

Palm Sunday
April 10, 2022 Worship Bulletin

Gathering for God's Word

Prelude

*Choir Introit & Palm Processional
"Here Comes Our King"

Welcome & Announcements

Time of Silence & Ringing of the Bell

Preparing for God's Word

*Call to Worship

[Based on John 12: 12-15]

Leader: A great crowd that had come for the Feast heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem.

People: They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the King of Israel!"

Leader: Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it, as it is written,

People: "Do not be afraid, O Daughter of Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt."

Leader: Today Jesus continues to enter people's lives and seeks to transform hearts and minds.

People: Let us worship Jesus Christ together and receive him into our presence, while shouting "Hosanna!"

*Hymn of Praise

"Hosanna"

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You, we turn to You
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You, we long for You
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day
In Your Presence all our fears are washed away, washed away

Refrain:

Hosanna, hosanna

You are the God Who saves us, worthy of all our praises

Hosanna, hosanna

Come have Your way among us

We welcome You here, Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You, we turn to You
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new, You make us new
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day
In Your Presence all our fears are washed away, washed away

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Prayer of Confession

[time of silent personal confession]

Leader: Let us continue in prayer.

All: Heavenly Father, we remember this day how Christ entered a rebellious city that later rejected him. Lord, we confess that our wills are just as rebellious as Jerusalem's were, that our faith is often more show than substance, and 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 that you will forgive what is sinful and heal what is broken; that you will welcome our praises and receive us as your own. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

[based on Psalm 118: 4-5, 14, 17]

Leader: Hear the Word of the Lord from Psalm 118: Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures for ever."

People: Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free.

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

People: We shall not die, but we shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

Leader: In Christ, God answers us and sets us free! In Christ, we are forgiven! Praise be to God.

Hearing God's Word

Children and Youth Songs of Praise

[All Children and Youth should gather up front as the congregation sings, #188, "Jesus Loves Me." Afterwards, the children may return to sit with their families].

Songs of Praise:

"I Will Celebrate"

"Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty"

Hymn of Preparation

#196, "All Glory, Laud, and Honor," vs. 2, 3

Refrain:

All glory, laud and honor
To thee, Redeemer, King
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring

The people of the Hebrews
With palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before thee we present.

To thee before thy passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820; trans. John Mason Neale, 1851, alt.
Music: Melchior Teschner, 1614; arr. William Henry Monk, 1861
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Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Reading: John 12: 20-36

20 Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Feast.

21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." 22 Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

23 Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. 25 The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

27 "Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name!"

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." 29 The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

30 Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. 31 Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. 32 But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." 33 He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

34 The crowd spoke up, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ will remain forever, so how can you say, ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up’? Who is this ‘Son of Man’?”

35 Then Jesus told them, “You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. The man who walks in the dark does not know where he is going. 36 Put your trust in the light while you have it, so that you may become sons of light.” When he had finished speaking, Jesus left and hid himself from them.

Sermon

“Flashes of God’s Glory... A Dying Kernel”

Responding to God’s Word

*Affirmation of Faith

[The Apostles Creed]

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Offertory

Choral Anthem:

“Draw Me Nearer,” Union Choir

*Response

#606, “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

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 for us to give thanks and praise.

[particular prayers]

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn of Response

#216, "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty Rock
Within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness,
A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat,
And the burden of the day.

Upon that cross of Jesus
Mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One,
Who suffered there for me;
And from my stricken heart, with tears,
Two wonders I confess,
The wonders of redeeming love,
And my own unworthiness

I take, O cross, thy shadow
For my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than
The sunshine of His face;
Content to let the world go by,
To know no gain nor loss,
My sinful self my only shame,
My glory all the cross.

Text: Elizabeth Cecilia Douglas Clephane, 1868, alt
Music: Frederick Charles Maker, 1881
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*Benediction

*Benediction Response

#175, "Seek Ye First," vs. 1, 3

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you
Allelu, Alleluia

Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds out from the mouth of God.
Allelu, Allelujah!

Text: Stanza 1, Karen Lafferty, 1971, alt.; stanzas 2-3, anon

Music: Karen Lafferty

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*Postlude

*Please Stand if Able