Service for the Lord's Day Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday

Welcome "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

Prelude All Glory, Laud and Honor arr. Molly James

Call to Worship Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Zechariah

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord -

Hosanna in the highest!

Prayer of the Day

Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As we are united with Christ and all the faithful, may we 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 forever. Hosanna in the highest!

Responsive Psalm Psalm 118

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good, whose mercy endures forever.

Let Israel now proclaim, "The mercy of the Lord endures forever."

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

"This is the gate of the Lord; those who are righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Hosanna, Lord, hosanna! Lord, send us now success.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord.

God is the Lord, who has shined upon us; form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

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Gospel Reading Matthew 21: 1-11

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 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!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Hymn Hosanna, Loud Hosanna arr. Lani Smith

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.

"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.

Homily The road to Jerusalem

Offertory Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley arr. James Michael Stevens
Susan Bandel. flute

In the beauty of music, let us turn our hearts to thanksgiving for all God's bounty as we think of gifts of action, kindness and caring that we can offer to God in the coming week.

Prayers of God's People

Beginning with announcements and prayer concerns; and concluding with *The Lord's Prayer*

Charge and Benediction

Postlude Ride On, King Jesus arr. Kurt Kaiser