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Palm & Passion Sunday

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Celebration

by: Cynthia Dobrinski

The Trinity Chimes, the three chimes heard at the opening of the worship service, represent God our Creator, Jesus Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit who sustains us.

†LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN, NO. 278

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna,
the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple
the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them
close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.

2. 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.

3. "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!

†OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and ever-living God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

Draw Nigh to Jerusalem

by: David H. Williams

Draw nigh to thy Jerusalem, O Lord, thy faithful people cry with one accord: Ride on in triumph; Lord, behold we lay our passions, lusts, and proud wills in thy way! Thy road is ready; and thy paths, made straight, with longing expectation seem to wait the consecration of thy beauteous feet, and silently thy promised advent greet! Thy road is ready; and thy paths, made straight, with longing expectation seem to wait. Hosanna! welcome to our hearts! for here thou hast a temple, too, as Zion dear; O enter in, dear Lord, unbar the door and in that temple dwell forevermore. Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

HEBREWS 10:16-25

CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Most merciful God,
we your Church confess
that often our spirit has not been that of Christ.
Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us,
where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips
and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him,
forgive us, we pray;
and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ.
But Christ suffered and died for us,
was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us,
and continues to intercede for us.

Believe the good news:
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

PSALM 31:1-16, 19-21

In you, YHWH, I took refuge; never let me be disgraced!
In your justice, deliver me! Turn your ear to me!
Hurry! Rescue me! Be the rock I hide behind;
be the walled fortress that saves me!

**Because you are my rock, my fortress, and for the sake of your Name,
lead me, guide me!
Pull me out of the trap they set for me, for you are my refuge!
Into your hands I commit my spirit; deliver me, YHWH, God of truth! (*cont.*)**

I hate those who cling to useless idols; but I trust in you.
I'll be happy, I'll rejoice in your love—for you saw my despair,
you knew the dark night of my soul.

**You didn't hand me over to the enemy,
but gave my feet boundless freedom.
Now take pity on me, YHWH, for I'm in trouble again.
I cried so much that I'm exhausted—
and not only my eyes, but my mind and body as well.**

My life is consumed by sorrow; my years are worn out with my sighs;
my strength fails me because of my despair; my bones are getting weaker.
Because of all my oppressors
I'm held in utter contempt, even by my neighbors;
my friends are afraid of me,
and people who see me on the street hurry past me.

**I am forgotten, as good as dead in their hearts,
like something that has outlived its usefulness.
I hear their endless slanders, and threats from every quarter
as they conspire against me, plotting to take my life.**

But I put my trust in you, YHWH;
I say, "You are my God!"
My times are in your hand;
save me from the hands of my enemies and persecutors.
Smile on your faithful one; save me in your love!

How great is the goodness reserved for those who revere you!
You bestow it—in front of everyone—on those who take refuge in you.
Safe in your presence, you hide them from the world's insidious schemes;
Inside your tent, you shelter them, far from the war of tongues!
Blessed are you, YHWH, for you showed your wonderful love to me in a city under
siege!

†HYMN OF PREPARATION, NO. 285

To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord

KINGSFOLD

1 To mock your reign, O dearest Lord,
they made a crown of thorns;
set you with taunts along that road
from which no one returns.
They could not know, as we do now,
how glorious is that crown;
that thorns would flower upon your brow,
your sorrows heal our own.

2 In mock acclaim, O gracious Lord,
they snatched a purple cloak;
your passion turned, for all they cared,
into a soldier's joke.
They could not know, as we do now,
that though we merit blame,
you will your robe of mercy throw
around our naked shame.

3 A sceptered reed, O patient Lord,
they thrust into your hand,
and acted out their grim charade
to its appointed end.
They could not know, as we do now,
though empires rise and fall,
your kingdom shall not cease to grow
till love embraces all.

SERMON

The Seldom Seen Path

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 26:47-56

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE 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

trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Passion Chorale

arr. by: David Bednall

†LENTEN DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH

**Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.**

†HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP, NO. 298

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

†CHORAL ACCLAMATION

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

by: Paul Baloche

†BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

The Royal Banners Forward Go

arr. by: Healey Willan

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Rev. Mark Flynn, *Lead Pastor*
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