

**First Parish Church, Congregational
On the Village Green
Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts**

*Awaken to the Light and Love of God;
Be a Joyful Beacon to the World*

Rev. Dr. Mark Boyea, Minister
Dr. Herman Weiss, Director of Music and Organist

With Your life of courage, strength, compassion and sacrifice inspiring and guiding us, we now together say the words You gave us...

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.

Prayer Intentions

Time of Silent and Spoken Prayer

The Gospels

Luke 19:29-40

Paul Driscoll

(New Revised Standard Version Bible Translation)

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"

³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

“Once Upon a Tree” (bulletin insert)
A Cantata by Pepper Choplin
Performed by the First Parish Church Choir

Blessing

Closing Song *“Go Out With Joy”* Shrimpton
text – Isaiah 55:12

- **Maundy (Holy) Thursday, April 14, 7 PM, In person, online** A time of prayer, music, Scripture and Reflection in Commemoration of The Last Supper and final night of Jesus’ life
- **Good Friday, April 15, In person & on Zoom, 7 PM** A time of meditation on the “Seven Last Words of Christ” with prayer, music, and Reflection
- **Easter Ecumenical Sunrise Service, April 17, 5:59 AM, In person**
Singing Beach
- **Easter Celebration at First Parish, April 17, 10:00 AM In person and online**
- **TODAY, April 10**, in commemoration of Palm Sunday, Dr. Herman Weiss and the First Parish Choir will present *“Once Upon a Tree”*, a cantata with words and music by Pepper Choplin, as the centerpiece of our 10 AM Worship time. This deeply spiritual experience is not to be missed!

The cantata tells the story of Jesus’s final entrance into Jerusalem and portrays the Passion story through His crucifixion to the light of His resurrection. The First Parish Choir, directed by Dr. Herman Weiss, will sing with narration by Rev. Dr. Mark Boyea and with soloists Paul Knox, Jim Brennan and Rebecca Shrimpton, portraying the central characters from the Gospel texts.

“Once Upon a Tree” completes the portrayal of Jesus's journey begun with “Once Upon a Night”, which the Choir performed during this past Advent.

- Our Deacons this morning are Nancy Peterson and Barbara Smith.

- The flowers are given in loving memory of lost ones.
- **“Coffee Hour Fellowship” has returned immediately following Worship!**
Please plan to stay in the Sanctuary to participate.
- Readers and Greeters are always needed, to volunteer speak to the Deacons, or you can also sign up [online](#).
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4caba822a1f49-diaconate>
- Listening devices are available for those in need; they are at the back of the Sanctuary. Feel free to address a Deacon should you need help.
- Welcome to all who are new to our Worship time. To join our mailing list please fill out a “Welcome Card” to place in the collection plate or contact office.fpchurch@gmail.com, 978-526-7661 ext. 1.
- You can contribute to the work of First Parish Church or pay your pledge @PayPal.Me/FPChurchManchester
- [Click to read](#) The Church Bell Newsletter of First Parish Church Congregational for March 2022.
- Our current ***“Spiritual Exploration”*** unit is Lent-focused and concludes this week:

“The Usual Suspects”

Tuesdays: April 12, 7:00-8:30pm on Zoom

During this unit we are examining the lives and actions of some of the characters the Gospels identify as playing important roles in the death of Jesus, such as Judas, the religious leaders in Jerusalem, Herod and Pilate.

We are also exploring how those actions, as a function of timeless human failings, emotions, and the context of time and place, might speak to us in our time and place.

- As always, you will continue to receive reminders and details on dates, times, and how to participate in all our offerings from the Church Office either on the day of or day before each gathering.

- Manchester Affordable Housing Trust Announces Emergency Rental Housing Payment Assistance - The Manchester Affordable Housing Trust (MAHT), in collaboration with Action, Inc., a Gloucester-based human and social services agency, is offering short-term rental housing payment assistance to income eligible Manchester residents in response to job and income loss related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Consistent with its mission to support and promote community affordable housing, the MAHT is reaching out to income eligible residents who are experiencing housing rent payment issues.
- The MAHT can and wants to help during this difficult and uncertain time. For further information please contact Action, Inc. at 978-282-1000 or live chat at www.actioninc.org<<http://www.actioninc.org>.
- Stewardship – Though many of us do not use the pledge offering envelopes anymore, please look in the Narthex to see if your name is on a box. If you don't need them, please let Mary Ellen know and she will take you off the boxed envelope list.
- The Outreach and Service collection continues for The Open Door and Grace Center. Bring items to the Chapel or Church. There is a box outside by the Church Office at the Chapel:
 - Baking Mixes - Cake, Brownie, Cookie, Muffin, Pancake
 - Peanut Butter
 - Canned Tuna, Chicken, and Turkey
 - Healthy Snack Items
 - 100% Juice/Juice Boxes
 - Breakfast Cereal
 - Hearty Soups
 - Canned Vegetables and Fruits
 - Spaghetti Sauce
 - Macaroni and Cheese
 - Rice, Noodles, Pasta
 - Pet Food
 - Gift cards from local grocery markets

- From the Open Door and the Outreach and Service Committee
Volunteers needed Fridays
Fulfillment Center, 11-1pm
Fulfillment Center, 1-3pm
Pick-Up Assistant, 3-5pm
No Contact Deliveries, 3-5pm

Visit VolunteerHub to claim your spot now:

<http://foodpantry.volunteerhub.com/>

- **Book Group** is open to everyone! Consider joining us. Questions can be directed to Mary Ellen Cook at 978-500-0018.

In April, we meet on **Monday, April 25** at 6:30 at Mary Ellen's home 23 Harold Street to discuss. "The Henna Artist" by Aika Joshi.

Escaping from an abusive marriage, seventeen-year-old Lakshmi makes her way alone to the vibrant 1950s pink city of Jaipur. There she becomes the most highly requested henna artist—and confidante—to the wealthy women of the upper class. But trusted with the secrets of the wealthy, she can never reveal her own...

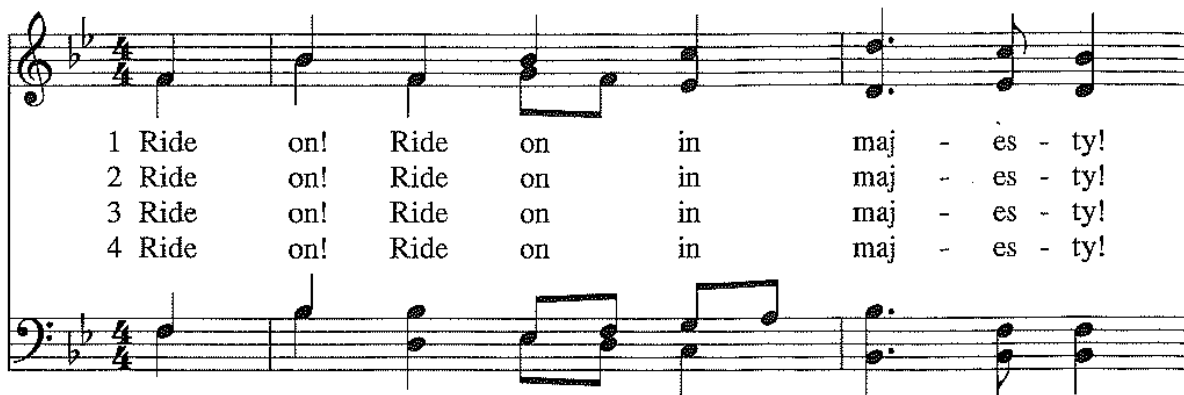
Known for her original designs and sage advice, Lakshmi must tread carefully to avoid the jealous gossips who could ruin her reputation and her livelihood. As she pursues her dream of an independent life, she is startled one day when she is confronted by her husband, who has tracked her down these many years later with a high-spirited young girl in tow—a sister Lakshmi never knew she had. Suddenly the caution that she has carefully cultivated as protection is threatened. Still she perseveres, applying her talents and lifting up those that surround her as she does.

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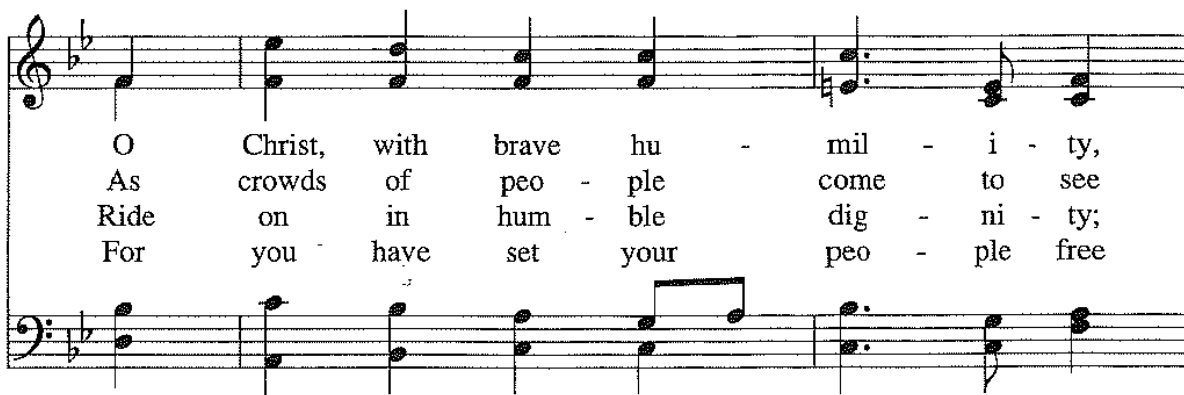
Ride On! Ride On in Majesty

Luke 19:36-38; Zech. 9:9

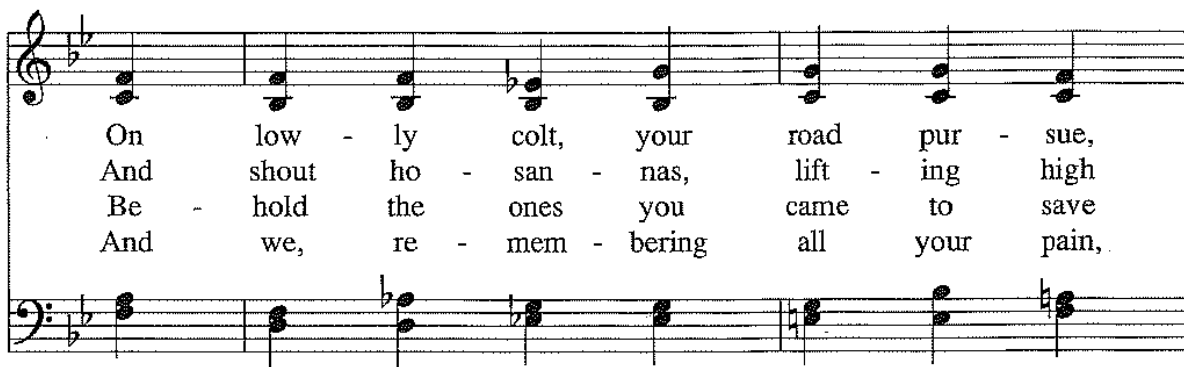
Henry H. Milman, 1827; adapt. Lavon Bayler, 1993



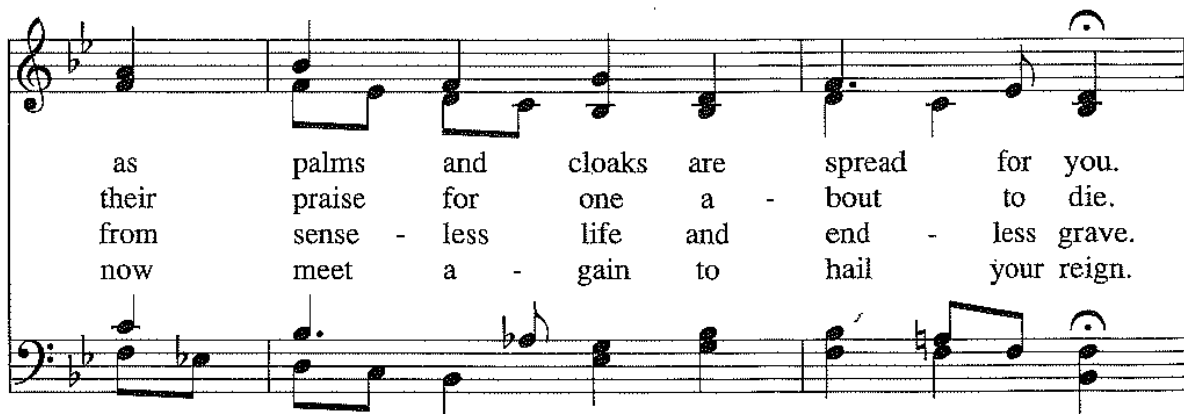
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3 Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty!
4 Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty!



O Christ, with brave hu - mil - i - ty,
As crowds of peo - ple come to see
Ride on in hum - ble dig - ni - ty;
For you have set your peo - ple free



On low - ly colt, your road pur - sue,
And shout ho - san - nas, lift - ing high
Be - hold the ones you came to save
And we, re - mem - bering all your pain,



as palms and cloaks are spread for you.
their praise for one a - bout to die.
from sense - less life and end - less grave.
now meet a - gain to hail your reign.

Henry H. Milman, a priest of the Church of England, served successively as professor of poetry at Oxford, canon of Westminster, and dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, London. He was also a successful playwright and historian.

Tune: ST. DROSTANE L.M.
John B. Dykes, 1862
Alternate tune: WINCHESTER NEW