

Order of Worship

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 5, 2020 – 10:15 a.m.

PRELUDE

HERB GEISLER, ORGANIST

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

ABIDING PRAISE

“Hosanna”

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You, we turn to You.
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You, we long for You.
‘Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day,
And in Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.

Chorus:

Hosanna! Hosanna!
You are the God who saves us, worthy of all our praises.
Hosanna! Hosanna!
Come have Your way among us,
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You, we turn to You.
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new, You make us new.
‘Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day,
And in Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away. *Chorus Twice*

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

THE FIRST READING

JOHN 12:20-34

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. So the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?”

HYMN

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the King of Israel And David’s royal Son,
Now in the Lord’s name coming, Our King and Blessèd One. *Refrain*

The company of angels Is praising You on high,
And we with all creation In chorus make reply. *Refrain*

The multitude of pilgrims With palms before You went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems Before You we present. *Refrain*

Text: Theodulf of Orléans, c. 762-821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt.
Tune: Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635, alt.; setting: *Lutheran Book of Worship: Select Hymns*, 1985
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THE SECOND READING

JOHN 12:35-43

So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.” When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?” Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said, “He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them.” Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son And bring to naught all He has done.

Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we May sing Your praise eternally.

O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.
Tune: *Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1543, ed. Joseph Klug;
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THE SERMON

REV. GLENN LUCAS

"Unbelieving Eyes"

John 12:31-43

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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PRAYERS

THE LORDS 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 for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

"Blessed Be Your Name"

Blessed be Your name, In the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow, Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name, When I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness, Blessed be Your name.

Chorus:

**Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, Still I will say,
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name.**

Blessed be Your name When the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's "all as it should be." Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name On the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering, Blessed be Your name. *Chorus*

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We Pray For This Week

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Jennifer Estrada & Family, Kathy Fairbanks, Michelle Farris & Family, Jordan Faust,
Jon & Beth Field & Family, Mindi Fielding & Family, Steve & Sharon Fischer & Family

Keep in Your Prayers

Prayers for strength and healing, guidance and blessing for:

Brian Adams

Patricia Howard

Maggie Winn

Terri Green

Jeanne Kelly

Alexander Hernandez

Jan Morton

We pray for those who are recovering:

Rocky Hewitt

Brad Morton