

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*Passion/Palm Sunday*

*The Sixth Sunday in Lent*

April 5, 2020

**Bold type spoken by the congregation**

## GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

*It Is Well with My Soul*  
Bryan Forsing

The Welcome and Announcements

The Call To Worship

Look! Your King is coming—humble and riding on a donkey.  
**Hosanna to the Son of David!**  
Lay your cloaks before him; spread palms to honor him.  
**Blessed is the One Who comes in the Name of the Lord!**  
Raise your voices. Lift your hearts. Rejoice—our Savior comes!  
**Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

The Opening Prayer

The Hymn 196

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*  
Refrain: *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.*  
*Refrain*  
*The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went;  
Our praise and prayers and anthems before Thee we present.*  
*Refrain*  
*To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.*  
*Refrain*  
*Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King.*  
*Refrain*

The Prayer of Confession

**Glory, laud and honor to You O Lord; we revel in Your triumphal entry into Jerusalem today. Yet we know where this is headed and it scares us. You call us to faithful living and so often we cower in fear. You invite us to share the ministry of reconciliation and instead we sow enmity and strife. Your mercy is poured out for all the world this week, and yet we still try to hoard it and keep it to ourselves. Forgive us our fair-weather faith, and our timid witness to Your transforming and redeeming love ...(time for silent confession)... . Hear our pleas and save us through Jesus, the One Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna! Amen.**

The Assurance of Pardon

The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
**slow to anger and abounding in love.**  
Blessed is he Who comes in the Name of the Lord.  
**Hosanna in the highest!**  
Believe the Good News of the Gospel:  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*The 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. Amen.*

\*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**

(Consider sending a message to someone you have not been in touch with lately. A note, a phone call, a text or email reminding others that Christ is with us and blesses us when we are together and apart.)

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *Zechariah 9:9-12*

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29*

The Anthem

*Hosanna In the Highest*

Craig Courtney

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

The Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 21:1-11*

The Sermon

*Hosanna!*  
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

\*The *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.**

The Prayers of the People

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; 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.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD'S NAME. . .

The Hymn 197

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

*Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang,  
through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.*

*From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,  
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,  
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.*

*“Hosanna in the highest!” that ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.  
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!*

\*The Charge & Benediction

\*The Postlude