

Palm Sunday
April 2, 2023

Welcoming

Mission and Service Birthday/Anniversary Recognition

Happy birthday to you,
to Jesus be true,
May God's gracious blessings
rest always with you.

Announcements

Centring Music: Festival March on "St. Theodulph"

Robert J. Hughes, Tune by Melchior Teschnes

Lighting the Christ Candle and the Candles of Lent

Opening Prayer (Nancy)

We raise our voices and wave with joyful hope
The palms of deliverance of God's people.

Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David!

Our hearts are filled with expectation
as we welcome the coming king.

Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

We receive into the crowded streets of our lives
the one who is Saviour, not only of us, but of all the earth.

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

The Lord's Prayer

A Time to Wonder

Opening Hymn: **He Came Riding on a Donkey**
(Voices United 124)

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- 1 He came riding on a donkey,
he came riding into town;
slow and easy kind of lowly
he came riding with the dawn.
His disciples walked beside him,
staying close, a little shy;
not too sure where he would guide them,
on to live or on to die.
But all the morning sang his praises;
waking birds and dancing wind;
here he is, the Son of David;
riding on to take his throne.

- 2 Then the children gathered, singing
shouts of laughter, bursting cheer;
in the streets their song was ringing,
'Hosannas' filled the morning air.
Timid adults strained to see him,
caught the Spirit, joined the song;
spread their cloaks along before him,
branches flashing in the sun.
So all the city sang his praises;
waking streets and dancing crowd;
here he is, the Son of David;
our Messiah, Son of God.

3 In our fasting, and our feasting,
called to follow in his way;
called to walk his road to Easter,
called to live his cross today.
Hosanna to the Son of David,
hosanna in the heavens above;
blessed is he who comes to save us,
blessed is he who brings his love.
Let us join to sing his praises;
open hearts and souls to God;
he is with us, Son of David;
God's Messiah, Christ the Lord.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

The Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

Hymn of the Day: Chorus of Our Faith

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Music: Gesangbuch der Herzogl, 1784

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1 "Hosanna!" Loud hosannas
Resounded through the streets
"All glory in the highest
to him who comes in peace!"
The beautiful cacophony
of children's laughs and songs
accompanied the grand parade
all through the gathered throng.

2 The Pharisees along the way
Took notice of the crowd
Rebuking Jesus, they proclaimed
this gathered mob too loud
But some truths cannot be contained
They spill out from the earth
"No, even if you silence them
the stones will still be heard."

3 Be loud and be courageous
Tell truths that must be told
The world may try to silence you
But Christ helps us be bold
In voices and in bodies
in art for protest made
Our truths take many shapes and forms
A chorus of our faith

Reflection

Choir Anthem: Shout to the King Hosanna! *by Mark Patterson*

Invitation to Offering

Offering Prayer

Receive our gifts, O God.

Reeive our thanks.

Reeive our praise.

Though the love of Christ our Lord.

We know your deep love, your faithfulness, your grace.

Amen.

Choral Response: What Can I Do? (More Voices 191)

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What can I do?
What can I bring?
What can I say?
What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy.
I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love.
I'll do my share.

Sacrament of Communion

Chime Solo: Let Us Break Bread Together *African American spiritual*

Hymn: Ride On, Ride On, the Time Is Right

(Voices United 126)

Solo: vs. 1 & 2, Choir: vs. 3 & 4, Congregation: v. 5

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- 1 Ride on, ride on, the time is right:
the roadside crowds scream with delight;
palm branches mark the pilgrim way
where beggars squat and children play.
- 2 Ride on, ride on, your critics wait,
intrigue and rumour circulate;
new lies abound in word and jest,
and truth becomes a suspect guest.
- 3 Ride on, ride on, while well aware
that those who shout and wave and stare
are mortals who, with common breath,
can crave for life and lust for death.
- 4 Ride on, ride on, though blind with tears,
though voiceless now and deaf to jeers.
Your path is clear, though few can tell
their garments pave the road to hell.
- 5 Ride on, ride on, God's love demands.
Justice and peace lie in your hands.
Evil and angel voices rhyme:
you are the man and this the time.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

Benediction: Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

(Voices United 121)

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Tree of Life and awesome mystery,
In your death we are reborn,
though you die in all of history,
still you rise with every morn,
still you rise with every morn.

Six candles of Lent are extinguished.

Blessing

Postlude: Partita on "Diademata"

(Crown Him with Many Crowns), #6, 'Meditation'

Charles Callahan, Tune by George J. Elvey

Worship Leadership - Pastor Nancy Walker and Pastor Beth Parsons
Music Leadership - Sharon Prindle-Collins
Chimes Solo – Margaret Chambers
Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey
Scripture Reading – Arlene Vickery
Greeters – Deanna Bertelsen
Spirit Kids Program – Leslie Moffat
Communion Servers – Valerie Armstrong, Sue Christensen,
Peggy Dayton and Lorne Holland
Technical Support – Rob Glenn and Bill Walker
Fellowship Time – Andy and the Queens of Caffeine