



Palm Sunday



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Welcome to worship this Palm Sunday. As we follow Jesus into Jerusalem, the city of his death but also his resurrection, may we experience the wonder of his love.

Welcome

Handbell Prelude

All Night, All Day

arr. Susan E. Geschke

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

* Call to Worship

Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, daughter of Jerusalem!
See, your king comes to you; righteous and having salvation,
gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

* Opening Prayer

As the people spread their coats palm branches on the ground to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem, so we welcome him into our lives this morning. King of Glory, King of Peace, Servant King, reign in our hearts and lives this day and all days, that we might praise your holy name. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

* Opening Song

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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*Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

Verse 1:

Thou art the King of Israel and David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name cometh, the King and blessed One.

Refrain

Verse 2:

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present.

Refrain

Verse 3:

Thou didst accept their praises, accept our hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Refrain

(After the song, the children will leave for Children's Church.)

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Blessing of the Literacy Drive Book

New Testament Reading

Mark 11:1-11 NRSVUE

Jesus's Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

11 When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples² and 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."³ If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this: "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."⁴ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it,⁵ some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?"⁶ They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it.⁷ Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it.⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.⁹ Then 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!"

¹¹ Then 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.

Song

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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Verse 1:

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

Verse 2:

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

Verse 3:

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

Pastoral Prayer

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Pastor: Twenty centuries past, what city has not heard of your coming? From Beijing to Berlin, from Jerusalem to Johannesburg, from New York to New Delhi surely the word has spread that you've come in peace, not violence to enrich, renew, transform our lives and bring us to shalom?

People: **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: Twenty centuries past, what city has not heard of your church? From Catholic, Orthodox, Uniting or Anglican, Evangelical, Progressive or Pentecostal surely the message of acceptance, healing, confidence in your royal advent, has been passed on through faithful living?

People: **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: Twenty centuries past, what city has not rejected you?
From penthouse to tenement, from factory to leisure center, from theme park to concert hall, surely the news is that this life is for taking, not giving and what stands in the way of this lifestyle must now be removed?

People: **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: Twenty centuries past, what city does the Christ seek to enter? From leafy suburb to shanty town, from housing estate to West-End flat, from salon to slum, surely the sign of the church free from pride, united in deed, must be the welcome the Christ longs for as he enters our city?

People: **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.
Hosanna in the highest.**

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Thoughts on Giving

Ephesians 5: 1-2

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Song

Were You There (vv. 1-2, 4-5)

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Verse 1:

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Verse 2:

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Verse 4:

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Verse 5:

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Lesson

Mark 14:3-9, NIV

³ While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head.

⁴ Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, "Why this waste of perfume? ⁵ It could have been sold for more than a year's wages and the money given to the poor." And they rebuked her harshly.

⁶ "Leave her alone," said Jesus. "Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. ⁷ The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me. ⁸ She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial. ⁹ Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."

Special Music

When I Survey

arr. Fred C. Mallery

Sermon

"A Beautiful Thing!"

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* **Song** *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* #325 ^{VT}

Verse 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.

Verse 2:

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.

Verse 3:

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest Friend,
for this, thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine forever, and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

Verse 4:

Be near when I am dying, oh, show thy cross to me,
and for my rescue, flying, come, Lord, and set me free!
These eyes, new faith receiving, from Jesus shall not move,
for one who dies believing dies safely, through thy love.

* **Benediction**

Postlude *The Palms* arr. H. Millard

* Please stand as able and led

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	PastorDavid Whitten	FlautistSarah Hartman
	Minister of Music..... Vanessa Morton	Guitarist David Whitten
	Worship Leader.....David Brunk	Dir. of Media & Tech. Kevin Beers

