



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Palm Sunday
24 March 2024

How can nature and reason comprehend that such a one should be king of Jerusalem who enters in such poverty and humility as to ride upon a borrowed ass? How does such an advent become a great king? But faith is of the nature that it does not judge nor reason by what it sees or feels but by what it hears. It depends upon the Word alone and not on vision or sight. —Martin Luther

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

It is God Himself who calls His people to worship. We do not call ourselves, but it is the King who opens His gates and beckons us into His courts.

Gospel Invitation—Acts 10:43

To Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.

Sung Response—Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates, Vs. 1



Lift up your heads, ye migh-ty gates; be - hold, the King of_ glor - y waits;



The King of kings is draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of_ the world is here!

Text: George Weissel, 1642, tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1855; Music: TRURO, Thomas Williams, 1789.

Call to Worship—from John 12:13; Zechariah 9:9-12

Pastor: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

All: **Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel!**

Reader 1: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you.

Reader 2: He is righteous and bears salvation; He is humble and mounted on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

All: **Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

Reader 3: He shall speak peace to the nations; His rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Reader 4: As for you, because of the blood of My covenant with you, I will set you free. Return to the stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore you.

Pastor: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: **Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

Congregational Hymn—All Glory, Laud, And Honor



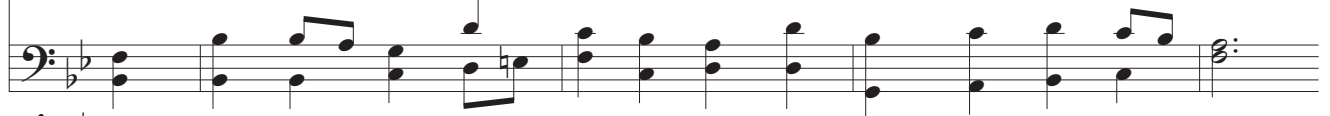
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to Thee, Re - deem - er, King,
The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore Thee went;
Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



To whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
Our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore Thee we pre - sent:
Who in all good de - light - est, Thou good and gra - cious King!



Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, Thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
To Thee be - fore Thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to Thee, Re - deem - er, King,



Who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed one!
To Thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
To whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!



Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820, tr. J. M. Neale, 1854;
Music: ST. THEODULPH, Melchoir Teschner, c. 1615.

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

The Bible is the means by which God graciously reveals Himself to His people—so we listen, read, and study with expectant hearts.

Congregational Hymn—Lord, When We Sinned And Turned From You



Lord, when we sinned and turned from You, a shroud You laid on us. _____
And now our days are like the grass; the flower flour-ish-es; _____
So teach me, Fa-ther God, to know, my life is but a breath. _____
His death I live, His life my goal, mine is His vic-to-ry. _____



Back to the ground from which we're formed, this
The wind blows once and it is gone, its
But since my Lord has gone a-head, may
Good Spir-it, lead me in His way, un-



dust re- turns to dust.
mem- 'ry per- ish- es. _____
I not fear my death. _____
til His face I see! _____

Refrain



But one man o-ver-came the grave, He plun-dered Sa-tan's store. _____



Christ holds the keys of death and hell, He lives for-ev-er-more!

Text: Peter Leech, 2020; Music: Nathan George, 2020.

Scripture Reading—Psalm 118:19-26

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Hymn—Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation

Christ is made the sure found-a - tion, Christ the head and cor - ner-stone;
To this tem - ple, where we call Thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, to - day;
Here vouch - safe to all Thy ser - vants as they ask of Thee to gain;
Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or to the Son,

Chos - en of the Lord, and pre - cious, bind - ing all the Church in one,
With Thy want - ed lov - ing-kind - ness hear Thy ser - vants as they pray.
What they gain from Thee for - ev - er and Thy bles - sed rest re - tain,
Laud and hon - or to the Spir - it, ev - er Three and ev - er One;

Ho - ly Zi - on's help for - ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
And Thy full - est be - ne - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
And here - af - ter in Thy glor - y ev - er - more with Thee to reign.
Con - sub - stan - tial, co - e - ter - nal, while un - end - ing a - ges run.

Text: Anonymous, 7th century, tr. J. M. Neale, 1851; Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry Smart, 1867.

Baptism of Callum Neville, son of Connor and Ravyn Neville

Reading of the Word—Hebrews 11:8-16

By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. ²⁴ By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

²⁹ By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—Sing Hosanna

WOMEN

MEN
Sing Ho - san - na to the Lord. Sing Ho -

san - na to the Lord. Sing Ho - san - na. Sing Ho - - -
Sing Ho - san - na, na.

san - - - - na.
Sing Ho - san - na. Sing Ho - san - na to the Lord.

The musical score is written for Men and Women. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system shows the Men's part starting with 'Sing Ho - san - na to the Lord.' and the Women's part starting with 'Sing Ho -'. The second system continues the Men's part with 'san - na to the Lord. Sing Ho - san - na. Sing Ho - - -' and the Women's part with 'Sing Ho - san - na, na.'. The third system shows the Men's part with 'san - - - - na. Sing Ho - san - na. Sing Ho - san - na to the Lord.' and the Women's part with 'Sing Ho - san - na. Sing Ho - san - na to the Lord.'

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Sermon—Looking To The Reward

—Pastor, James Crampton

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE, AND RECONCILIATION

The people of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Confession of Sin—based on Matthew 11:25; 18:1-3; 21:16

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. We thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children.

All: **But instead of turning to become like little children, we would rather be the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.**

Pastor: Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies You have prepared praise.

All: **But we have not humbled ourselves like little children.**

(Silent Prayers of Confession)

Sung Response—Lamb Of God

UNISON

O Lamb of God, that takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. —

O Lamb of God, that takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. —

O Lamb of God, that takes a - way the sins of the world,

Slightly faster WOMEN

Grant us Thy peace, Grant us Thy, Grant us Thy peace,

MEN

Grant us Thy peace, Grant us Thy peace, Grant us Thy peace.

Text: Traditional, based on John 1:29; Music: CLOVERCROFT AGNUS DEI, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.

Assurance of Pardon—Matthew 18:10-14; Mark 12:30

Jesus said, “See that you do not despise one of these little ones. If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of My Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.”

Pastor: This is the promise of God. This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Therefore, let us love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind and with all our strength.

Sung Response—Twofold Amen

A - men, a - men

Text: Traditional; Music: DRESDEN, Johann Naumann, 18th century.

HEAVENLY GIFT—*EUCCHARISTO*

As God beckons His people to the bounty of His table, they make joyous profession of their fealty to Him.

Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God:

The Father Almighty, the Creator of Heaven and Earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,

Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell.

On the third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into Heaven and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

From whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit; the one holy church—both visible and invisible;

The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

Sursum Corda

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. Therefore, we praise You, Triune God, and we join our voices with the angels, the archangels, and the whole company of Heaven in this hymn of eternal praise:

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Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth. —

WOMEN

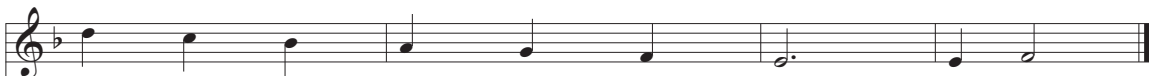


We praise You, we bless You, we wor-ship You, we glo-ri-fy You,

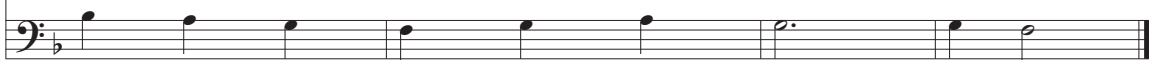
MEN



We praise You, we bless_ You, we wor-ship You, we glo-ri-fy You,



We give You thanks for Your great glo - ry.



We give You thanks for Your great glo - ry.

Text: Traditional, based on Luke 2:14; Music: CLOVERCROFT GLORIA, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S TABLE

This table is open to all baptized Christians who have made a profession of faith. You may come forward to receive the bread and wine or grape juice.

Congregational Hymn—At The Name Of Jesus



At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow, Ev - 'ry tongue con - fess_ Him
Hum - bled for a sea - son to re - ceive a name From the lips of sin - ners
In your hearts en - throne Him; there let Him sub - due All that is not ho - ly,
Broth - ers, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain With His Fath - er's glo - ry,



King of glo - ry now; 'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call Him Lord,
un - to whom He came, Faith - ful - ly He bore___ it spot - less to the last,
all that is not true; Crown Him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
with His ang - el train; For all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on His brow,



Who from the beg - in - ning was the might - y Word.
Brought it back vic - to - rious when from death He passed.
Let His will en - fold you in its light and pow'r.
And our hearts conf - ess Him King of glo - ry now.

Text: Caroline M. Noel, 1870; Music: KING'S WESTON, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925.

Congregational Hymn—We Will Glorify



We will glo - ri - fy the King of kings, we will glo - ri - fy the Lamb;
Lord Je - ho - vah reigns in Maj - es - ty, we will bow be - fore His throne;
He is Lord of heav - en, Lord of earth, He is Lord of all who live;
Hal - le - lu - jah to the King of kings, Hal - le - lu - jah to the Lamb;
Ho - san - na to the King of kings, Ho - san - na to the Lamb;



We will glo - ri - fy the Lord of lords, Who___ is the great I Am.
We will wor - ship Him in right - eous - ness, we will wor - ship Him a - lone.
He is Lord a - bove the u - ni - verse, all___ praise to Him we give.
Hal - le - lu - jah to the Lord of lords, Who___ is the great I Am.
Ho - san - na to the Lord of lords, Who___ is the great I Am.

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GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE, PETITIONS, TITHES & OFFERINGS

Our praying, serving, and giving are essential aspects of worship. It is here that our faith moves from our heads and hearts into our lives and callings.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession—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.*

Congregational Hymn—Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown Him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on His throne.
Crown Him the Lord of life, tri - um - phant o'er the grave,
Crown Him the Lord of love, be - hold His hands and side,
Crown Him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
Crown Him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time,

Hark! How the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mus - ic but its own.
Who rose vic - tor - ious from the__ strife for those He came to save.
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glor - i - fied.
From pole to pole, that wars may__ cease, and all be prayer and praise.
Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing__ spheres, in - eff - a - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
His glor - ies now we sing, who died and reigns on high;
No an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His reign shall know no end, and round His pierc - ed feet
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For Thou has died for me;

And hail Him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
He died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
But down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
Fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
Thy praise and glor - y shall not fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1852; Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1868.

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Benedictory Hosannas—from Revelation 7:9-12

Pastor: I looked, and behold, there was a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages. They were standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes. And they all had palm branches in their hands.

All: They cried out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

Pastor: And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God.

All: They said, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Sung Response—Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates, Vs. 3

The musical score is written in 3/2 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef staff with a melody and a bass clef staff with a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "O blest the land, the cit - y blest, where Christ the rul - er_ is con - fessed". The second system also has a treble clef staff with a melody and a bass clef staff with a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "O hap - py hearts and hap - py homes to whom this King in triumph comes!". The piece ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note.

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Music: TRURO, Thomas Williams, 1789.

Announcements

Worship Notes:

Waving palms together on Palm Sunday is always one of the sweetest moments of the church year. Though our sermon series on the book of Hebrews continues, the service this morning will feature many of the great hymns of the faith that walk us through Christ's passion. We'll sing hymns like *All Glory, Laud And Honor*, which narrate the events of Palm Sunday. In *Sing Hosanna* and *We Will Glorify*, we'll join with the crowds of disciples shouting "Hosanna." *Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates* and *Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation* use imagery found in Psalm 118, one of the traditional passages from the Old Testament that anticipates Jesus' triumphal entry. *At The Name Of Jesus* describes His victory over death, and *Crown Him With Many Crowns* celebrates Him as the Lamb seated on His throne in Heaven. The lowly prophet that entered the city on the back of a donkey is the very same Lord that led the Israelites to the promised land, drowning the Egyptian army in the sea and shattering the walls of Jericho in the process. Though humbled and pierced for our sakes, He is the Lord of all the universe—and He promises to come again with His Father's glory and His angel train. —Henry C. Haffner

Key Words: Faith, Afraid, Mistreated, Reproach, Pleasures, Wealth, Endure, See, Blood, Welcome
Keystone Verse: He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. (Hebrews 11:26)



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