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Welcome

From the cheers of the crowd to the shadow of the cross; today we are challenged to move beyond easy praise to costly discipleship.

Choral Prelude *Processional Alleluia* C. Harry Causey

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REVEL

Palm Sunday and the Triumphal Entry

(Palm Sunday Christians)

* **Call to Worship** (One/**Many**) Psalm 118:25-26 NIV

Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you.

* **Hymn** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* #315 VT

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

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

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

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

Opening Scripture

Luke 19:28-38 CEB

[28] After Jesus said this, he continued on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

[29] As Jesus came to Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he gave two disciples a task. [30] He said, "Go into the village over there. When you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. [31] If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying it?' just say, 'Its master needs it.'" [32] Those who had been sent found it exactly as he had said.

[33] As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

[34] They replied, "Its master needs it." 35 They brought it to Jesus, threw their clothes on the colt, and lifted Jesus onto it. [36] As Jesus rode along, they spread their clothes on the road.

[37] As Jesus approached the road leading down from the Mount of Olives, the whole throng of his disciples began rejoicing. They praised God with a loud voice because of all the mighty things they had seen. [38] They said, "Blessings on the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens."

Hymn

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna #313 VT

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!

Opening Prayer

Children's Time

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (One/**Many**)

Lord Jesus, we confess that we are often like the crowds on the road to Jerusalem. We are quick to shout "Hosanna" when things feel triumphant, wen faith feels easy and rewarding.

We love the parade, the celebration, the feeling of being on the winning side.

But we confess our fickleness. We confess that when your path leads towards sacrifice, when following you becomes costly or inconvenient, our shouts fade.

We confess that we are tempted to slip away when the cross comes into view, preferring to be Palm Sunday Christians rather than Good Friday Christians.

Forgive us for seeking reward without sacrifice, glory without cost. Forgive us for the times we have been silent in the face of injustice, or failed to carry on your work.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon (One/**Many**)

Hear the good news! Jesus rode into Jerusalem knowing the cheers of the crows were fleeting. He understands our human weakness, our desire for easy celebration, and our hesitation when faced with the true cost of following Him. But God's love is not dependent on our faithfulness. While we were still struggling, still caught between "Hosanna" and turning away, Christ went to the cross *for us* (Romans 5:8). Because of

His steadfast love and sacrifice, God offers us mercy. Friends, believe the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Special Music *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded/* arr. William Bay
Were You There

REVILE

The Word Proclaimed

Scripture Reading Luke 19:37-44 CEB

37 As Jesus approached the road leading down from the Mount
of Olives, the whole throng of his disciples began rejoicing.
They praised God with a loud voice because of all the mighty
things they had seen. 38 They said,
"Blessings on the king who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens."
39 Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to Jesus,
"Teacher, scold your disciples! Tell them to stop!"
40 He answered, "I tell you, if they were silent, the stones
would shout."
41 As Jesus came to the city and observed it, he wept over it. 42
He said, "If only you knew on this of all days the things that
lead to peace. But now they are hidden from your eyes. 43 The
time will come when your enemies will build fortifications
around you, encircle you, and attack you from all sides. 44 They
will crush you completely, you and the people within you. They
won't leave one stone on top of another within you, because
you didn't recognize the time of your gracious visit from God."

Sermon "From Revel to Revile"

Our Response

Hymn *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* #323 VT

1: When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

2: Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them through his blood.

3: See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4: Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an off'ring far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Pastoral Prayer

Looking Towards the Passion

(Good Friday Christians)

Holy Week (Invitation to Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday) Luke 19:41-48

41 As Jesus came to the city and observed it, he wept over it.
42 He said, "If only you knew on this of all days the things that
lead to peace. But now they are hidden from your eyes. 43 The
time will come when your enemies will build fortifications
around you, encircle you, and attack you from all sides. 44 They
will crush you completely, you and the people within you. They
won't leave one stone on top of another within you, because
you didn't recognize the time of your gracious visit from God."

45 When Jesus entered the temple, he threw out those who
were selling things there. 46 He said to them, "It's written, *My
house will be a house of prayer, but you have made it a hideout
for crooks."*

47 Jesus was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests, the
legal experts, and the foremost leaders among the people were
seeking to kill him. 48 However, they couldn't find a way to do
it because all the people were enthralled with what they heard.

* Closing Song *In Christ Alone* #332 VT

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1: In Christ alone my hope is found;
he is my light, my strength, my song—
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

2: In Christ alone, who took on flesh—
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save,
till on the cross as Jesus died,
* the wrath of God was satisfied.
My ev'ry sin on him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

3: There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am his and he is mine,

bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4: No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no human plan,
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

Sending

* **Benediction**

May God grant you courage to follow where Jesus leads, strength to stand firm when tested, and grace to embrace the way of the cross. Go in the peace of Christ, ready to watch and pray. Amen.

Choral Postlude *Thy Will Be Done* Craig Courtney

** Please stand as able and led*

Our thanks to all who have helped to prepare and lead this morning's worship service:

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