

Worship Leader Edition
Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

8:30 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!”

arr. Robert J. Powell

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS *{Front Center}* (Mollee Erickson)

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *{Front Center}* (Pastor Bob Ruser)

Screen

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation

C: Amen (Let us take a moment of silent reflection)

L: Holy God

C: we confess that we have turned away from you and from our neighbors, and in toward ourselves. We have sought security in possessions and the place of power in relationship. We have trusted ourselves most of all. Turn us back to you, O God. In your mercy, forgive our sinfulness and cleanse us from guilt and shame. Guide us on the path of freedom that is your gift to us in Christ our Lord. Amen

L: Hear for yourselves: There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. In the waters of baptism grace abounds for you and for all. God turns to you in love and puts away every sin, every wrong turn, for the sake of Jesus, the one God sent to save the world.

C: Amen

+CHOIR PROCESSION WITH PALMS

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

ELW # 264

Verse 1

Prepare the royal highway;
the King of kings is near!
Let every hill and valley
a level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory,
foretold in sacred story:

Refrain

Hosanna to the Lord,
for he fulfills God’s word!

Verse 2

God’s people see him coming:
your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before him!
Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God’s promise will not fail you!
No more shall doubt assail you!

Refrain

Hosanna to the Lord,
for he fulfills God’s word!

Verse 3

Then fling the gates wide open
To greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev’ry nation
its tribute too may bring.
All lands will bow before him;
their voices join your singing:

Refrain

Hosanna to the Lord,
for he fulfills God’s word!

Verse 4

His is no earthly kingdom;
it comes from heav’n above.
His rule is peace and freedom
and justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding
for kindness so abounding:

Refrain

Hosanna to the Lord,
for he fulfills God’s word!

+GREETING *{Front Center}* (David Skinner)

L: The grace of Jesus Christ, the mercy of the Holy One, and the Spirit of the living God be with you all.

C: And also with you.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY {*Front Center*} (*David Skinner*)

L Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING (*Pam Jackson*)

Isaiah 50:4-5

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 backward.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

+THE HOLY GOSPEL {*Pulpit*} (*Pastor Bob Rusert*)

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, “Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Bob Rusert

+HYMN OF THE DAY

“All, Glory, Laud and Honor”
Verses 1, 3 & 4

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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

All glory, laud, and honor
to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.

Verse 3

The multitude of pilgrims
with palms before you went;

our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present.

Refrain

All glory, laud, and honor
to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.

Verse 4

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

Refrain

All glory, laud, and honor
to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.

+THE APOSTLES' CREED *{Front Center}* (David Skinner)

Screen

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 *{Front Center}* (David Skinner)

Screen

After each petition:

L: Hear us, O God

C: Your mercy is great.

+SHARING OF THE PEACE *{Front Center}* (David Skinner)

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

C: And also with you.

Please share of wave of peace with one another.

MEAL

INVITATION TO THE TABLE – See handout for instructions

+THE GREAT THANKSGIVING/DIALOGUE AND PREFACE (Pastor Bob Rusert)

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L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *(brief intro)*

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C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Bob Rusert)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Bob Rusert)

Screen

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION/ALL ARE WELCOME – See handout for directions to instruct those at home

COMMUNION SONG

“Lamb of God”

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C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE *(On Screen)*

Screen

L: In this time of reflection and response you are invited to fill out your welcome card. Share any reflections, questions, or prayers on the back. Also, take this time to prepare your offering. For those gathered the collection plates are in the front and back. For those online please go to our website stlukesbloomington.org and there is a link to give at the bottom of every page. Enjoy this time.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

“Hosanna”
St. Luke’s Choir

Alan Pote

Please stand as you are able.

+POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (*Pastor Bob Rusert*)

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (*Front Center*) (*David Skinner*)

L: We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your fits to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord

C: Amen.

SENDING

COUNCIL INTRODUCTION

Greg Hornicke, Member at Large

+BENEDICTION (*Front Center*) (*Pastor Bob Rusert*)

L: The Lord of peace give you peace at all times and in all ways. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

C: Amen.

+SENDING HYMN

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!”

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Verse 1

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hear all the tribes hosanna cry;
O Savior meek, your road pursue,
with palms and scattered garments strewed.

Verse 2

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, your triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Verse 3

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

Verse 4

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
bow your meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

+DISMISSAL (*Front Center*) (*David Skinner*)

L: Go now in peace, for nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”
Lori Murray

Michael Burkhardt

Altar Flowers Today

Given by:

Jane Nechville

*In celebration of her
daughter Missy’s birthday*