

Sunday, April 2, 2023

9:30 am

Palm Sunday

GATHERING

REFLECTION

“Thus Jesus' approach to Jerusalem has become for many a symbol of the confrontation they must make, including the confrontation with themselves.”

-William Loader

PRELUDE

“Improvisations on Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Gesangbuch Der H.W.K. Hofkapelle, 1784

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

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

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.

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

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.

*HYMN NO. 196

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

***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, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One.

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

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

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

3. To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

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

4. Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Lent is a journey of repentance – of turning away from evil and turning our lives God-ward. Knowing our ability to deflect and deny, God said, “I will lead you in the paths of truth.” Let us be truthful before our Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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. 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. 698

"Take, O Take Me As I Am"

TAKE ME AS I AM

Take, O take me as I am;

summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Deacon Annual Golf Outing

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

Page 534, OT

SPECIAL MUSIC

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

arr. Ronald Kaufman

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:1-11

Page 21, NT

SERMON

"Palm Sunday and a Week"

Rev. William Schram

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Hosanna! Sing a Loud Hosanna!"

Mark Hayes

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CONSECRATION AND 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.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

arr. Jay Althouse

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, we have set aside our palm branches, that we may go and serve at your side in a broken world. Now we will pick up our cloaks and follow you wherever you leads. Now help us sing songs of wonder at your love poured out in bread and cup and then on the cross. May your Spirit sustain the weary with peace and hope. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 198

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

ST. DROSTANE

1. Ride on! ride on in majesty! Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;
thy humble beast pursues its road with palms and scattered garments strowed.
2. Ride on! ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin o’er captive depth and conquered sin.
3. Ride on! ride on in majesty! The hosts of angels in the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.
4. 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

“Improvisations on Ride On, Ride on in Majesty!”

Thomas Williams’ Psalmodia Evngelica, 1789
arr. Peter Candela

* Please rise in body or spirit

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. William Schram
Valerie Shondel, Interim Music Director
Chancel Choir
Chancel Handbell Choir
John Henry Lambert, Trumpet
Peter Candela, Organ and Piano
Ray Liptak, AV Engineer
Michael Sperrazza, & Matthew Califf AV Team

LENT & EASTER SERVICES

Seder Dinner Wednesday April 5, 2023 6PM Room 120

Maundy Thursday April 7, 2023 7PM: Chancel Choir, Genesis Quintet: Sanctuary

Good Friday (Contemporary) April 8, 2023 7PM Fellowship Hall

Early Easter Worship 8AM Acoustic Instruments, Old Burial Ground weather permitting. Fellowship Hall otherwise.

Easter Celebration Service 10AM: Chancel Choir, Brass, Timpani, Bells, Piano and Organ : Sanctuary

Easter Egg Hunt following Worship: Old Burial Ground