

PALM SUNDAY

April 10, 2022

Trumpet and Piano Prelude: Heroic Music in D major

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Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

Silent Meditation

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

We gather together to share in the praise of Palm Sunday, to anticipate the events of Holy Week, to journey towards the cross and tomb.

This is the day that the Lord has made: we celebrate Christ's entry into Jerusalem with palms in our hands and "Hosannas" on our lips. Jesus comes, humbly on a donkey, bringing peace.

We gather together knowing that beneath the praise and celebration of this day, great risks are taken, risks that lead to suffering, to injustice, to questions of faith.

We face contradictions in how to respond to risky events in our lives and in the world everyday. Sometimes we respond with blindness, weakness, or hardness of heart. Sometimes we respond with courage, hope, and love.

We gather to affirm that in the midst of celebration or tragedy, God is at work for good and Christ comes to save with peace and the steadfast love of God.

Let us worship God together!

***Hymn: "All glory, laud and honour"**

No. 214

**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)

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

3. To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. (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: Hosanna to the Son of David

David Hall

Scripture Readings: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Matthew 21:1-11

Scripture reader, Josephine Schoutsen

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever!

2 Let Israel say,
"God's 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 God 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 the Lord is good,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Matthew 21:1-11

21 When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." 4 This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet,

5
"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; 7 they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,
"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

10 When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" 11 The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

We are listening, O God;
Speak to us!

Sermon:

TAKING RISKS

Rev. Rebecca

Special Music: My Song is Love Unknown words Samuel Crossman; music John Ireland
soloist Anna Bateman

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

***Hymn: "Ride on, ride on in majesty"**

No. 217

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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**

Piano Postlude: Improvisation on Winchester New

Richard Herriott

**Remain seated if you are more comfortable*