

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday

CONFESSING TO GOD

ANTHEM

The Holy City

Stephen Adams

Joe Carter, organ Kay Carter, piano F. E. Weatherly

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

**All may stand as able*

Liturgist: John Holcomb

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

the Liturgist

Invocation

Prelude

The Clarion Call

Lani Smith

* CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 118)

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

All: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

One: Let Israel say, "His love endures forever!" and all who fear God say, "His love endures forever!"

All: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

One: With the Lord on our side, what can we fear? What can humankind do?

All: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

One: We shall triumph over those who surround us and stand in confidence in the Lord, our God!

All: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

One: The Lord is our strength and our might. The Lord has become our salvation!

All: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest! Amen.

HYMN

All Glory, Laud and Honor

ST. THEODUPH

**All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
Who from 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.
To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Ernie Haynes

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Triumphant Lord, we rejoice in your entry into the world and into our lives! Joining with the crowds, we sing your praises and exalt your reign, but even so, our hearts are far from true worship, our minds are distant from true understanding. We are disappointed with your humility, we are uninspired by your selflessness. Help us to reflect in our lives the glory of your Son and to live faithfully here and now. Savior, have mercy on us, forgive what we have done and who we have been. Bring us home again with a new song of joy and celebration. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING THE PEACE

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

the Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 11:1-11

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and 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. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" ¹¹Then 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.

Last night I lay a sleeping, there came a dream so fair
I stood in old Jerusalem beside the temple there,
I heard the children singing, and ever as they sang
I thought the voice of angels, from Heaven in answer rang;
"Jerusalem, Jerusalem! Lift up your gates and sing,
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to your King!"

And then methought my dream was changed,
the streets no longer rang
Hushed were the glad hosannas, the little children sang.
The sun grew dark with mystery, the morn was cold and chill;
As the shadow of a cross arose upon a lonely hill.
"Jerusalem, Jerusalem! Hark! How the angels sing,
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to your King!"

And once again the scene was changed,
new earth there seemed to be.
I saw the Holy City, beside the tideless sea.
The light of God was on its streets,
The gates were open wide, and all who would
might enter in, and no one was denied.
No need of moon or stars by night or sun to shine by day;
It was the new Jerusalem that would not pass away.
"Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Sing for the night is o'er;
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna for evermore!"

SCRIPTURE READING

John 12:12-16

¹²The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!" ¹⁴Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: ¹⁵"Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

SERMON

"I Love a Parade"

Ernie Haynes

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The 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 on 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.

OFFERTORY *A Lenten Psalm* Wihla Hutson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER Ernie Haynes

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

CLOSING HYMN *My Jesus, I Love Thee* GORDON

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
for Thee all the follies of sin I resign;
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
I love Thee because Thou has first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;
If ever, I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Postlude *The Palms* Jean Baptiste Faure

Prayer Concerns

For our church family . . .

George McLean	John Holcomb	Laura Reichert
Wayne Hughins	Melissa Scholl	Dewey Narkates
Nellie Songer	John Giddens	Al Greenberg
Vernon Clark	Steve Mannich	Arnold Reichert
Shirley Narkates		

For our extended family . . .

Grace Miller	Bill & Julie Wills	Garry Vincent
C. J. Fonte	Kennon Little	Donnie Bates
Clara Beach	Trent Schindler	Zoe
Jessica Watkins	Heather Odell	Fred Esleck
Mary Hammett	Margaret Stallings	Deborah Waldron
Fran Skiroock	Debra Jackson	Dave McGlasson
Rusty & Beth Chastain	Cory Cardwell	Darwin Cardwell
Rebecca Mueller	Jackson Hough	Derek & Lauren Webber

Grieving the loss of loved ones

the family of Edwin Swartz, Sr.
the family of Stella Purcell
the family of Mary Parsons

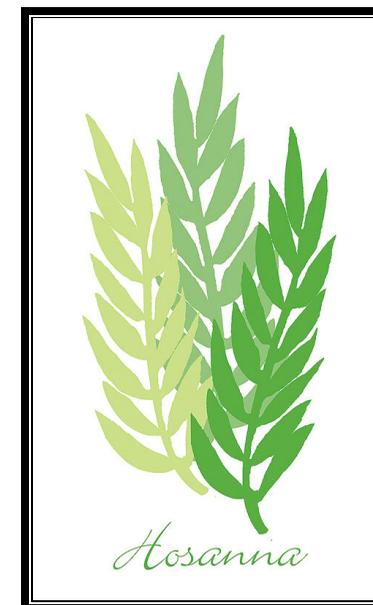
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