at <http://facebook.com/fcpcnyc> to get the latest news and connect with other members.
- 5) **Schedule of Upcoming Sunday English Worship Services**

for April 2018 at 1 p.m.

Date	Speakers	Worship Leaders	Music Leaders	Ushers
4/8	Rev. Grace Ji-Sun Kim	Rosalynn Mok	Doreen Cheung	Jonathan Chui
4/15	Henry Kuo	Milton Mui	Vicki Louie-Shek	Justin Choy
4/22	Henry Kuo	Suzanne Yong-Sellers	Kyle Tsang	William Tsang
4/29	Rev. Lynne West	Peter Yap	Tony Chan	Connie Leung