

warmest thanks

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for the very successful Baby Bottle Campaign recently bringing in **\$3,065.92**. Also, we are so happy to receive the items that had been collected for the mission trip to Dominican Republic. We are blessed to be able to distribute them locally even though that wasn't the original purpose. Many of our clients will be affected by the health crisis we are under, and these donations will be a big help.

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A PALM SUNDAY PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you: we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's, that our faith is often more show than substance, that our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own. --John Paarlberg

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welcome

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During this time of physical distancing, we will worship together virtually. You may join worship on our [fbcjc.org](https://www.fbcjc.org) website or our First Baptist Church—FBCJC Facebook Page. Today's worship guide provides a brief service outline and activities for individuals and families to try this week. On this Palm Sunday, may Christ's humble, love-bent, gracious presence be felt in your heart and your home.

LENTEN SCRIPTURE

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. **Hebrews 12:1-2**

SONG — Blessed Be Your Name

CHILDREN'S TIME —

Why did people hate Jesus and crucify him on the cross?

SONGS — 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord), It Is Well With My Soul

VIDEO — Palm Sunday

SONG — My Jesus I Love Thee

MESSAGE — The Cross, The Shame and the Joy
On the cross, Jesus voluntarily absorbed all our pain.

CLOSING PRAYER

INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY ACTIVITIES:

Doing Hard Things

We are tempted to skip to Easter Sunday and celebrate Jesus, raised from the dead. Yet our tradition reminds us to journey to the cross with Christ by setting aside Holy Week to remember the final days and hours of Jesus' life. Holy Week begins with cheering crowds and waving palm branches. In a matter of days, the adoring crowds will yell "crucify him!"



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Many of us are doing hard things during the time of COVID-19: not spending time outside the home, making financial sacrifices, living with anxiety for ourselves or loved ones, juggling work and family, and trying to accept a "new normal."

Write or Talk about Hard Things.

On your own, or with your family, reflect on these questions:

What has been hard for you about the last few weeks?

What is one thing you miss about the time before COVID-19 in the US?

Jesus endured the grief of the cross. As you reflect on Jesus' final days, what do you imagine he grieved?

On your own, or with your family, share prayer needs and concerns. With your family, you might trace your foot prints on scrap paper, cut them out, and write your prayer requests on them. Put your footprints in a visible place this week to remind you that Jesus walks with you:

What is one area in which you would like to ask Jesus to walk with you this week?

What is one burden you would like to release into God's care?