

PALM SUNDAY

March 28, 2021

Organ Prelude: Trumpet Voluntary

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Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” (Mark 11:8-10)

The crowd expected a king who would rule over the land; the religious leaders expected to keep hold of the power they had; the disciples were slow to hear and believe.

We gather with certain expectations. We come to worship because when our expectations are not being met, we need the strength of our faith and the support of those around us to continue to be grounded in God’s steadfast love.

We come to be reminded that God’s power through love is far greater than any of our expectations.

Let us worship God together!

Hymn: “All glory, laud and honour”

No. 214

soloists Anna Bateman and Chris Tanaka-Mann with organist Bruce Nasmith

**Refrain: All glory, laud and honour
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)

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

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

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

Prayer of Approach, Confession & 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Peace of Christ be with you all;
And also with you.

Children's Theme for Church School

Special Music: Rejoice Greatly from Messiah

soloist Erin Stone with pianist Bruce Nasmith

G. F. Handel

Scripture Readings: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Mark 11:1-11

Psalm 118:1-2

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

2 Let Israel say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

20 This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.

21 I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

22 The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvellous in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

26 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
We bless you from the house of the Lord.

27 The Lord is God,
and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.

28 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.

29 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Mark 11:1-11

11 When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ² and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵ some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶ They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷ Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

10 Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

11 Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

We are listening, O God;
Speak to us!

Sermon: LOVE AT FULL SPEED Rev. Rebecca

Special Music: Bridge Over Troubled Water Paul Simon
soloist Shaun Alphonso with pianist Bruce Nasmith

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

Hymn: “Ride on, ride on in majesty” No. 217
soloists Anna Bateman and Chris Tanaka-Mann with organist Bruce Nasmith

1. Ride on, ride on in majesty;
hark, all the tribes Hosanna cry.
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
with palms and scattered
garments strewed.

2. 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.

3. Ride on, ride on in majesty;
the angel hosts beyond the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude: Trumpet Tune

4. Ride on, ride on in majesty;
the last and fiercest strife is nigh.
Thy Father on the sapphire throne
expects thee, loved, anointed Son.

5. 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.

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