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Palm Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Organ Prelude

The Palms

J. B. Faure

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

* Call to Worship

John 12:12-16 (NIV)

¹² The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. ¹³ They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!"

¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

¹⁵ "Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt."

¹⁶ At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.

* Palm Processional

Hosanna, loud hosanna

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- 1) Hosanna, loud hosanna the little children sang.
Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.
- 2) From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

- 3) “Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing, for Christ is our redeemer, the Lord of heav’n, our king. Oh, may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

* Prayer of Invocation

God of the cross, tottering down the streets of Jerusalem on a donkey, You are not the savior we expect. Your power doesn’t look like the power we want our God to have. Your wisdom makes no sense to us.

We are happy to join the crowd, waving branches, but not so sure we want to follow you through this Holy Week: into the temple courts, into the upper room, into the Garden of Gethsemane, to the high priest’s house, to the assembly of elders, to Pilate, to Herod, to the place of The Skull, to the foot of the cross.

We need you to go with us on this journey. Grant us clear vision, courageous hearts, persistent steps.

Even though we know what this week will bring, we sing: Hosanna, hosanna. Save us, we beseech you! Amen.

Time with Our Children

(afterwards children may leave for Children’s Church)

CELEBRATE GOD’S FAMILY

Anthem

Hosanna to the Son

Joe E. Parks

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Congregational Prayer

adopted from Lynette Wiebe

One: He came to the city today. Jerusalem the beautiful. Jerusalem the blessed. A place of promise wrapped in bondage. Free us, Lord... bring to us...

Many: Peace on earth, and glory in the highest heaven.

One: Then he came around the bend. Not on a charger of white with shaking mane and restless gait. But on a

donkey, small and unassuming almost apologetic with no hint of valor. How he will bring us...

Many: Peace on earth, and glory in the highest heaven.

One: Yet the people came. They shouted in hope. They waved palm branches in anticipation throwing their cloaks on the road to make smooth the path before the king. The one who will bring us...

Many: Peace on earth, and glory in the highest heaven.

One: And we shouted together, the people and I. We watched as he came down from the Mount of Olives. We shouted his praises. For the healing he brought. For the miracle of hope. For the freedom from oppression. We shouted, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of Lord. You are he that will bring us..."

Many: Peace on earth, and glory in the highest heaven.

* Hymn

Ride on, ride on in majesty (vv. 1-3)

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- 1) Ride on, ride on in majesty,
as all the crowds "Hosanna!" cry,
through waving branches slowly ride,
O Savior, to be crucified.
- 2) Ride on, ride on in majesty,
in lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, your triumph now begin
with captured death and conquered sin!
- 3) Ride on, ride on in majesty --
the angel armies of the sky
look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
to see th'approaching sacrifice.

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Thoughts on Giving

God never asks us to give what we do not have... but God cannot use what we will not give.

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Special Music

All Glory, Laud and Honor

arr. Dean B. McIntyre

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Scripture Lesson

John 19:16b-22 (NRSV)

The Crucifixion of Jesus

So they took Jesus; ¹⁷ and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. ¹⁹ Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹ Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" ²² Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

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Sermon

"Two Contrasting Parades"

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* **Closing Hymn** *O sacred Head, now wounded* (vv. 1, 3-4) # 252

- 1) O sacred Head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, thine only crown!
O sacred Head, what glory,
what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call thee mine.

- 3) What thou, my Lord, hast suffered
was all for sinners' gain.
Mine, mine was the transgression,
but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve thy place.
Look on me with thy favor,
and grant to me thy grace.
- 4) What language shall I borrow
to thank thee, dearest Friend,
for this, thy dying sorrow,
Oh, make me thine forever,
and should I fainting be,
outlive my love to thee.

*** Benediction**

One: Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel
From everlasting to everlasting.
Let all the people say, Amen! Praise the Lord
All: Amen! Praise the Lord.

Choral Postlude

Thy Will Be Done

Craig Courtney

Thy Will Be Done by Craig Courtney

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