

Worship Leader Edition
Palm Sunday

April 5, 2020

Online Edition

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”
Lori Murray

Paul Manz

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

GREETING (*Assistant*)

L: The Lord is God and has given us light.

C: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

L: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you.

C: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

L: Give thanks to the Lord, whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

BLESSING OF THE PALMS (*Rob, Assistant, Congregation*)

P: Bless these parade palms, O God of Celebration.
May they remind us of the simple joys of living.
May we remember the excitement that comes with following Christ.

A: Bless these protest palms, O God of Justice.
May they remind us that Empire is not a thing of the past.
May they make us bold and brave to stand up against injustice.

P: Bless these funeral palms, O God of Comfort.
May they remind us of the road that lies ahead.
May they encourage us in times of grief and pain.

**C: We give you thanks for the parade, the protest, the processional.
Guide our steps through this holiest of weeks
as we cry out together "Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna!" Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”
Verses 1-4

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PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Assistant*)

L: Hosanna! King of all, you reign over all. Reign in our lives, triumph over evil,
and teach us to follow in your footsteps.

C: Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING (*Becky Olson*)

Psalm 118:25-29

Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD. The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-14

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, “Why are you doing this?” just say this, “The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.” ’ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, ‘What are you doing, untying the colt?’ They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, ‘Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!’ Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve. On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry. Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see whether perhaps he would find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. He said to it, ‘May no one ever eat fruit from you again.’ And his disciples heard it.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

SONG OF THE DAY

“Great and Mighty is He”

Todd Pettygrove, Dan Burgess

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

The congregation responds after each petition.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

C: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION (*Rob*)

L: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

“He is Exalted”

Twila Paris/Mark Cole

DISMISSAL

L: Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Greg Anderson