

# Cahaba Springs Presbyterian Church

## Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020, 11 AM

### Prelude

*All Glory, Laud and Honor, St. Theodulph*

### Call to Worship

One: We raise our voices and wave with joyful hope the palms of deliverance of God's people.

**All: Hosanna! Hosanna to the Heir of David!**

One: Our hearts are filled with expectation as we welcome the coming king.

**All: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!**

One: We receive into the crowded streets of our lives the one who is Savior, not only of us, but of all the earth.

**All: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

One: Let all of heaven and earth join our voices and declare that God is good, all the time!

**All: And all the time, God is good!**

### Prayer of Confession

O Holy God, as we celebrate the courageous act undertaken by your child on this day, give us courage to look deeply into our own hearts, our own souls. As we celebrate your child's entrance into the holy city that later rejected him you: we confess that our wills are as shifting as Jerusalem's, our faith is often more show than substance, our hearts are in need of cleansing. As we celebrate your child with cries of, "Hosanna!" and "Blessed is the One who comes in your name," we confess that our voices are often silent in the face of injustice and oppression. Have mercy on us, Heir of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises and to receive us as your own. In the name of the one who came into Jerusalem riding on a donkey, we pray, amen.

### Scriptures

*OT: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29*

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,  
"His steadfast love endures forever."

Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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.

### *NT: Matthew 21:1-17*

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."

Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you are making it a den of robbers."

The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they became angry and said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself?'"

He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

### **Sermon**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!

### **Instrumental Offering**

*There is a Redeemer/When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*; arr. Susan Naylor Callaway

### **Postlude**

*The Palms*; Jean Baptiste Faure