



OLYMPIA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Palm Sunday

March 28, 2021

GATHERING

Welcome & Virtual Check-In

Procession

Come into God's Presence

#34

Come into God's presence singing al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Come into God's presence singing Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord.

Praise the Lord together singing Worthy the Lamb, worthy the Lamb, worthy the Lamb.

Praise the Lord together singing Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God

Call-to-Worship

Leader: Cry out, people of faith! Rejoice and praise God!

People: If we did not sing praise, the very stones would cry out!

Leader: Cry out, people of faith, for your Savior draws near to Jerusalem.

People: Hosanna! God saves! Blessed is the One who comes in God's name!

Leader: Blessed is Jesus Christ, who did not turn back for fear of the cross. Let us praise the God who loves us, sharing Christ's sufferings, and facing with courage our path of faith.

All: Hosanna! God saves! Blessed is the One who comes in God's name!

Procession

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

#233

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 'mid an exultant crowd,

the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud;

The Lord of men and women 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!

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Hymn

We Will Glorify

#35

We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb;
We will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I Am.
Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty, we will bow before the throne;
We will worship Him in righteousness, we will worship Him alone
He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth, He is Lord of all who live;
He is Lord above the universe, all praise to Him we give.
Hallelujah to the King of kings, hallelujah to the Lamb;
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords, who is the great I Am.

Invocation

Rev. Mark Rambo

As crowds of people welcomed Jesus when he rode into Jerusalem, acclaiming him as their ruler, so we welcome you, God, Creator, Christ, and Spirit. Above all human powers and dominions, you lay rightful claim to our praise, our love, and our obedience. We have come to worship you and to hear your word. We love you, God, and we pray that we, with all people, might do your will on earth, as we pray what the Savior prayed:

*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.*

The Written Word

Philippians 2: 5–11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness and being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God.

Mission Moment

America for Christ – Discipleship

Tithes and Offerings

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Sung Offertory

Tune - The Church's One Foundation

Refreshed by living waters, renewed by living bread,
May we your sons and daughters, by your own hand be led.
Accept the gifts we offer; receive the lives we owe.
Unite us in your service; may seeds of justice grow!

Song

The Palms

Darrell Born

Crown ye, with palms the Savior's onward way. With branches green His holy path adorned,
Ho! everyone who hath desired His day, Forth and behold him on this festal morn!
Judah rejoice with one accord; from earth to heaven let our glad voices wave hosanna!
Hail to the Lord! Holy is he, who comes the world to save. Hail to the long awaited Man of God,
Who unto us heavenly peace restored. Now on the people who in darkness trod.
Light far above the sun's own glory pours.
Judah, rejoice, with one accord; from earth to heaven let our glad voices wave, hosanna!
Hail to the Lord! Holy is he, who comes the world to save.
Leaving his home beyond the clouds and stars. Dwells He on earth in suffering woe and pain
That mortal man may burst the dungeon bars of death and sin; and with Him ever Reign.
Judah, rejoice, with one accord; from earth to heaven let our glad voices wave, hosanna!
Hail to the Lord! Holy is he, who comes the world to save.

ENTERING GOD'S STORY

The Written Word

Mark 11: 1–11

NSRV

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples 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. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. 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!" 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.

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The Spoken Word

Church Day Parade

Rev. Mark Rambo

RESPONDING TO GOD'S STORY

Lenten Slideshow

Song

Hosanna

David Nash

My heart beats today, with a faster pace than blood can flow
My heart beats today, with a fevered pace my veins can't hold
This old piece of clay, that You've shaped for many years
Is about to burst away, as You're drawing near...
HOSANNA! HOSANNA! HOSANNA!

My mind circles today, with thoughts much too big to think
My mind races today, with pictures and colors too bright to keep
This old piece of clay, that You've shaped for many years
Is about to burst away, as You're drawing near...
HOSANNA! HOSANNA! HOSANNA!

Come close my king who bears all my sorrows
Come close my king who was crushed for me
Come close my king who hears my praise
Come close my king by your wounds I am saved
HOSANNA! HOSANNA! HOSANNA!

The Written Word

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

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Prayers of the People

God of Joy and Arrival,

Enter our lives as Christ entered Jerusalem. May we celebrate your coming. May we cry out with the stones so the world might hear your glad arrival. Yet do not leave us in the events to come. This joyous crowd which greets you will turn and flee. From a crowd of hosannas, we turn into a silent, denying crowd at the Cross. Do not leave us in the events to come! Even though we may leave you, do not leave us, O Christ! Then forgive us, so we can return to you changed. Help us to understand Christ's rule, strongest among the oppressed, among the victims, among the hurt and broken ones. Help us to understand Christ's triumph revealed when love speaks the healing and freeing word. Help us to understand glory revealed on a cross. Then may we sing with children and beings of light: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in God's name to visit and redeem God's people. Amen!

Hymn

All Glory, Laud and Honor

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All glory, laud and honor to Thee, Redeemer king, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosanna ring; Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son, Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One!
The company of angels are praising Thee on high, and mortal ones and all things, created make reply; the people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went; Our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present.
To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise,
To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise; Thou didst accept their praises -
Accept the praises we bring, who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King

Weekly Challenge

How will you carry Jesus into your world?

Postlude

Dr. Jonathan Spatola-Knoll

Benediction

Walk Humbly • Love Completely • Live Differently