



The Worship of God

Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord, we bless you.

The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine on us.

You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

~ Psalm 118: 26-29

Invitation to WorshipChristian Johns, Youth Minister

Instrumental PreludeKathleen Wilkins & Joseph Fuller, Organist

Opening Sentences

Let us enter the city with God today,

And sing hosannas to our king,

Let us turn our backs on the powers that grasp and control,

And open our hearts to the son of God riding on a donkey.

Let us join his parade,

Surrounded by outcasts and prostitutes, the blind and the leper.

Let us follow the one who brought freedom and peace,

And walk in solidarity with the abandoned and oppressed.

Let us shout for joy at Christ's coming and join his disciples,

Welcoming the broken, healing the sick, dining with outcasts.

Let us touch and see as God draws near,

Riding in triumph toward the Cross.

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the one who comes in the Lord's name!

Glory to God! Hosanna!

Hymn of Joy

All Glory, Laud and Honor

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!

The company of angels are praising Thee on high;

And we with all creation in chorus make reply.

The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went;

Our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present.

To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;

To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises, accept the praise we bring,

Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!

Morning Prayer

Words of Welcome Greg Stahl, Assoc Pastor for Worship & Music

Choral Worship..... ROBC Choral Ensemble

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Festival Anthem on ELLACOMBE

arr. By David Lantz

Songs of Praise ***With Waving Palms & Shouts of Praise***

With waving palms and shouts of praise they greeted Christ the Lord.
Hosannas rang out bright and clear and to the heavens soared.
The people welcomed Christ as King and followed Him that day.
May we learn to be welcoming, and follow in His way.

Hosanna, blest is He who comes, the Son of David's tree,
The promised One who came to save and set His people free.
The crowd that followed sang His praise as they proclaimed Him King.
May we, with spirit and with mind, our anthems gladly sing.

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son;
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight
And all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of all nations,
Son of God and Son of man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine!

Pastoral Prayer Dr. Brian Brewer, Interim Pastor

The Lord's Prayer Congregation

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

Lessons from Scripture

Matthew 20:17-19

¹⁷ Now Jesus was going up to Jerusalem. On the way, he took the Twelve aside and said to them, ¹⁸ “We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death, ¹⁹ and will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!”

Matthew 21:1-9

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: ⁵ “Say to Daughter Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’” ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

Choral Worship.....ROBC Choral Ensemble

At the Name of Jesus

music by Cindy Berry
text taken from Philippians 2:6-11

SermonDr. Brewer

Who Is Barabbas, Anyway?

Matthew 27:15-26

Closing Song

Take My Life, and Let It Be

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love,
At the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee;
Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King,
Always, only, for my King.

Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

BenedictionDr. Brewer