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Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Let the Song Go Round the Earth Buryl Red; arr. Anna Laura Page

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 88 All Glory, Laud, and Honor Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

Opening Sentences

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **The Maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen**.)

O God, we praise you for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ, who today entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Grant that we who bear our palm branches may follow him in the way of the cross and that, united with Christ and all the faithful, 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 everlasting. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

Musical Meditation

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna Tune: Ellacombe; arr. Douglas E. Wagner
Grace Notes Hand Bell Choir

Prayer of Confession

Unison

God of mercy, in Jesus Christ you came to seek and save the lost.

Christ's entry into Jerusalem reveals the depth of Your love and sacrifice.

We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way.

For hopes and ideals which we parade, but do not pursue,
and for enthusiasms which too easily fade, forgive our sins.

Grant us amendment of life and renewed dedication to Your purpose...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon – Epistle

Philippians 2:5-11

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 89

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Ellacombe

Pastor: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers safely greet one another with the peace of Christ, and then sit for the announcements.)

Welcome and Announcements

The children bring their ringing offering and come to the baptismal font for a

Time for Young Christians

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament

Isaiah 50:4-9

Psalm 24:1-8b, 10

Unison

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,
the world and all who dwell in it.

For God has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? Who shall stand in God's holy place?

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their soul to what is false, nor 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 the Lord,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

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, strong and mighty.
The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Anthem Sing to the Lord Hosanna! G.F. Handel (from *Julius Caesar*)

Arr. Patrick M. Liebergen

Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon

Cityscape Spectacle

Mike Krech

“Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you”

Matthew 21:5a

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 98

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Passion Chorale

Apostles' Creed

Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional

Gloria Patri 579

Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Be Thou But Near

J.S. Bach

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

The congregation sits.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, According to Matthew

Using the text provided in the bulletin insert,
members of the church read Matthew 26:14-27:57.

The **congregation** speaks the lines **in bold print**,

remains seated to sing the indicated stanzas of Hymn 76,
stands where indicated (at the mention of Golgotha)
and remains standing to sing stanza 5 of

Hymn 76

My Song Is Love Unknown

Love Unknown

Benediction

The congregation is encouraged to be seated for the postlude,
or you may depart the sanctuary quietly and quickly following the benediction.

Postlude

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Tune: Kingsfold

Traditional English melody adapted by Ralph Vaughan Williams

Following the postlude, you may remain in your seat for further prayer.

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church. Today is Palm Sunday, as we observe Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on the Sunday prior to his crucifixion. It is also Passion Sunday as we read the Passion Narrative, the account of the crucifixion and some of the events leading to it. (JMK)

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

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, 1859.

Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN; Melchior Teschner, 1614;
arr. William Henry Monk, 1861

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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.

Text: Jeannette Threlfall, 1873;

Tune: ELLACOMBE; *Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen
Katholischen Hofkapelle*, 1784; alt. 1868

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

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, Vouchsafe 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.

Text: Attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, c. 1140; trans. James Waddell Alexander, 1830
Tune: PASSION CHORALE; Hans Leo Hassler, 1601;
harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1729

My Song Is Love Unknown

My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be.
O who am I That for my sake My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
Christ came from heaven's throne Salvation to bestow,
But people scorned and none The longed-for Christ would know.
But O my Friend, My Friend indeed, Who at my need His life did spend.
Sometimes they strew His way, And His sweet praises sing,
Resounding all the way Hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify" is all their breath, And for His death They thirst and cry.

They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save, The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet steadfast He To suffering goes, That He his foes From thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like Thine.
This is my Friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days Could gladly spend.

Text: Samuel Crossman, 1664;
Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN; John Ireland, 1918