

Palm Sunday
April 2, 2023

Gathering
God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude *He Hideth My Soul / Near the Cross*
 Harpist, Kathryn Riggs

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

‡ Call to Worship (*Responsively*)

Dennis Lesher

King Jesus comes, King Jesus,
Son of God, Son of Man, Messiah.
Hail! King Jesus, King of all!
Recall the words of the Scriptures:
“A great crowd who had come to the feast
heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.
So they took branches of palm trees
and went out to meet him, crying, ‘Hosanna!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
even the King of Israel!’”
In praise we adore you, King Jesus.
Enter our hearts today
as you entered Jerusalem long ago,
and lead us by faith in the way everlasting. Amen.

‡ Invocation

Dennis Lesher

O Lord Christ,
as you once entered Jerusalem,
enter our hearts this day afresh.
As you once set your face toward death on a cross,
help us this day to walk with you to victory.
As the children once cried “Hosanna” to bless you,
enable us to confess you openly as Lord and Savior.
Grant us your presence by the power of your Spirit,
that our worship and our lives may truly honor you. **Amen.**



Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

Baloche

Verse 1

Praise is rising; eyes are turning to You;

We turn to You.

Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You;

We long for You.

Pre-Chorus

'Cause when we see You, we find strength to find the day.

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.

Verse 2

Hear the sound of hearts turning to You,

We turn to You.

In Your Kingdom, broken lives are made new;

You make us new.

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Tag – Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna!

Confessing

God invites us to be honest with Him

Call to Confession

Dennis Leshner

Like the people who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem
and then later pronounced "Crucify him,"

we are fickle people who often deny Christ
in our thoughts, words, and deeds.

Remembering the events of Jesus' last week

helps us see ourselves for what we are:

sinner in need of a Savior, a Savior—praise God—we have in Christ.

In honesty and hope, we confess now our sins to God.

Prayer of Confession (*In Unison*)

Dennis Lesher

Jesus, our Lord, we shout hosannas to praise you. With eager hands, we place our cloaks and palms on the path before you. Yet, Lord, we confess that the mouths that seek to praise you often deny or defy you. And we confess that the hands that seek to serve you often become fists. Lord, hear us as we confess.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon (Responsively)

Dennis Lesher

Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
**For Christ came into the world not to condemn the world,
but that the world through him should be saved.**
Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children.
**And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,
a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.**
Hosanna! Amen!

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

† Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be, world without end.
A-men, A-men.*

Offering

Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Invitation The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it.

Offering

Offertory

Joyful, Joyful

Harp & Flute Duet

‡Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men*

‡Prayer of Dedication

Blessed you are, O God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Blessed you are forever and ever. Yours are the greatness
and the power and the glory and the majesty!
Yours are the mercy and patience, the loving-kindness, long-
suffering, and covenant faithfulness! Yours is the kingdom,
O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. In your hand
are power and might and in your hand it is to make great
and to give strength to all. Prosper these gifts that we have
brought you. Bless the service we would render you,
that we may be profitable servants, that your kingdom may
come, for yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory.
Blessed be you, O Father. Worship and praise be yours ever
more. In the name of your Son, our Savior, we would serve
you now and evermore. **Amen.**

‡ Hymn 174

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Proclaiming

God speaks to us through His Word

Children's Sermon

A Joyful Celebration

Val Petrie

Scripture Reading

Mark 11:1-11

11 When they approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ² and told them, “Go into the village ahead of you. As soon as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here right away.’”

⁴ So they went and found a colt outside in the street, tied by a door. They untied it, ⁵ and some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶ They answered them just as Jesus had said; so they let them go.

⁷ They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their clothes on the road, and others spread leafy branches cut from the fields. ⁹ Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted:

Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰ *Blessed is the coming kingdom
of our father David!*

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

¹¹ He went into Jerusalem and into the temple. After looking around at everything, since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

Sermon

“Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord”

Rev. Tim Latham

Responding

We respond to God's Word



Behold the Lamb

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us

And we remember

*The promise made that all who come in faith
find forgiveness at the cross.*

So we share in this bread of life,

and we drink of His sacrifice

as a sign of our bonds of peace

around the table of the King.

*The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you
Eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
paid the price to make us one.
So we share in the bread of life,
and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of love
around the table of the King.*

*The blood that cleanses ev'ry stain of sin, shed for you
Drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
to receive the life of God.
So share in the of bread of life,
and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of grace
around the table of the King.*

*And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond
And to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heav'n
around the table of the King.*

Sacrament of Communion

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise!

Invitation to the Table

Leader: For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you
proclaim the Lord's death until He comes Again!

**People: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come
again!**

‡ Profession of Faith (Psalm 23)

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

Commissioning

God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

‡ Hymn 173 *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

‡ Benediction **& Blessing**

*This morning's Prayer Partners are
Barb Finch, Dan Obenschain*

‡ Postlude *Jesus Paid It All / Sweet Hour of Prayer
Harpist, Kathryn Riggs*

Note: As an added safety measure during worship, the downstairs entrance doors will be locked after the first hymn (approx. 10:40). Please plan your arrival time accordingly.