



# The Presbyterian Church of New Rochelle

Our true identity is found when we stop being "who we are" and start becoming  
who we were created to be. Alyssa J. Howard

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WORSHIP SERVICE  
PASSION/PALM SUNDAY  
APRIL 9, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.

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PRELUDE Ride On in Majesty! Broughton

INTROIT: Hosanna!

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 118)

One: We gather this Sabbath to give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast  
love endures forever!

**Many: The Lord is God and he has given us light.**

One: Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

**Many: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**All: For this is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in  
it with songs of Laud and honor!**

**\*OPENING HYMN #88** "All Glory Laud and Honor"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Our Lenten journey is nearly complete. We reflect on God's generous gift of  
grace knowing how the story ends and we find ourselves wanting. Forgive us  
we pray when we forget that sunless Friday, the denial and the betrayal, the  
sacrifice that was made for us. We too love a parade wanting to waive our  
palms without kneeling at the cross. Let us not be distracted by the glitter of**

**wealth, intoxicating power or vain adulation. Forgive us we pray if we have lost our spiritual focus. May we re-live the events of Passion Week in a way that demands our attention and calls us back to obedience. For we live to serve you; to be your light in a world that tends toward darkness.**

SILENT, PERSONAL REFLECTION

REJOICING IN GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: There is no greater joy in the heart of God than the moment when a son or daughter opens to the gift of forgiveness.

**Many: Strengthen our faith that we may open the gift of forgiveness and have the courage to be changed by it.**

One: God will have compassion upon us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. God will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

**Many: Hear the Good News! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**All: Thanks be to our merciful God!**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE (Red Pew Bible)

HEBREW BIBLE (Tanakh)	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29	Page 531-532
EPISTLE	Philippians 2:5-11	Page 1023
CHILDREN'S CHAT		
ANTHEM	Ride On King Jesus!	Cashour
GOSPEL	Matthew 26:14-27	Page 861-862
	The Word of the Lord	<b>Thanks be to God!</b>
SERMON	Mistaken Identity	Tom Buchanan, Pastor
<b>*MEDITATION HYMN #91</b>	"Ride On! Ride On In Majesty!"	

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CALL FOR GIFTS AND PLEDGES

(Please put **prayer** requests (green card) or requests for a **pastoral visit** (white card) in the collection plate as it passes.)

OFFERTORY: O Most Afflicted Martin

**\*DOXOLOGY # 592**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER ("debts, debtors")

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

**\*CLOSING HYMN #98** "O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

\*BENEDICTION

\*PEOPLE'S AMEN (sung) Traditional

**The service has ended; if you wish to leave, please do so quietly, or remain seated for the Postlude.**

POSTLUDE The Palms Faure

**\*Please stand in body or in spirit.**



– Welcome –

We are delighted to welcome you today. If you are visiting, please make yourself known by filling out a white "Keep in Touch" card and dropping it into the offering plate. Please join us for fellowship and refreshments, in the Guild Room after the service.

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Presbyterian Church of New Rochelle is to grow in the Christian faith, to share our belief in God and to serve Him and our community.

We are a multicultural and intergenerational congregation which is welcoming to all.

Our church has seen more vitality and growth recently in welcoming young couples with small children as members marking a new beginning for our church.

The Presbyterian Church of New Rochelle will strive to continue to serve our community and city as we have done for more than 300 years.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Today's Worship Assistant is Monica Foreman-Hyacinthe

Thanks to our ushers Peggy Alexander and Roy Abraham

Interreligious Council Sunrise Service in Davenport Park @ 5:45. Bishop Martin Nelson, preaching

Session meets next on April 23

Tom Buchanan, Pastor

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Tamara Cashour, Minister of Music and Choir Director

*All members are the church's ministers.*

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