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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion

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, 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 everlasting. **Amen.**

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, Announcements, and a Word to Children

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament

Isaiah 50:4-9

Psalm 24:1-8b, 10b

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.

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, O everlasting 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.

Musical Meditation

All Glory, Laud and Honor with Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635; arr. Stephen DeCesare
Bob Vawter, trombone; Rickie Cooke, baritone horn

Gospel

Mark 11:1-11

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 89 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Ellacombe

The congregation sits.

Sermon

Stuck on Jesus

Mike Krech

“Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our
ancestor David!” Mark 11:9b-10a

Prayer of Confession

Unison

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

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

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

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 93

Ah, Holy Jesus

Herzliebster Jesu

Apostles' Creed

Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional

Gloria Patri 579

Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

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

Offertory Sentence**Offertory**

Into the Woods My Master Went

Peter Lutkin;

arr. Don Schlosser

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

The congregation sits.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, According to Mark

Using the text provided in the bulletin insert,
members of the church read Mark 14:10-15:39.

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

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;
arr. Stephen Burtonwood

Following the postlude, you may remain in your seat for prayer
or move directly to the outdoors.

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. (Sing refrain)

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

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

Thou didst accept their praises, Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King. (Sing 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: Jennette Threlfall, 1873;

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

Ah, Holy Jesus

Ah, holy Jesus, how have You offended,
That mortal judgment has on You descended?
By foes derided, by Your own rejected, O most afflicted!

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon you?
It is my treason, Lord, that has undone You.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied you; I crucified You.

For me, dear Jesus, was Your incarnation,
Your mortal sorrow, and Your life's oblation,
Your death of anguish and Your bitter passion, For my salvation.

Therefore, dear Jesus, since I cannot pay You,
I do adore You and will ever praise You,
Think on Your pity and Your love unswerving, Not my deserving.

Text: Johann Heerman, 1630; Trans. Robert Bridges, 1899; Alt. *Psalter Hymnal*, 1987;
Tune: HERZLIEBSTER JESU; Johann Crüger, 1640

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