



March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday)

REFLECTION

“A person wrapped up in himself makes a small package.”

~Harry Emerson Fosdick

PRELUDE

“Ride On, King Jesus”

arr. Robert Greenlee

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

“Hosanna Parade”

featuring children & youth from the congregation

CALL TO WORSHIP

Manger-born, teller of stories, friend of children, he turns toward Jerusalem. Word spreads.

Teacher and Living Word, healer of the ill, and hope-bearer to the lowly, he approaches the Holy City. Anticipation builds.

Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest.

Interpreter of tradition and guide to new ways, preacher by parable and revealer of truth, he rides into Jerusalem. Excitement reigns.

Servant sovereign, powerful prophet, lover of God and neighbor, Jesus enters our lives. Hearts rejoice.

Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN No. 197

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

ELLACOMBE

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

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.

“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
And in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(In Unison)*

God of love and majesty, we come together as the crowd came together in Jerusalem-welcoming the One we call Lord. In our pride at our own plans and goals, we balk at Jesus' call to lose ourselves in the service of others. Our flawed understanding of what gives us worth causes us to withhold commitment and to mistrust Jesus' utter reliance on you. Forgive us. Turn us to the ways of Jesus.

Time of silent reflection. Think about something you want to turn from during Lent, or something you want to turn toward.

Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's life turned towards humanity in Jesus, even before people repented and turned our lives toward God. Trust the Lord who reaches out to us in grace.

In Jesus we are forgiven.

HYMN No. 196, St. 1

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor" VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

All glory, laud, and honor
To thee, Redeemer, King.
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and blessed One.

All glory, laud, and honor
To thee, Redeemer, King.
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

"Make Way"

Russell Nagy

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 3:1-7

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 11:1-11

SERMON

"The 7 Deadly Sins: Pride"

Rev. William Schram

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Via Dolorosa"

Billy Sprague and Niles Borop

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER & 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.

HYMN No. 198, St. 1, 2, & 4 *“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”*

ST. DROSTANE

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry;
Thy humble beast pursues its road
With psalms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain;
Then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

David Cherwien

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. William Schram
Rev. Barbara Piercy
Susan Jones & Noel Piercy
Micki Hardenberg, Soloist & Cantor
Chancel Choir, Westminster & Pilgrim Choirs
Jesse Gerbasi, Snare Drum
Ray Liptak, AV Engineer

SERMON QUESTIONS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 28TH

1. When has pride gone before a fall in your life?(It doesn't have to be a major fall)
2. How would you describe the difference between sinful pride and healthy sense of self-esteem?
3. Sinful pride is self-esteem at the expense of others. Do you agree?
4. What is the connection between sinful pride and fear of the “other?”
5. Pride is a main sin of Holy Week. Where do you see this acted out during Holy Week?
6. What might Jesus have done in Holy Week if he had given in to sinful pride?



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