

April 5, 2020

**Palm Sunday**

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

Matthew 21:1-11

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the Village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The LORD has need of them,' and he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass." The disciples went and did as Jesus directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments upon them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread these on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed shouted "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! Hosanna in the highest!" And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying "Who is this?" And the crowds said "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee."

**WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor Craig

**MINUTE FOR MINISTRY**

**PRELUDE**

*Sonata in A Major, K. 305: Allegro*

W.A. Mozart

Violin: Dr. Immanuel T. Abraham; Piano: Jamie Reed

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor Diane

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD!

**People: Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughters of Zion.

**People: Shout aloud, daughters of Jerusalem!**

Leader: Lo, your king comes to you:

**People: Triumphant and Victorious is our Savior!**

Leader: Humble and riding on an ass,

**People: On a colt and the foal of a donkey.**

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,  
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud;  
the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,  
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King.  
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

#### **CALL TO PRAYER**

This is an awkward time, a day of irony. We want to gather with the crowds as we have done all our lives, shouting "Hosanna," singing as if in a march or parade, celebrating Spring and Easter to come. But we are denied. We cannot gather together. We are told to be afraid of being in groups, of social contact. Palm Sunday feels like a day of discord and dissonance.

#### **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Everlasting God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son to take our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross. In your mercy, enable us to share in his obedience to your will and the glorious victory of his resurrection. Give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, that, sharing in his humility, we may come to be with him in his glory, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever more. Amen**

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Jesus fulfilled the prophets' words entering the City of David, where he was lifted high upon the cross, that the whole world might look on the symbol of death and be healed. By his suffering and death, he defeated the powers of death, becoming the source of eternal life. The tree of shame, became the tree of everlasting life; where life was lost, life has been restored.

**GLORIA PATRI**

Creatorex

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen, Amen.

**ANTHEM***Sonata No. 1 in G Minor, BWV 1001: Adagio*

J.S. Bach

Violin: Dr. Immanuel T. Abraham; Piano: Jamie Reed

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

**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; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE**

Mark 10:17-22; 42-52

**SERMON**

BARTIMAEUS

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

**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 at 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.**

**HYMN***All Glory, Laud and Honor*

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Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One.

Refrain:

The people of the Hebrews with psalms before thee went;  
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present.

Refrain:

**OFFERTORY**

*The Holy City*

S. Adams

Soloist: Dick Johnston

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

**HYMN**

*Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*

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Ride on! ride on in majesty! Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;  
thy humble beast pursues its road with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on! ride on in majesty! The hosts of angels in the sky  
look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
bow thy meek head to mortal pain; then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

**BENEDICTION**

**STRIPPING OF THE PARAMENTS**

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Flowers given by: Martha Jenkins

**In Memory of my Husband Harold Jenkins**

**Video Service Announcements**

**Thursday April 9** – Maundy Thursday Worship meditation on the Elements on video from the Church website. A short self-guided meditation. Suggested participation anytime during the day. Next year the full celebration.

**Friday April 10** – Good Friday video on Stations of The Cross from the Church website. Self-guided meditation at your pace. Suggested participation anytime during the day.

**Sunday April 12** – Easter Sunday Worship Services on video from the Church website. Suggested viewing: **6:00 a.m. - Sunrise Service, 9:30 a.m. - Traditional Service**

All taped Worship Services are available for replay on the

[Special Video Worship Page.](#)

**Other Announcements**

Contributions are welcome in the Church Office or by Electronic Bank Transfer.

During this time, if people would like to make special Capital Fund donations for the Sound System, Security, the Solar System, etc., just make a note of the above on the memo portion of your check.

At 9:30 a.m. there will be Video released with a full celebration of resurrection when all this is ended.