

Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.

Palm Sunday

April 10, 2022

The asterisk () indicates to please rise in body or spirit.*

Silent Prayer of Preparation

To you, O God, we cry: Hosanna! Lord, save us! Let this be our constant prayer—as we dance among the palms, as we sit around the table, as we kneel before the cross, as we bow our heads in sorrow. To you, O God, we cry: Hosanna! Lord, save us! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Gathering Music

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

arr. Michael Burkhardt

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!"

John Yarrington, 1990

Hosanna! The little children sang!

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Jesus rode a donkey into Jerusalem.

People: Hosanna! Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

Leader: The people laid down their garments and praised God.

People: Hosanna! Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

Leader: If the people keep quiet, even the stones will cry out.

People: Hosanna! Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession** *(read in unison)*

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you. The lips that sing “Hosanna!” are the same that shout “Crucify!” The hands that wave palm branches are the same that prepare your cross. Forgive us, God of grace. Look upon us with mercy—our lives are in your hands. Save us by your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Silent prayer of confession.)

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response Hymn** “You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!”

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Ministry of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Choir Anthem

“On the Road to Jerusalem”

Joseph Martin

On the road to Jerusalem slowly rides King Jesus.
People come to call his name, ‘Son of David, heal us,’
Down the ancient streets he rides, a donkey is his stallion.
No golden coach, no chariot bright brings him to his kingdom.
Where is his chariot? Where is his robe of silk?
Where is his scepter? Where is his crown?
Where are the trumpets? How will he rule the land
If he comes as a Prince of Peace, and humble as a lamb?
On the road to Jerusalem rides the Man of Sorrows,
‘Save us, King,’ the people cry.
What will they cry tomorrow?

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 19:28-40

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Infused with Grace: The Celebration of Grace” Rev. Désirée M. Youngblood

The Response to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith** “Hold on to the Hosannas” by Rev. E. Crumlish

Let us stay with the Hosannas for a while; let us let them keep on ringing in our ears. Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Instead of rushing on to hear the cries that came later in the week, let us stay with the Hosannas. Maybe once we have heard those in a new way we will be ready to make the rest of the journey. A journey that was hastened and given new purpose by those Hosannas. For those Hosannas were not simply the innocent cries of palm branch waving children. Those Hosannas were the war cries of adults tired of the oppression of occupying forces. Those hosannas were the hopeful cries of a nation seeking liberation. Those Hosannas were an investment of hope in one they thought would deliver. Those Hosannas that we have sanitized over the years rang out in clear insurrection sealing the fate of one who rode on a donkey. So, let us stay with the Hosannas. Let us wrest them from the lips of children and allow them to ring in our ears and spew from our mouths as a call to action, a call to justice, a call to love. Let us stay with the Hosannas even as we journey with the Christ who carried those Hosannas all the way to the cross and ensured their fulfillment as the justice and love of God. Let us stay with the Hosannas.

***Hymn**

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

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Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

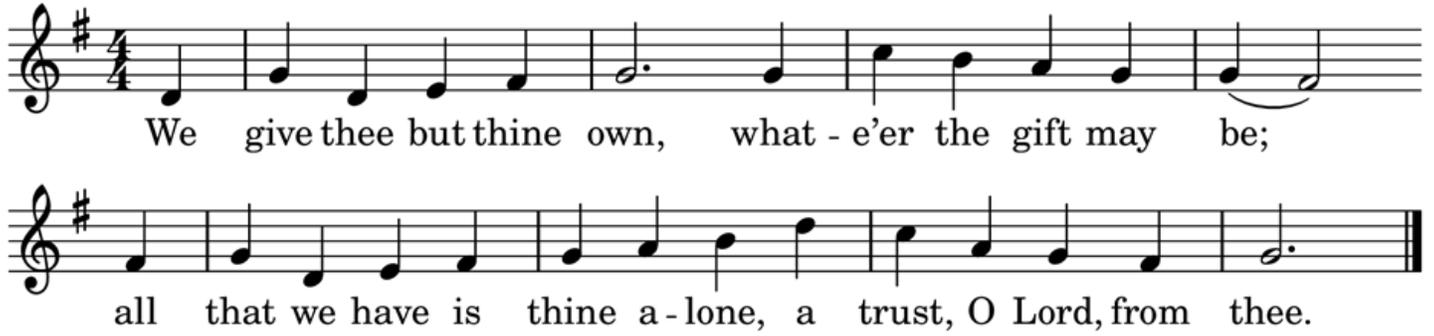
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Invitation to Offering**

***Response**

“We Give Thee but Thine Own” (v. 1)

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We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine a-lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

***Prayer of Dedication**

The Sending of God’s People

***Closing Hymn**

“A Stable Lamp Is Lighted”

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***Charge and Blessing**

***Congregational Response**

“Change My Heart, O God”

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***Postlude**

"O Dearest Jesus"

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Pastors: Rev. Désirée M. Youngblood
Dr. Mark A. Johnson

Music Director: Thomas Lloyd

Organist: Carol Welk

Liturgist: Ruthanne Johnson

Bell Players: Dot Morlock, Ken Morlock,
and Kelly Armfelt

Acolyte: Devin Griggs

Flowers: Given by Carole Sue Ames, in memory of her husband, Bill Ames, and her mother, Virginia Schofield.