



Grove Presbyterian Church

Worship Service

Palm/Passion Sunday
March 28, 2021 10:15 AM

Worshippers present in the sanctuary are invited to hum or read the text silently while the musicians sing the hymns and responses. Please be sure cell phones are off or on airplane mode. Please wear a mask.

Gathering Music by Joel Raney
“Triumphal Entry”

Welcome

Announcements

Prelude by David Paxton
“The Gates of Jerusalem”

Call to Worship (*adapted from Psalm 118*)

One: Let us enter the city with God today;

All: Let us sing hosanna to our king,

One: To the son of God riding on a donkey

All: With shepherds, tax collectors and prostitutes,

One: With the blind, the lame and the leper,

All: With the abused, abandoned and oppressed.

One: Let us shout for joy at Christ's coming,

**All: And follow the One who welcomes the sinner
and dines with the outcast.**

One: Let us touch and see as God draws near,

All: Riding in triumph, towards the cross.

Gathering Hymn

pg 5 (Hymnal #197)

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Prayer of Confession

Steadfast God, we are filled with anticipation and hope as you enter our presence on Palm Sunday. We can only picture what is to come, as your entrance marks the beginning of a new Kingdom on this earth. Yet, we also confess that just as the crowds turned against you, we turn from you in our hearts as well. So often, we’re filled with love for you on Sunday and crucify you on Monday. Reconcile our hearts and minds, God. Help us to be faithful in our journey. We’ll never be perfect, but give us the courage to repent and the acceptance to go on.

~Silent Confession~

Assurance of Pardon

God’s new kingdom has dawned in and through Jesus Christ! Our sins are great, but your love is deeper. Your YES is bigger than all of our no’s. We are forgiven because we are loved.

Choral Response

*From every corner a thousand voices
sing praise to the One who comes in the name of God.*

*Our acclamation breaks forth in shouts of praise,
our triumphant song of joy:*

“Hosanna, hosanna to Christ! Hosanna, hosanna to Christ!”

Passing of the Peace (*air waves, no touching*)

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

New Testament Reading

Mark 11:1-11

Sermon

"Grief is Love Persevering"

Musical Offering

by William & Nathaniel Rinehart

"Garden"

*Won't you take this cup from me,
Because fear has stolen all my sleep.*

*If tomorrow means my death,
Pray you'll save their souls with it.*

*Let the songs I sing bring joy to you,
Let the words I say confess my love.
Let the notes I choose be your favorite tune,
Father, let my heart be after you.*

*In this hour of doubt I see Who I am is not just me.
So give me strength to die myself,
So love can live to tell the tale.*

Father let my heart be for you, for you...

Moment of Gratitude

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. 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.

Sending Hymn

Hymn Booklet

"The Palms"

Blessing

by Joseph Martin

O Zion, You have heard God's voice!

Let all the people now rejoice!

Hosanna hosanna

Hosanna, glory in the highest,

In the highest.

All glory laud and honor,

Be to Christ the King of kings!

Choral Benediction

by Joseph Martin

"Whisper of the Palms"

Wave the palms slowly, lay the palms boldly.

Honor the King with a jubilant psalm.

Wave the palms slowly, lay the palms boldly.

Bring forth the branches of worship and praise.

Listen to the whisper of the palms.

Postlude

by Greg Sewell

"Via Dolorosa"

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1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang.
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
 the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.



Flowers today are given by Dave and Cathy Sanders to the glory of God, in celebration of their 41st wedding anniversary.

Participants in today's service: Merry Hackenberg (worship leader), Karen Tinstman, Kathy Zakarian (deacons), Eloise Bennett, Allison Cotner, Eric Deeter, Cathy Sanders, Adam Zakarian (music), Rev. Jud Bennett (children's sermon), Scott Lawvere (audio/video), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Jason Clapper

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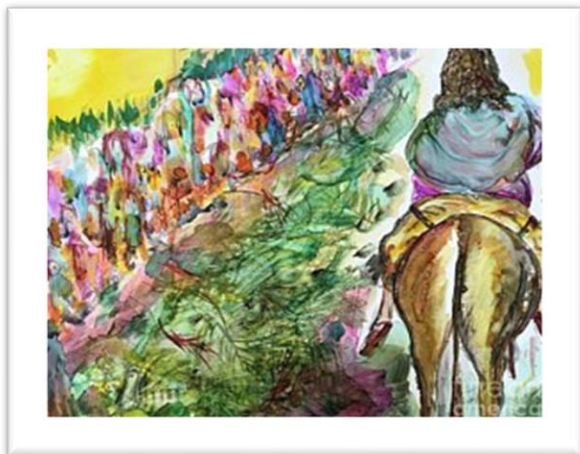
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