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Palm Sunday



A nurturing community in Jesus Christ reflecting God's love for the world as we Worship, Grow and Serve.

*Those who are able may stand

PRELUDE

Palm Sunday Majesty

Sharon Elery Rogers

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks for joining us in worship today. Please sign the red Friendship Pad. If you are a visitor, please share with us your contact information, including your email address, so we can add you to our email distribution list.

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

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

All: Hosanna in the highest!

One: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

All: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

One: Lo, your king comes to you;

All: Triumphant and glorious is he,

One: Humble and riding on a donkey,

All: On a colt, the foal of a donkey. Amen.

***HYMN #196**

All Glory, Laud and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

***PRAYER OF THE DAY** (unison)

God of salvation, our Lord entered his passion to raise us to life. In this holiest of weeks, help us to walk the way of the cross, that we may be raised in a resurrection like his and dwell forever in you, Eternal God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

***GLORY TO GOD HYMN # 582** (unison)

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

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As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Loving God, you rode a donkey and came in peace, humbled yourself and gave yourself for us. We confess our lack of humility. As you entered Jerusalem, the crowds shouted, “Hosanna: Save us now!” On Good Friday they shouted, “Crucify!” We confess our praise is often empty. We sing Hosanna but cry Crucify. As the crowd laid their palms in front of you, you took the way of God: you took no glory for yourself. We confess that we want to be accepted and take the easy way.

We do not stay true to your will. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to follow in the way of obedience.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM

Hosanna

Carl Tuttle

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Eternal God, whose word silences the shouts of the mighty: Quiet within us every voice but your own. Speak to us through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may receive grace to show God’s love in lives given to your service. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING (PAGE 492,493) *Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29*

Response after reading: This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Lord, be my rock of safe - ty.

C G/B Am⁷ Em/G B^b6 C

Psalm Tone #23

Ps. 31:2-3a, 3bc-4, 17 and 25 / 85

GOSPEL READING (PAGE 854) *Luke 19:28-40*

Response after reading: This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MESSAGE

SERMON

The Kingdom on Parade Pastor Daniel McKenty

*(If you have prayer concerns or joys today,
please use our Prayer Request Card and give it to an Usher during this hymn.)*

***HYMN # 197**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (responsive)

One: some shout hosanna
All: some shout crucify
 One: some shout Jesus
All: some shout Barabbas
 One: some wave palms
All: some shake their fists
today we choose...

One: some break bread
All: some break silence
One: some proclaim Jesus
All: some deny Jesus
One: some carry the cross
All: some run from the cross
today we choose...

One: some are angry
All: some rejoice
One: some anoint with costly perfume
All: some complain at the waste
One: some like the light
All: some prefer the shadows
today we choose...

One: some weep
All: some conspire
One: some follow
All: some hide
One: some believe
All: some betray
today we choose

One: to shout for life
All: to follow the cross
One: to break bread
All: to hold belief
One: to trust love
All: and tell the world
we choose to follow Jesus. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Sacred Head

Mary McDonald

***SONG OF DEDICATION** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYER CONCERNS

*As each group is prayed for the minister will say: Lord in Your Mercy, and the people will respond: **Hear our prayer.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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.

Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***SONG OF SENDING**

HYMN # 853

We Are Marching in the Light of God

SIYAHMBIA

**We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.**

**We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.**

We are dancing . . .

We are praying . . .

We are singing . . .

About the Music by Christian Hendricks

In our music this Lent we have looked at various crises, from the plight of individuals to the plight of nations, and today as Holy Week begins, all the crises of the ages come together and march into Jerusalem. “All Glory, Laud, and Honor,” “Ride On! Ride On in Majesty,” and “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” peal out in a medley for handbells to announce the entrance of Jesus into the holy city. The people are joyous who soon will be taunting. Those in power will do what they will to keep it, from the Roman empire to our own today. Our faults, our transgressions, personal and public, come to a head as Jesus takes on the sins of the world. And he will be murdered by the authorities for it. “O Sacred Head,” set in the choral offertory to an American folk hymn, sings to the sacrifice he is to make: “What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners’ gain; mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain.” For now, though, we sing our hosannas to the one who took on death and empire—perhaps the greatest conglomeration of our vanities and cruelties we have yet conceived—to bring us a greater life.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra-cious King!

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang.
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
 the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.

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