



## CELEBRATING PALM SUNDAY

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### PRELUDE

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

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Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the joyful 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 earth and heaven 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.

### OPENING READING

- John 12:12-19, Triumphal Entry

<sup>12</sup> The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, **“Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Blessed is the king of Israel!”**

<sup>14</sup> Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

<sup>15</sup> “Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey’s colt.” **“Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”**

<sup>16</sup> At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.

**“Blessed is the king of Israel!”**

<sup>17</sup> Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. <sup>18</sup> Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. <sup>19</sup> So the Pharisees said to one another, “See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!”

### INTROIT

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Bell Choir

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Holy Week Schedule: today Palm Sunday Egg Hunt and Picnic, Maundy Thursday 6pm, Good Friday 7pm, Holy Saturday Vigil Cantata; Easter 11am
2. Last Day for COM conversations

### OPENING PRAYER

Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that united with Christ and all the faithful we may one day enter in triumph the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens, where with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory forever.

### CALL TO CONFESSION AND CONFESSION

Friends, Christ died for us. And before we can praise his resurrection and forgiveness, we must join him in the walk to the cross and admit our own sinfulness. Trusting in God’s mercy, let us approach the throne of grace together, saying “King of Mercy, **hear our prayer.**”

God, we confess that we are always crying Hosanna, Save us! Help us! We confess that our best selves are our Palm Sunday selves knowing we need your help and willing to do your work in ourselves to recognize sin and reconcile our relationships. King of Mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our worst selves are our Passion Sunday selves, when we act like a mob, angry that things are not fixed or not as we want them and lashing out against others from our own internal pain. King of Mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Forgive us, remind us that we no longer have to choose to be a Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday People—we no longer have to be in need or angry, for you have transformed us into a Resurrection people, with the hope for change and growth and salvation. King of Mercy, **hear our prayer.**

HYMN OF FORGIVENESS – In Christ Alone (vs. 2) Annabel and choir

In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
‘Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ has died, Christ has risen, and Christ will come again. Christ has already saved us, so we can proclaim the good news again and again: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

READING John 19:16b-30 (NIV)

So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. <sup>17</sup> Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). <sup>18</sup> There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

<sup>19</sup> Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. <sup>20</sup> Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. <sup>21</sup> The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.”

<sup>22</sup> Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”

<sup>23</sup> When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

<sup>24</sup> “Let’s not tear it,” they said to one another. “Let’s decide by lot who will get it.”

This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said, “They divided my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.” So this is what the soldiers did.

<sup>25</sup> Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, “Woman, <sup>27</sup> here is your son,” and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

<sup>28</sup> Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” <sup>29</sup> A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips. <sup>30</sup> When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

MUSIC MEDITATION “Were You There” v 1-2 Choir

PSALM READING Psalm 24 (NRSV)

The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation. Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Selah

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.  
Who is the King of glory?  
The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.  
Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors!

that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

SERMON                      The End of the Road                      Rev. Marie Mainard O’Connell

ANTHEM                                      “When I Survey”                                      Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Our Savior comes to us humbly, riding a donkey and proclaiming a message of peace. Let us pray for the church, for earth and all it’s creatures, for all people and ourselves saying “King of Mercy, **hear our prayer.**”

That Christians hear and share the word of God as true disciples, seeking peace among ourselves and with others; King of Mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That all ends of the earth receive the words of the king of peace, eager to end war and suffering; King of Mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That all leaders, of church and state, would prefer humble service to empty power, and seek to serve others rather than receive power; King of Mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That all those who serve others as first responders, doctors, nurses and teachers, as civil servants, police and firefighters and desk jobs, as soldiers or counselors or caregivers be protected in their work, seek and receive mercy, and be sustained beyond their challenges; King of Mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That all people live with gratitude for the gifts of nourishment, friendship, family, trust, patience and hope, with the courage to change whatever fails to be lifegiving; King of Mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That those who need forgiveness ask it; that those who are wounded are healed, that new relationships would blossom on the grave of past sins; King of Mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That those who seek the cross starkly revealed in their lives could draw strength from the name that is above every name.; King of Mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That all who mourn today will be comforted, and the memory of the blessed dead would be honored and remembered; King of Mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, our creator, you show us the way to freedom through the obedience of your Son, who held steady to his purpose, even to the grave. Help us to pray as he taught us, saying

**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.**

GIVING OF OUR OFFERINGS AND TITHES

Today we offer ourselves and our gifts to God as a stubborn people united in gratitude for God’s faithfulness to us. Today we can give by mailing an offering to the church address or by giving online through our webpage, or leaving a gift in the plate as we exit the sanctuary. Your gifts maintain our ministries, and make it possible to reach out in need— if that is you, —physical, mental, spiritual or financial need—please tell our elder for Congregational Care, Mary Henry, or Rev. Marie .

\*DOXOLOGY A Lenten Doxology (choir will lead - Annabel on organ)  
**Praise God throughout these forty days, Praise Christ our Lord whom God did raise And praise the Spirit who imparts, God’s love in Christ into our hearts. Amen**

PRAYER

HYMN OF SENDING                      “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”                      #221

O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;  
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown; O sacred head, what glory,  
what bliss till now was thine! Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners’ gain: mine, mine was the  
transgression, but thine the deadly pain. Lo, here I fall, my Savior! ’Tis  
I deserve thy place; look on me with thy favor, and grant to me thy grace.

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend, for this thy dying sorrow,  
thy pity without end? O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE, INVITATION, CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

“The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD’s face shine upon you, and be  
gracious to you; The LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.”

\*POSTLUDE

RECESS TO PICNIC AT OVERBROOK PAVILION