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Worships God

April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion

(Today's worship is online only)

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Let the Song Go Round the Earth Buryl Red (1936-2013)
adapted for organ by 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.

Prayer of Confession

Unison

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

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

We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,
and great when we are small.

We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.

Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ our Savior ...

Silent Prayers of Confession
Assurance of Pardon – Epistle

Philippians 2:5-11

Pastor: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

Welcome and Announcements

Old Testament

Isaiah 50:4-9

Psalms 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.**

Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon

Hosanna Means Save Us

Mike Krech

“The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven.’”

Matthew 21:9

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 Komm Susser Tod (Come, Sweet Death) J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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**,
stands where indicated (at the mention of Golgotha) and remains standing to sing

Hymn 76

My Song Is Love Unknown

Love Unknown

Benediction

Welcome to online 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.

The people of the Hebrews With palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayers and anthems Before Thee we present.

To Thee, before Thy passion, They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted, Our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises, Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King.

(Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820; Trans, John Mason Neale, 1851; alt, 1859.
Tune: Melchior Teschner, 1614; Arr. William Henry Monk, 1861)

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: 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: John Ireland, 1918)