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Welcome

Welcome to Liberti Church Collingswood and thank you for joining us! We hope that you'll be able to connect with God, God's mission, and other people here this morning. As you've already seen from the cover of this worship folder, we seek to live, speak, and serve as the very presence of Jesus for Collingswood and its surrounding boroughs. We aspire to pursue this mission through the practice of **worship, community, and mercy** - our three core values.

Info Jaws! Unless you've done it before, please take a second to fill out one of our "Info Jaws" and drop it in an offering box in the foyer as you exit the building. This information is really helpful for us to have as we grow as a community.

Bathrooms are located down the steps from the rear sanctuary entrance and also out the front sanctuary entrance, at the top of the steps.

Nursing Mothers Room is located in Holy Trinity's chapel just outside the front entrance of the sanctuary. Follow the sign!

Liberti Kids First time? Please register your child by scanning the QR code and then check them in at a Check-In Station.



Infant Nursery: Birth - 23 months are invited to our Infant Nursery from 10:45 to the end of the service, down the stairs at the back of the sanctuary just past the main entrance. In case of need, a changing table is located here or in the Toddler Nursery.

Toddler Nursery: 2 years - PreK are welcome in our Toddler Nursery (located up the steps at the front of the sanctuary) after the Passing of the Peace.

Primary: Kindergarten - 3rd Grade are invited to join our Primary class (located up the steps at the front of the sanctuary), which also starts after the Passing of the Peace.

Grades 4th & 5th: Liberti Bridge is a place for 4th and 5th graders to bridge the gap between Liberti Kids and Liberti Youth! Bridge meets Sunday evening from 6-8pm in the Liberti Kids wing.

Grades 6th - 12th: Liberti Youth A new year is right around the corner, if you're in middle school, high school, or the parent of someone in middle school or high school, all you need to do is text LY2024 to 856-329-7775. All of our updates this year will be through text so if you need to sign up to stay up to date!

Consistory The Consistory is made up of our elder and deacon boards. If you're in need of help (whether physical, spiritual, or mental) or simply want to talk to someone more about what our church believes, please reach out at consistory@liberti.org.

Upcoming Events

It's impossible for us to list everything that's going on at Liberti Church Collingswood, but here are a few things happening soon that we would like to highlight.

RACE SURVEY, THROUGH 4/13

Periodically, our Consistory asks the question, How is our church doing with issues of race? To that end, our elders and deacons would love to hear from you on this subject! We've put together a survey that Consistory has been working on since last summer; Liberti members and frequent attenders are welcome to fill it out! Find the link in our e-newsletter or scan the QR code here, and please reply, if you'd wish, by Sunday, 4/13.



GOOD FRIDAY, 4/18

Lent at Liberti Collingswood culminates in Holy Week during the days leading up to and including Easter Sunday. Join us in worship of Jesus as commemorate his crucifixion on Good Friday, 4/18, 6:30pm at Holy Trinity and online. This time together will be a solemn reflection upon the final hours of Jesus' life before the cross through scripture readings and songs. We'll not offer childcare for Good Friday, but kids are welcome at this shorter-than-usual service.

FOSTER THE FAMILY COLLECTION DRIVE, THROUGH 4/20

Let the Lenten competition begin! We're holding a toiletries collection drive competition between the various Home Meetings that will benefit Foster the Family. We'd ask that you consider donating toiletries such as kids body wash/shampoo/conditioner and towels and dropping them at your weekly Home Meeting location. For those not in a Home Meeting, there will be a bin at Holy Trinity where donations can be dropped off. At the end of Lent, we'll tally and see which Home Meeting came out ahead - let's be generous!

MEN'S RETREAT, 5/2

On Friday, May 2, the men of Liberti Collingswood are invited to Ocean City, NJ, for a men's retreat. We have secured a pair of houses in OC for Friday night beginning at 5 p.m. and running until noon on Saturday. To register, scan the QR code and complete the online form. The cost of the event is \$25 if you are staying overnight and \$10 if you are coming for just one day. If cost is a concern, please sign up anyway as scholarship funds are available. We'd like to have a good idea on how many people to expect, so please sign up as soon as you can. Should you have any questions, contact Angel Garcia at Angel@liberti.org.



UPCOMING IN LENT AND EASTER

- Easter Sunday [11:15am] & Coffee Hour [10am] (4/20)

Engage with Us

Whether this is your first time at Liberti Church Collingswood or you have been regularly worshipping with us for some time, we would love to help you take a next step in following Jesus and engaging more deeply in our community.

CONNECT TO A HOME MEETING

Small groups (aka “Home Meetings”) are the primary environment where Christian community is developed and fostered. People are introduced to what it means to be a Christian, encouraged in their relationship with God, and supported to make a contribution to the welfare of people in Collingswood and surrounding boroughs. They also provide an opportunity for intimacy, mutual support, practical service, learning about the Christian faith, prayer, and sharing of what God is doing in our midst. Visit our website to see all the available groups being offered and sign up. If you have any questions about Home Meetings, contact Jim (jim@liberti.org).

SERVE OUR CHURCH, COMMUNITY, AND WORLD

There are numerous opportunities to serve on Sunday mornings. Whether it’s setting up, teaching a kids’ lesson, or running the sound board, it takes many volunteers each week to make Liberti Church Collingswood an inviting community for our friends and neighbors. To see all of the volunteer teams open to you, please, visit our website. If you have any questions about serving our church, contact Jim (jim@liberti.org). Additionally, we are connected to a number of local and international ministry partners serving in areas from South Camden to South Sudan. To learn more, visit our website or contact Jim (jim@liberti.org).

GIVE GENEROUSLY

It is our practice to offer a sacrificial portion of all of our resources – time, skills, possessions – as a tangible act of worship, faith, and gratitude in response to God’s grace and generosity to us in Christ. You can give on Sunday mornings or online. Contact our Finance Team (liberticollingswoodfinance@gmail.com) if you would like to speak with someone about giving or receive help with your personal finances.

INVITE A FRIEND

Yes, you! If you won't invite your friend to Liberti Church Collingswood, who will?

Gathering Before God

April 13, 2025
Palm Sunday

REFLECTIONS

“So soon as we become satisfied with any picture or image of God, we are in danger of idolatry: of mistaking the comprehensible image for the reality, of losing the numinousness, the mystery, the transcendent majesty of God. So soon as, consciously or unconsciously we suppose we have grasped God, He must elude us, for He is always beyond the furthestmost advance we make in knowledge about Him.”

– Victor White

“It is not strange if the rocks would respond against their nature with praises of the Lord since murderers, harder than rocks, also proclaim them.”

– Ambrose of Milan

“God is not to be analyzed or explained but received and embraced. The facultative mystery of God is exactly that living, experiential embrace that transcends a dry intellectualism and that engages the whole person with existential depth instead.”

– Steve Boyer and Chris Hall

Between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday, we observe the season of Lent. Over this 40 day period, we will practice such spiritual disciplines as preparation, service, and repentance while we anticipate rising to meet Jesus on Easter morning. The church during this season follows after the Christ who walked with us—even as his days turned increasingly toward opposition, incarceration, trial, and, ultimately, crucifixion. Today we hold our Palm Sunday worship service, in remembrance of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. To commemorate this occasion, the cloth on our worship table is red: although Jesus was hailed as a king at his coming into Jerusalem, by week's end his blood will be spilled on the cross. The dark crimson tablecloth will contrast with the joyously bright colors of the subsequent season, Eastertide.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

The Sending

BENEDICTION

*Leader: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Now and
forevermore, go in peace.*

(2 Cor 13:14)

People: Amen.

DISMISSAL

*Leader: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and
Savior Jesus Christ.*

People: Thanks be to God!

(Parents, please, retrieve your children from Liberti Kids immediately after the service ends.)

The Wonderful Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

*Oh the wonderful Cross, oh the wonderful Cross,
Bids me come and die, and find that I, may truly live
Oh the wonderful Cross, oh the wonderful Cross,
All who gather here, by grace draw near, and bless Your name.*

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.*

People: The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Leader: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

People: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous songs and sing praise.

People: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!

Leader: Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.

People: He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

(from Psalm 98)

GREETING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all

Let ev'ry kindred ev'ry tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all

PRAYERS FOR REFLECTION

If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church. If you are unable to receive Communion, we invite you to meditate on one of the following prayers:

Prayer for those Searching for Truth: Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief: Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment: Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

HOLY COMMUNION

*Leader: Here is the bread of life given for us;
Let all who hunger come and eat.
Here is the fruit of the vine, poured out for us;
Let all who thirst come and drink.*

Holy Communion, also called the Lord’s Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the Gospel, who are at peace with God and their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ.

Hosanna

I see the King of glory
Coming on the clouds with fire
The whole earth shakes
The whole earth shakes

I see His love and mercy
Washing over all our sin
The people sing
The people sing

*Hosanna hosanna
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna hosanna
Hosanna in the highest*

I see a generation
Rising up to take their place
With selfless faith
With selfless faith

I see a near revival
Stirring as we pray and seek
We're on our knees
We're on our knees

Heal my heart and make it clean
Open up my eyes to the things unseen
Show me how to love like You have loved me
Break my heart for what breaks Yours
Everything I am for Your Kingdom's cause
As I walk from earth into eternity

CALL TO CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Amen.

Silent Confession

WORDS OF PARDON

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

(Romans 5:8-11)

PASSING THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Table

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Leader: Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith.

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

Leader: Let us say what we believe.

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:
Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.
The third day He arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

OFFERING

We encourage our members and regular attenders at Liberti to give to the church! To make a contribution, people are welcome to drop an offering in the box as they exit to the Holy Trinity courtyard, or to give online via the web page linked to this QR code.



The Word of God

SCRIPTURE READING - Luke 19:29-40

28 And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. **29** When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, **30** saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. **31** If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" **32** So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. **33** And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" **34** And they said, "The Lord has need of it." **35** And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. **36** And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. **37** As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works 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!" **39** And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." **40** He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ!

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Speaker: Josh Postalwaite
Title: "Rolling with the King"
Series: "Lenten Laments"

SERMON NOTES: