

GRACE COMMUNITY

Presbyterian Church, PCA

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 18, 2025

10:30am

Reflection:

“The first three sections of chapter 21 feature symbolic acts disclosing Jesus’ identity and agenda. He enters Jerusalem on a donkey amid hosannas (vv. 1–11), drives money-changers out of the temple (vv. 12–17), and curses a fig tree (vv. 18–19). Symbolic acts are common in Scripture. Isaiah walked naked and barefoot as a symbol of Israel’s coming shame (Isaiah 20). Jeremiah smashed a new earthen pot before Israel’s leaders to signify impending judgment (Jeremiah 19). Hosea married a prostitute as a symbol of Israel’s spiritual prostitution (Hosea 1–2). The interpretation of the symbolism of Matthew 21 is essential.

J.M. Hamilton

Prelude

Welcome

WORSHIP IN PRAISE

Silent Preparation

Doxology

*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.*

Call to Worship.....from Revelation 19

Minister: Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him,
small and great.

People: **Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.**

Hymn of Adoration.....Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah (#110)



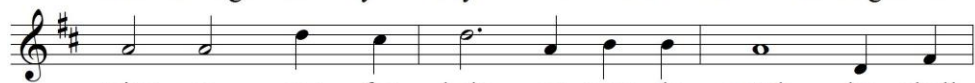
1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah
 2. Hap - py is the man that choos - es Is - rael's God to be his
 3. Food he dai - ly gives the hun - gry, sets the mourn - ing pris - ner
 4. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah



praise; I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my
 aid; he is blessed whose hope of bless - ing on the
 free, rais - es those bowed down with an - guish, makes the
 praise; I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my



God through all my days. Put no con - fi - dence in
 Lord his God is stayed. Heav'n and earth the Lord cre -
 sight - less eye to see. Well Je - ho - vah loves the
 God through all my days. O - ver all God reigns for -



princ - es, nor for help on man de - pend; he shall
 at - ed, seas and all that they con - tain; he de -
 righ - teous, and the strang - er he be - friends, helps the
 ev - er, through all a - ges he is King; un - to



die, to dust re - turn - ing, and his pur - pos - es shall end.
 liv - ers from op - pres - sion, righ - teous - ness he will main - tain.
 fa - ther - less and wid - ow, judg - ment on the wick - ed sends.
 him, your God, O Zi - on, joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

Praise Jehovah was composed by William J. Kirkpatrick (b. Duncannon, PA, 1838; d. Philadelphia, PA, 1921) and joined in the 1890s to this versification of Psalm 148, with the original seventh stanza becoming the refrain. The tune was published with an 1899 copyright date in *Life Songs*. Praise Jehovah (also known as KIRKPATRICK and AINOS) is a splendid example of the best of gospel hymn writing: a strong melody, a variety of rhythms, and some independence in the harmony parts (especially in the refrain).

Hymn of Preparation.....Come, Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted

1.Come, ye souls by sin af - flict - ed, bowed with
2.Take his ea - sy yoke and wear it; love will
3.Bless - ed are the eyes that see him, blest the
4.Sweet as home to pil - grims wear - y, light to

fruit - less sor - row down; by the bro - ken law con -
make your o - be - dience sweet Christ will give you strength to
ears that hear his voice; bless - ed are the souls that
new - ly o - pened eyes, like full springs in des - erts

vict - ed, through the cross, be - hold the crown; look to
bear it, while his grace shall guide your feet safe to
trust him, and in him a - lone re - joice; his com -
drea - ry, is the rest the cross sup - plies; all who

Je - sus, look to Je - sus, look to
glo - ry, safe to glo - ry, safe to
mand - ments, his com - mand - ments, his com -
taste it, all who taste it, all who

Je - sus; mer - cy flows through him a - lone.
glo - ry, where his ran - somed cap - tives meet.
mand - ments then be - come their hap - py choice.
taste it shall to rest im - mor - tal rise.

WORSHIP IN CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession of Sin

Words of Comfort and Promise.....Galatians 5

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

WORSHIP AND THE MEANS OF GRACE

The Public Reception of David, Chizoma and Udeagha Mbonu
Ruling Elder, Andrew Caudal

Membership Vows: BCO* 57-5

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving his displeasure and without hope except through his sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon him alone for salvation as he is offered in the gospel?
3. Do you resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the church, promising to promote its purity and peace?

The Sacrament of Covenant Baptism of Udeagha Uke Mbonu
Teaching Elder, Kyle Oliphint

*The Book of Church Order

The First Reading of God's Word.....Psalm 8:1-9
pp 450-451

The Second Reading of God's Word.....Matthew 21:1-22
p 826

Reader: This is the Word of God.

People: Amen!

We offer an optional **Children's Lesson** for children 4 years old through 1st grade. If you choose to have your children participate, you may dismiss them for CL as we sing the hymn of response. Please know we welcome and encourage your children to remain with you during the sermon. However, in the CL they will be hearing from the same text that the sermon is based upon, so you may discuss the message as a family after church if you wish to do so.

Prayer of Consecration and Illumination

Hymn of Response and Preparation.....*Show Us Christ*



Pre-pare our hearts, O God, help us to re-ceive.
Break the hard and ston-y ground, help our un-be-lief.
Plant your Word down deep in us, cause it to bear fruit,
o-pen up our ears to hear, lead us in your truth. Show us Christ,
show us Christ, O God, re-veal your glo-
-ry through the preach-ing of your Word un-til ev-
- 'ry heart con-fess-es Christ is Lord.

Hearing from God’s Word.....*Matthew 21:1-22*
Rev. Kyle Oliphint *He Arrives*

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Please see instructions on the inside back cover of your bulletin.

“The key difference between a Pharisee and a believer in Jesus is inner heart motivation. Pharisees are being good but out of a fearful need to control God. They don’t really trust him or love him. To them God is an exacting boss, not a loving father. Christians have seen something that has transformed their hearts toward God so they can finally love and rest in the Father. . . . Jesus Christ, who had all the power in the world, saw us enslaved by the very things we thought would free us. So he emptied himself of his glory and became a servant (Philippians 2). He laid aside the infinities and the immensities of his being and, at the cost of his life paid the debt for our sins, purchasing us the only place our hearts can rest, in his Father’s house.”

Timothy Keller

Communion Hymns

Just As I Am (#501) – Charlotte Elliot/William Bradbury

1. Just as I am, without one plea,
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2. Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To thee whose blood can cleanse each
spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3. Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5. Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6. Just as I am, thy love unknown
Hath broken every barrier down;
Now, to be thine, yea thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us (#599) – Dorothy Thrupp/William Bradbury

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy folds prepare.
Blesséd Jesus, blesséd Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are. (2x)

2. We are Thine, Thou dost befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray.
Blesséd Jesus, blesséd Jesus!
Hear, O hear us when we pray. (2x)

3. Thou hast promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse and power to free.
Blesséd Jesus, blesséd Jesus!
Let us early turn to Thee. (2x)

4. Early let us seek Thy favor,
Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
With Thy love our bosoms fill.
Blesséd Jesus, blesséd Jesus!
Thou hast loved us, love us still. (2x)

Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It! (#701) – Fanny Crosby/A.L. Butler

1. Redeemed--how I love to proclaim it!
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed through His infinite mercy,
His child, and forever, I am.

*Refrain: Redeemed, redeemed,
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed, through his infinite mercy
His child, and forever, I am.*

2. Redeemed and so happy in Jesus,
No language my rapture can tell;
I know that the light of His presence
With me doth continually dwell. *Refrain*

3. I think of my blessed Redeemer,
I think of Him all the day long;
I sing, for I cannot be silent;
His love is the theme of my song. *Refrain*

WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE

(Please consider filling out your prayer request **now** and dropping it in the offering plate.)

Offertory.....We Will Glorify the King of Kings

We will glorify the King of Kings,
We will glorify the Lamb!
We will glorify the Lord of Lords,
Who is the great I AM!

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty,
We will bow before His throne!

We will worship Him in righteousness,
We will worship Him alone!

Hallelujah to the King of Kings,
Hallelujah to the Lamb!
Hallelujah to the Lord of Lords
Who is the great I AM!

Closing Hymn.....All Glory, Laud, and Honor (#235)



1.All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er,
2.The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee
3.Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es, ac - cept the prayers we



King, to whom the lips of chil - dren made
went; our prayer and praise and an - thems be -
bring, who in all good de - light - est, thou



sweet ho - san - nas ring! Thou art the King of
fore thee we pre - sent: to thee, be - fore thy
good and gra - cious King! All glo - ry, laud, and



Is - rael, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son, who
pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise; to
hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King, to



in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One!
thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week's Sermon Passage

Matthew 21:23-27

Financials

1st Quarter 2025: \$203,063

Upcoming Events

- **Monthly Potluck Lunch: June 1 after worship**

Set-up/Clean-up Coordinator: Laurie Hoshauer
(glhoshauer@att.net)

Please bring the following:

ALL: main dish

By Last Name:

A-J: salad

K-O: side

P-Z: dessert

Missions Spotlight: Isaiah 55 Mission Trip

Please check your email, the LoG Facebook page, or look for a text from Remind to sign-up to help with set-up and/or clean-up this month. Thank you for your help with this ministry!

- **VBS 2025!** It's that time of year again for...VBS!!

This year's theme is True North- Trusting Jesus in a Wild World through an Alaskan Adventure!! **June 23-27: Monday-Friday, 9:00-12:00** Sign ups are now open:



As always, if you have ANY questions, please reach out to Lezli Richie (972-965-0472, lezlirichie@gmail.com). Looking forward to another AMAZING year of VBS!!

- Our **Sunday School** program is on Summer Break. We will begin again in the late summer/early fall. Dates coming soon.

- **Membership at GCPC:** If you are interested in becoming a member of GCPC, please contact our Ministry Coordinator, Sherrie Hamby (officgcpcfw@gmail.com). She will coordinate a meeting with the elders and those interested in becoming members of our church. We will publicly receive our newest members during our worship service **Sunday, October 5th, 2025**. So far, since April, we've received the Mbonu family and Andrew Bell.
- **Asst Pastor Search Update:** In the Lord's providence the candidates we brought in for interviews have chosen other opportunities and so the search is continuing. Please pray that we will trust the Lord as a church while we search and wait on His perfect timing to bring us the man He's chosen for us.

Church Directory! This summer, we will be updating and revamping our church directory. In preparation for this effort, we need your help! If you are a member of GCPC, please follow the link below and take just a few minutes to make sure we have the most current information for you and your family (i.e., names, phone, email, address, etc.). <https://shorturl.at/xqXtY> Contact Jordan Sims for more information jorsim613@gmail.com.

Guys of Grace (GoG) (text @guysofgr to the number 81010 for periodic updates on all things GoG related)

- **GoG Fellowship Nights:** These **bi-monthly fellowship** nights are meant as an informal time for our guys to get together and discuss/do the things that interest them—theological discussion, sports, fire pit, pipe smoking, etc. These events are BYOB (Beef, Brew), and we will have the grills running. Our next fellowship night will be **this Friday, May 23rd, 2025 at 6:00pm** at the church. Contact Jordan Sims for more information jorsim613@gmail.com.
- **Men's Group:** The Guys of Grace study began their study of Philemon. Their next meeting is this Wednesday, **May 21st**, at 7pm. Please contact Sean Henry for more information: seanph10@yahoo.com

- **Tuesday Morning Men's Prayer Meeting:** 6:15am every Tuesday in the Conference Room.

Ladies of Grace (LoG) (text @loggr to the number 81010 for periodic updates on all things LoG related)

- **Ladies' Summer Bible Study:** Our next study will begin **the first week June**. We will watch ten video lessons from R.C. Sproul titled "Classic Collection" and discuss the accompanying outline and questions. Sign-ups available before and after church in the foyer during the month of May. Cost is \$3 for the outline and the videos are free (links will be provided). Contact Jen Smith for more information: 817-627-7655.
- **Ladies' Prayer Meeting:** Thursdays at 10:00am Please contact Robbi Parker for Zoom link: oarsinsailsup@gmail.com.

Missions of Grace (MoG)

- **Missions Spotlight for May: Metanoia Ministries**
Metanoia's purpose is to partner with the church for the discipleship, mentoring and reintegration of prisoners. There are 726,000 Texans either behind bars or in the Texas criminal justice system. They need to hear about hope in Christ!
Paul and Laura Miller disciple prisoners with a team of volunteers in prisons all over Texas.
- Please take this survey from **Missions of Grace** following our Missions Conference:



Student Ministries of Grace (SMoG) (text @smogrem to 81010 for periodic reminders of all things SMoG related)

- **All Events Listed:** Please see SMoG page on our website: <https://gcpcfw.org/resources/student-ministries-of-grace/> or scan the QR code for a full calendar of events for SMoG through May, 2025.



SMoG will meet this Wednesday night, May 21st..

Greystone at Grace: Summer Book Club

This summer we will discuss J. Gresham Machen’s *Christianity and Liberalism*. Although written in the early 1900s, Machen’s classic defense of Reformed Orthodoxy remains relevant today. We will meet once a month from June to August at Jared and Melissa Brown’s home. More details to come. If you are interested in joining the conversation, please contact Jared Brown. You can email Jared: j.brown@greystoneinstitute.org.

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