



March 24, 2024
Sunday Gathering
Palm Sunday

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-SPECIAL MUSIC-

"Majesty" - J. Hayford

Lisa Loeffler and Brenda Gardiner

-ACKNOWLEDGEMENT-

We acknowledge that the place where we are gathered today is the ancient and ancestral homeland of more than twenty Indigenous tribes. We mourn the loss of their lives, livelihoods, homes, and cultures, and acknowledge the legacy of violence against them.

We acknowledge that the space where we worship today was established and built by those whose Black ancestors were also abused and mistreated - some even bought and sold as enslaved people right here in our city.

We acknowledge the women who've faced unfair treatment and misogyny throughout the ages and we acknowledge those who identify as LGBTQ or other who've been mistreated and misunderstood.

We acknowledge our role and responsibility as professed followers of Christ to stand for and alongside all of these and others who have been and continue to be oppressed.

-SPECIAL MUSIC-

"Ride On, King Jesus"

Daniel Beasley

-WELCOME-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"You Raise Me Up"

WHEN I AM DOWN AND, OH MY SOUL, SO WEARY.
WHEN TROUBLES COME AND MY HEART, BURDENED BE.
THEN, I AM STILL AND WAIT HERE IN THE SILENCE,
UNTIL YOU COME AND SIT AWHILE WITH ME.

YOU RAISE ME UP SO I CAN STAND ON MOUNTAINS,
YOU RAISE ME UP TO WALK ON STORMY SEAS.

I AM STRONG WHEN I AM ON YOUR SHOULDERS,
YOU RAISE ME UP TO MORE THAN I CAN BE.

-OPENING PRAYER-

GOD OF RESTORATION AND REBUILDING,
WE ARE HERE TODAY SEEKING RESURRECTION AND RENEWAL
FOR OUR TIRED AND WORN-OUT BODIES
AND THE BODY OF THIS COMMUNITY.
IN THIS MOMENT OF QUIET, WE LIFT UP TO YOU
THOSE THINGS WE'D LIKE TO GIVE UP FOR GOOD...
FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOOD.

-OPENING DEVOTIONAL-

-GREETING EACH OTHER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Sing Hosanna"

GIVE ME JOY IN MY HEART, KEEP ME PRAISING,
GIVE ME JOY IN MY HEART, I PRAY;
GIVE ME JOY IN MY HEART, KEEP ME PRAISING,
KEEP ME PRAISING TILL THE BREAK OF DAY:

SING HOSANNA, SING HOSANNA,
SING HOSANNA TO THE KING OF KINGS!
SING HOSANNA, SING HOSANNA,
SING HOSANNA TO THE KING!

GIVE ME PEACE IN MY HEART, KEEP ME LOVING,
GIVE ME PEACE IN MY HEART, I PRAY;
GIVE ME PEACE IN MY HEART, KEEP ME LOVING,
KEEP ME LOVING TILL THE BREAK OF DAY:

SING HOSANNA, SING HOSANNA,
SING HOSANNA TO THE KING OF KINGS!
SING HOSANNA, SING HOSANNA,
SING HOSANNA TO THE KING!

GIVE ME LOVE IN MY HEART, KEEP ME SERVING,
GIVE ME LOVE IN MY HEART, I PRAY;
GIVE ME LOVE IN MY HEART, KEEP ME SERVING,
KEEP ME SERVING TILL THE BREAK OF DAY.

SING HOSANNA, SING HOSANNA,
SING HOSANNA TO THE KING OF KINGS!

SING HOSANNA, SING HOSANNA,
SING HOSANNA TO THE KING!

-SCRIPTURE-

John 12: 12-16 NRSV

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord — the King of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

-THE MESSAGE-

"Sit Up and Ride On!"

(A fictional sermon straight from the donkey's mouth)

Pam Lee-Miller

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Change My Heart, O God"

CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD,
MAKE IT EVER TRUE;
CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD,
MAY I BE LIKE YOU.

YOU ARE THE POTTER,
I AM THE CLAY;
MOLD ME AND MAKE ME,
THIS IS WHAT I PRAY.

CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD,
MAKE IT EVER TRUE;
CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD,
MAY I BE LIKE YOU.

-COMMUNION-

"Jesu, Word of God Incarnate" - W. A. Mozart

-SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS-

-PASTORAL PRAYER-

-OFFERING-

"Tell Me the Story of Jesus" - arr. P. Hamm

-IN GRATITUDE-

-ANNOUNCEMENTS-

-INVITATION TO RESPOND-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

"HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA,"
THE LITTLE CHILDREN SANG;
THROUGH PILLARED COURT AND TEMPLE
THE LOVELY 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
AMID A CHEERING CROWD,
THE VICTOR PALM BRANCH WAVING,
AND CHANTING CLEAR AND LOUD.
THE ONE WHOM ANGELS WORSHIP
RODE ON IN LOWLY STATE,
AND GLAD TO SEE THE CHILDREN,
SLOWED DOWN THE DONKEY'S GAIT.

"HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!"
THAT ANCIENT SONG IS OURS,
WE HAIL OUR GREAT REDEEMER
AND SING WITH ALL OUR POWERS;
"HOSANNA, CHRIST, WE PRAISE YOU
WITH HEART AND LIFE AND VOICE.
HOSANNA! IN YOUR PRESENCE
FOREVER WE'LL REJOICE!"

-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

-POSTLUDE-

*"Ride On, King Jesus" - arr. Stephen Key
Brenda Gardiner*