

Palm Sunday
March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday is the day we celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, one week before His resurrection (Matthew 21:1-11). As Jesus entered the Holy City, He neared the culmination of a long journey to Golgotha. He had come to save the lost (Luke 19:10), and now was the time—this was the place—to secure that salvation. Palm Sunday marked the start of what is often called “Passion Week,” or “Holy Week” the final seven days of Jesus’ earthly ministry. Palm Sunday was the “beginning of the end” of Jesus’ work on earth.

PRELUDE “Festival Prelude on CORONATION” E. Krouse

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Hosanna in the highest!

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

Triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Lift up your heads, O gates!

And be lifted up, O ancient doors!

That the King of glory may come in.

Who is the King of glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty, the lord, mighty in battle.

Let us worship the Lord of hosts, the king of Glory!

*HYMN NO. 196

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Refrain

*All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!*

*1 Thou art the King of Israel, thou David’s royal Son,
who in the Lord’s name comest, the King and blessed One.* **Refrain**

*2 The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present.* **Refrain**

*3 To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.* **Refrain**

4 *Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!* **Refrain**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Loving God, you rode a donkey and came in peace, humbled yourself and gave yourself for us. We confess our lack of humility. As you entered Jerusalem, the crowds shouted "Hosanna: 'Save us now!'" We confess that our praise is often empty. We sing "Hosanna," but cry "Crucify." As the crowd laid their palms in front of you, you took no glory for yourself. We confess that we want to be accepted and take the easy way. We do not stay true to your will. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to follow in the way of obedience.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Words of Assurance

God opens your ears.
God speaks when you are silent.
God approaches you
in the parade and at table
in your denial and your praise
to be your help.
Now and always. **Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Hymn No. 216

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

ST. CHRISTOPHER

*Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Zechariah 9:9

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 11:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Oh Save Us!”

Rev. Rachel Vione

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from
thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

SUNG RESPONSE

Hymn No. 1

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

NICAEA

*1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord god Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

OFFERING

please give online at www.fpcnorthport.org

ANTHEM

“Hosanna in the Highest”

A. Pote

Carol, Westminster, and Chancel Choirs
Dana Warren & Ariana Warren, Directors

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

**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 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.**

*HYMN NO. 268

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

DIADEMATA

- 1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.*
- 2 Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.*
- 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.*
- 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time;
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Postlude in A Minor"

George Calkin

The flowers in the sanctuary are giving in loving memory of Jessie Clark Shaw by her family

Please pray for members and friends of our congregation

For all those who are suffering as a result of the coronavirus, essential employees who go to work so we can be safe and healthy, for those who are working to bring the vaccine, Howard Heckman, Jr. (Diane Lobaugh's cousin), Charlotte Tippie (Leah & Jack Fink's granddaughter), John Bailey (David Dickman's cousin), Sarah Tillman (Claire Newman's cousin), Carol & Tom Dwyer (friends of Diana Montusi), Paul Schrader, Richard Huntley, Christopher Winkler (Joe & Nancy's son), Justin Yoskowitz, Lou Schmidt, Aaron Thomas, Brian Brewer (Faustine White's son), Charlene Cosman, **those in Healthcare facilities** - Sunrise Senior Living; Joan DeNigris, Atria: Ann Deery, **for the family of:** Jessie Shaw, Bob White, Bob Shevlin, Anne Schmidt (Lou Schmidt's sister), Donald Pyles (Claire Newman's uncle), **our partner congregations:** Nueva Paz, Cuba and Iglesia Evangelica Presbiteriana Nueva Vida, Malverne; the Presbytery of Long Island and its staff; the Synod of the Northeast, the Presbyterian Church (USA), its Louisville staff, its missionaries worldwide

Thank you to Joe & Nancy Winkler and Kevin McKerr for making this worship service possible.

Permission to podcast / stream the music in this service
obtained from ONE LICENSE,
License # 401350M .
All rights reserved.