

Bulletin for Worship

Palm Sunday

March 28th, 2021

Call to Worship

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When the Lord entered the gates of the Holy City, crowds shouted his praise and waved Palm Branches; But within the bounds of the city there were some who feared him. Even today some let fear define their lives. On this day, let us allow the humility of the Son of God lead us past the places of our fear and worry, into the Kingdom of God where everyone dwells together in peace.

Hymn Glory to God #196 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

(Refrain)

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

Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessed One. *[Refrain]*

The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems
before thee we present. *[Refrain]*

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

Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King! *[Refrain]*

TEXT: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820; trans. John Mason Neale, 1851, alt.

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Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, we confess that we would rather have a joyful parade than to sit and wait. We would prefer to have our way, and to do what we want, than to be still. It is hard to get away from the noise when it is in our own minds and hearts. It is difficult to be let go of our own wants and worries, and to listen. But we know that peace does not come from noise, and humility does not come from aggression. Show us how to be the people of this time, to be present in this moment, and open to hearing your voice of love and peace. Enable us to learn and grow in your peace in this time we pray. Amen.

Take a few moments for your own silent confession

Assurance of Hope and Forgiveness

The Lord is our strength and might. Jesus is our salvation.

In Jesus our sins are forgiven.

In Jesus our cries are answered, our salvation is at hand.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Sing and celebrate! Through Jesus' love and sacrifice we have all been forgiven.

Hosanna! Blessed be the Name of the Lord!

The Presbyterian Hymnal #579 "Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

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Glory Be to the Father

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text. Composer: Henry W. Greatorex (1851)

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9

⁴ The Lord God has given me

the tongue of a teacher,

that I may know how to sustain

the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—

wakens my ear

to listen as those who are taught.

⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear,

and I was not rebellious,

I did not turn backwards.

⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me,

and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face

from insult and spitting.

⁷ The Lord God helps me;

therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸ he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
⁹ It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
All of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

Mark 11:1-11

^{11:1} When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and 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. ³If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately." ' ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then 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.

Message: "The Promise of Humility"
Prayer

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Sending Hymn: Glory to God Hymnal #727 “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant” (vs. 1, 2, and 4)

Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey;
we’re together on the road.
We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I’ll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we’ve seen this journey through.

(repeat vs 1)

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