



First Presbyterian Church

OF LAKE FOREST

April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday

Gathering Prayer

We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ, who entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Let these branches be signs of his victory, and grant that we who carry them may follow him in the way of the cross, that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

PRELUDE

Fanfare and Meditation on Beautiful Savior

David Cherwien, 1990

WELCOME

INTROIT

Ville du Havre

Horatio G. Spafford, 1876

Phillip P. Bliss, 1876

When peace like a river attendeth my way when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say. "It is well, it is well with my soul."

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God bless the coming kingdom of our ancestor David.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Do not be afraid, O Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Let us worship God!

JESUS CHRIST: PASSION AND DEATH

All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

CALL TO CONFESSION

When we are honest, we realize that we do not live lives which give God all glory, laud, and honor. We fall short of God's hopes and dreams for us. We sin. With every confidence that our God forgives us in Jesus Christ, let us humbly confess our sin. We'll do so today with a bidding prayer. Whenever you hear, "O Christ our coming King," respond with "forgive us our sins."

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, you march into our lives, yet instead of giving you praise, all too often we lay down our palms and ignore your triumphant entrance.

O Christ our coming King,
Forgive our sin.

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave up the glories of heaven to come for us, taking on the form of a slave, yet we seek glory and honor for ourselves instead of for you.

O Christ our coming King,
Forgive our sin.

Lord Jesus Christ, you heal us, you teach us, you love us, you forgive us, yet we take you for granted, instead of living lives of hosanna and praise.

O Christ our coming King,
Forgive our sin.

We lift up these prayers to you as we turn from our sin and follow you in these uncertain days. Hear us now as we continue to pray in song...

KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy on me;

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy on me.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Adapted from Psalm 118

LEADER: Let's give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever! In Christ God has opened to us the gates of righteousness. God has answered us and has become our salvation.

PEOPLE: **In Jesus Christ, our sin is forgiven.**

ALL: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

SUNG RESPONSE



Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus, look full in his
won - der - ful face, and the things of earth will grow
strange - ly dim in the light of his glo - ry and grace.

TEXT and MUSIC: Helen H. Lemmel, 1922
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PASSING THE PEACE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Your Word, O God, is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. Speak to us, startle us, change us. In Christ's name, Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 12:12-16

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So 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!' Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: 'Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!' His 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

Rev. Dr. Charles B. Hardwick

Palms of Praise

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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OFFERTORY

The Palms
Susan Noble, soprano

Jean-Baptist Faure, (1830-1914)

SHARING OF OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

GATHERING SONG Come to the Table of Grace (507, v. 1)

The image shows a musical score for the song 'Come to the Table of Grace'. It consists of three staves of music in a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Come to the ta - ble of grace.' followed by a long horizontal line and then 'Come to the'. The second staff contains 'ta - ble of grace.' followed by another long horizontal line and then 'This is God's ta - ble; it's'. The third staff contains 'not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.' followed by a final long horizontal line.

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CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

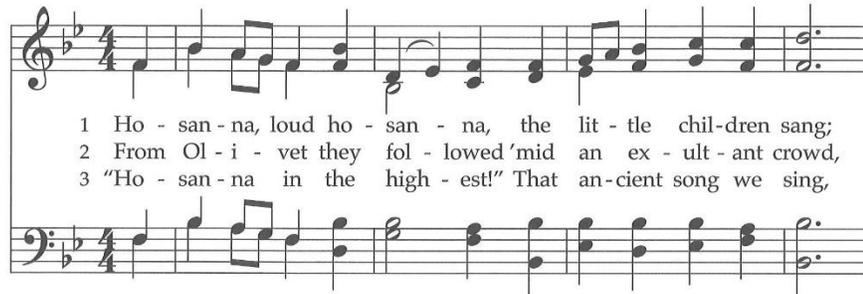
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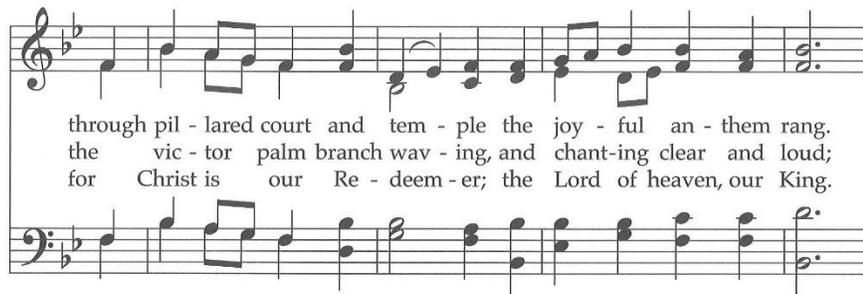
Closing Prayer

JESUS CHRIST: PASSION AND DEATH

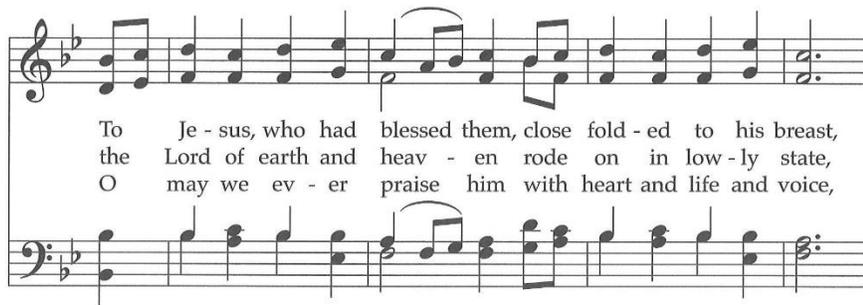
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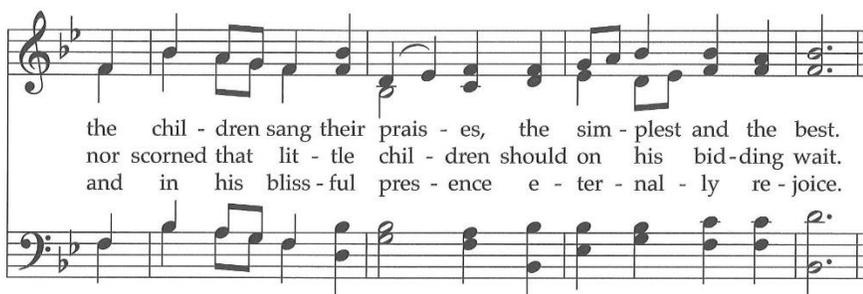
1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,



through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang,
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
 the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,



the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.

TEXT: Jennette Threlfall, 1873, alt.
 MUSIC: *Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle*, 1784; alt.

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Ville du Havre

Horatio G. Spafford, 1876

It is well with my soul.

Philip P. Bliss, 1876

POSTLUDE

Toccata on Jesus, Lover of My Soul

David Bednall, 2013