

Grace Presbyterian Church

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)