

Worship Leader Edition
Palm Sunday

March 28, 2021

8:30AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Stephanie*)

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Palm Sunday Processional”
Bells of Praise

arr. Dan R. Edwards

BLESSING OF THE PALMS (*Stephanie*)

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.

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.

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”

ELW #344

Refrain

All Glory, Laud, and honor
To you, redeemer, king,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.

Verse 1

You are the king of Israel
And David's royal son,
Now in the Lord's name coming,
Our King and Blessed One

Refrain

Verse 2

The company of angels
Are praising you on high;
Creation and all mortals
In chorus make reply.

Refrain

Verse 3

The multitude of pilgrims,
With palms before you went'
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before you we present.

Refrain

Verse 4

To you, before your passion,
They sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.

Refrain

Verse 5

Their praises you accepted;
Accept the prayers we bring,
Great author of all goodness,
O good and gracious King.

Refrain

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

ANTHEM

“Hosanna”
St. Luke’s Choir

Allen Pote

FIRST READING (*Greg Hornicke*)

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 19:29-44

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, “Why are you untying it?” just say this: “The Lord needs it.”’ So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, ‘Why are you untying the colt?’ They said, ‘The Lord needs it.’ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, ‘Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!’ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, order your disciples to stop.’ He answered, ‘I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.’ As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, ‘If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God.’

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

HYMN OF THE DAY

“My Song is Love Unknown”
Verses 1, 2, 3 & 6

ELW #343

Verse 1

My song is love unknown,
My Savior’s love to me,
Love to the loveless shown
That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I that for my sake
My Lord should take frail flesh and die?

Would not its Savior know,
But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed,
Who at my need his life did spend!

Verse 3

Sometimes we strew his way
And his sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to our king.
Then “Crucify!” is all our breath,
And for his death we thirst and cry.

Verse 2

He came from his blest throne
Salvation to bestow;
The world that was his own

Verse 6

Here might I stay and sing –
No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,

Never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend!

THE APOSTLES' CREED (*Assistant*)

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 (*Assistant*)

The congregation responds after each petition.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Assistant*)

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE (*Stephanie*)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you!

Please share of wave of peace with one another.

BENEDICTION (*Stephanie*)

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

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Thine is the Glory”
Featuring Bells of Praise

ELW #376

Verse 1

Thine is the glory, risen, conquer'ing Son;
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

Let his church with gladness hymns of triumph
sing,
For the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!

Refrain

Thine is the glory, risen, conquer'ing Son;
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Refrain

Verse 2

Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;

Verse 3

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquer'ors, through thy
deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Refrain

DISMISSAL (*Assistant*)

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE