

We Enter into Worship...

Prelude Chris Holmberg
Welcome and Announcements
Introit Choir
Hosanna
Call to Worship Matthew 21:8-9

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna 333

1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2. From O - liv - et they fol - lowed, 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang;
the vic - t'ry palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;
for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heav'n, our King.

to Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state;
O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

Jennette Threlfall, 1873 CCL# 594962
ELLACOMBE 7.6.7.6.D. Gesangbuch, Württemberg, 1784

We Meet with God through Prayer, Scripture & Song...

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Holy Lord, against you we have sinned times without number. We have been guilty of pride and unbelief, of failure to find your mind in your Word, of neglect to seek you in our daily lives. Our transgressions and shortcomings present us with a list of accusations. They are just, but we bless you that they will not stand against us, for all have been laid on Christ. Subdue our corruptions, and grant us grace to live above them. Let not the passions of the flesh nor the lustings of the mind bring our spirits into subjection, but rule over us in liberty and power, for the sake of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Adapted Valley of Vision

Silent Confession of Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

1 John 1:8-9

The 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. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Elder Andrew Black

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. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Anthem

In the Name of the Lord

Choir

19 **Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.**

20 **This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

21 **I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.**

22 **The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.**

23 **This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

24 **This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

25 **Save us, we pray, O Lord!
O Lord, we pray, give us success!**

26 **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

27 **The Lord is God,
and he has made his light to shine upon us.
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the altar!**

28 **You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.**

29 **Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!**

399 We Are God's People

You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God. 1 Peter 2:9

Unison

1. We are God's peo - ple, the cho - sen of the Lord,
2. We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ, our Lord,
3. We are the Bod - y of which the Lord is Head,
4. We are a Tem - ple, the Spir - it's dwell - ing place,

Born of His Spir - it, es - tab - lished by His Word. Our
For we have known it, the love of God out - poured. Now
Called to o - bey Him, now ris - en from the dead. He
Formed in great weak - ness, a cup to hold God's grace. We

cor - ner - stone is Christ a - lone, And strong in Him we stand; O let us
let us learn how to re - turn The gift of love once given; O let us
wills us be a fam - i - ly Di - verse, yet tru - ly one; O let us
die a - lone, for on its own Each em - ber los - es fire; Yet joined in

live trans - par - ent - ly And walk heart to heart and hand in hand.
share each joy and care And live with a zeal that pleas - es Heav'n.
give our gifts to God And so shall His work on earth be done.
one the flame burns on To give warmth and light and to in - spire.

Sermon

Elder Sam Winegarden

Luke 19:28-44

²⁸ And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" ³² So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³ And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ And they said, "The Lord has need of it." ³⁵ And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" ³⁹ And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out." ⁴¹ And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴² saying, "Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side ⁴⁴ and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

Statement of Faith

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,
 2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
 3. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease;
 4. He breaks the pow'r of reign - ing sin, he sets the pris - 'ner free;
 5. He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;
 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace.
 to spread thro' all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 his blood can make the foul - est clean, his blood a - vailed for me.
 the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice; the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosen'd tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

7. To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n;
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

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We Depart into the World...

Benediction

Parting Hymn

God be with you till we meet again; By his counsels guide,
uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till
we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus'
feet; Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

Following today's service of corporate worship, please join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, donuts & fellowship, and then Sunday School in our education wing.

WELCOME to this morning's service of corporate worship!

The Flowers adorning our worship service this morning have been provided by Joe & Esma Walker in celebration of March birthdays of sons Jason & John, daughter-in-law Heather, and great-granddaughter Natalie, as well as by Sharon Atchison in memory of nephew Don and brother Stan, who would have had April birthdays.

Featured Element of Worship: Palms

On Palm Sunday we remember the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on the Sunday before he would ultimately be crucified. In John 12:13 we read that on that occasion, the crowd "took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!'"

In Jesus' time, palm branches were a Jewish national symbol, and "Hosanna" is a nationalistic expression in Hebrew meaning, "Save, we pray!" On that original Palm Sunday, the crowd was seeking a military ruler to deliver them from Roman occupation. What they missed—and we know!— is that Jesus comes not to save us from mere earthly enemies, but from the even greater enemies of Satan, sin, and death. For this reason, just as people in those ancient times proclaimed "Hosanna!" with palms waving in the air, so too this morning we lift our voices in praise of King Jesus!

Holy Week Services - Join us Friday night at 7pm for our Good Friday Tenebrae Service, and then return Sunday morning for Easter Breakfast at 8:30 and to worship our risen Lord at 10:00.

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Offerings are received each week in the wooden donation box in the Narthex. We have placed it there as a convenience for our members and friends. If you are visiting us this Sunday, please feel no pressure to make any donation. We are glad to have you simply be our guest today, and invite you to join us for a donut and coffee in the Fellowship Hall after worship!

Meditation for the Week

(continued from the last two weeks)

5. Nay, whereas there is a twofold divine love, *beneplaciti* and *amicitiæ*, a love of good pleasure and destination, and a love of friendship and approbation, they are both peculiarly assigned to the Father in an eminent manner:—

(1.) John 3:16, "God so loved the world, that he gave," etc.; that is, with the love of his purpose and good pleasure, his determinate will of doing good. This is distinctly ascribed to him, being laid down as the cause of sending his Son. So Rom. 9:11-12; Eph. 1:4-5; 2 Thess. 2:13-14; 1 John 4:8-9.

(2.) John 14:23, there is mention of that other kind of love whereof we speak. "If a man love me," saith Christ, "he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." The love of friendship and approbation is here eminently ascribed to him. Says Christ, "We will come," even Father and Son, "to such a one, and dwell with him;" that is, by the Spirit: but yet he would have us take notice, that, in point of love, the Father hath a peculiar prerogative: "My Father will love him."

6. Yea, and as this love is peculiarly to be eyed in him, so it is to be looked on as the *fountain* of all following gracious dispensations. Christians walk oftentimes with exceedingly troubled hearts, concerning the thoughts of the Father towards them. They are well persuaded of the Lord Christ and his good-will; the difficulty lies in what is their acceptance with the Father, — what is his heart towards them? "Show us the Father, and it sufficeth us," John 14:8. Now, this ought to be so far away, that his love ought to be looked on as the fountain from whence all other sweetnesses flow. Thus the apostle sets it out, Titus 3:4, "After that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared." It is of the Father of whom he speaks; for, verse 6, he tells us that "he makes out unto us," or "sheds that love upon us abundantly, through Jesus Christ our Saviour." And this love he makes the hinge upon which the great alteration and translation of the saints doth turn; for, saith he, verse 3, "We ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another." All naught, all out of order, and vile. Whence, then, is our recovery? The whole rise of it is from this love of God, flowing out by the ways there described. For when the kindness and love of God appeared, — that is, in the fruits of it, — then did this alteration ensue. To secure us hereof, there is not any thing that hath a loving and tender nature in the world, and doth act suitably whereunto, which God hath not compared himself unto. Separate all weakness and imperfection which is in them, yet great impressions of love must abide. He is as a father, a mother, a shepherd, a hen over chickens, and the like, Ps. 103:13; Isa. 63:16; Matt. 6:6; Isa. 66:13; Ps. 23:1; Isa. 40:11; Matt. 23:37.

John Owen (1616-1683)
Of Communion with God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost
Chapter Three

