



PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020 AT 10:30 A.M.

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We invite you to join us and one another in worship. Since we cannot physically gather together in the space we all love so much, we gather together in different spaces, different homes, perhaps even different provinces: But we gather together still connected, and still in hope. Throughout this service you may follow along and pray and sing aloud, in the same ways you usually would. We hope this time together uplifts you and reminds us all that we can and will always come together in prayer.

Welcome

Officiant: Steven Mackison

Priest: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

All: **Hosanna in the highest!**

Priest: Dear friends in Christ,
during Lent we have been preparing
for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery.
On this day our Lord Jesus Christ
entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph.
The people welcomed him
with palms and shouts of praise,
but the path before him
led to self-giving, suffering, and death.
Today we greet him as our King,
although we know his crown is thorns
and his throne a cross.
We follow him this week
from the glory of the palms
to the glory of the resurrection
by way of the dark road of suffering and death.
United with him in his suffering on the cross,
may we share his resurrection and new life.

A moment of silence is observed

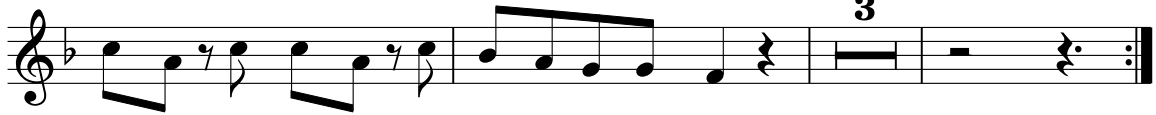
Priest: Let us pray.
Assist us mercifully with your help,
Lord God of our salvation,
that we may enter with joy
into the celebration of those mighty acts
whereby you give us life and immortality;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Palm Sunday Proclamation: "Hosanna in the Highest"

Led by Jill and Mike Daley



Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -



- san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na to our God!

The Collect

Steven Mackison

Priest: Let us pray.
Almighty God,
whose Son was crucified yet entered into glory,
may we, walking in the way of the cross,
find it is for us the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

Reader: A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Read by Jim Burnham

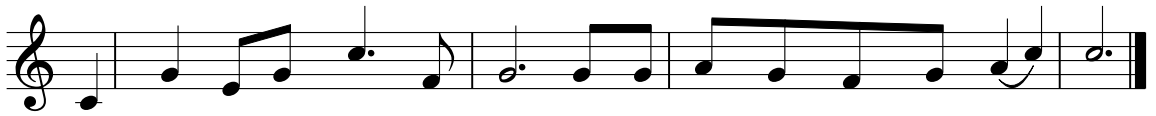
The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Isaiah 50.4-9a

All: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed



You gates o-pen wide and high. Let the glo-rious sov-ereign en - ter.

The earth is our God's and all that is in it,
the world and all who dwell therein.

For God has founded it upon the seas
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep. **Refrain**

"Who can ascend the hill of the Holy One?
and who can stand in the holy place?"

"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud. **Refrain**

They shall receive a blessing from the Holy One,
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

Such is the generation of those who seek you,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. **Refrain**

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians. *Read by Marjorie Wrightson*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

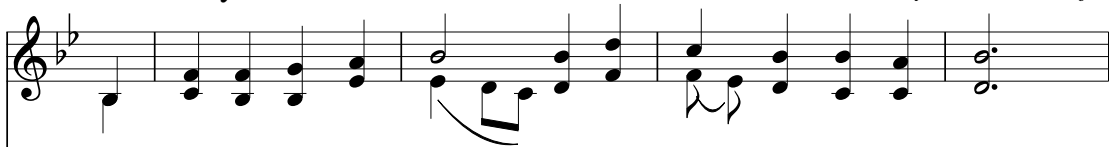
Philippians 2.5-11

A moment of silence is observed

Hymn: #181 "All Glory, Laud, and Honour"

Led by the Norman family

Refrain



All glo - ry laud and hon - our to thee, Re - deem - er King,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring.



1. Thou art the King of Is - rael, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing thee on high,
3. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
4. To thee be - fore thy Pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
5. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed one.
and we with all cre - a - tion in chor - us make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
to thee now high ex - alt - ed our mel - o - dy we raise.
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

TEXT: Theodulph of Orleans (750?-821), tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.
MUSIC: St. Theodulph; Melchior Teschner (1584-1635)



The Gospel

Read by Roshni Jawawardena

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

Matthew 21.1-1

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily:

Susan Haig

The Prayers of the People

Led by John Castillo

One: Gracious God, as we look back on our pilgrimage through Lent this day, we remember your own journey, how you set your face firmly towards Jerusalem, with clarity of purpose and purity of intention, knowing what lay ahead, but never turning aside. We remember how you rode into your city in triumph, enjoying shouts of "Hosanna," living fully in that moment of delight, and accepting the crowds' praise. We thank you that you went into the heart of our evil, and pain, along a way that was both terrible and wonderful, as your kingship became your brokenness, and your dying became love's triumph. May your church remain faithful, in this difficult time, as it celebrates the wonder and the glory of the mystery of your love and your life, given for us. Lord, in your mercy:

All: **Hear our prayer.**

One: Redeemer King, let your word speak through the prophets to all nations, that those who lead and hold authority in the world may be instruments of life and healing, banishing violence and injustice from the face of the earth, and renewing our relationship with creation as it celebrates its rebirth. Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

One: Healer of all, comfort those who suffer, wisper words of hope to those isolated and alone, tend the sick with your boundless compassion, and bind the wounds of those inflicted by the chances and changes of life. Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

One: God of eternity, enlighten those who walk in the shadow of death, and welcome them into your eternal Jerusalem with rejoicing. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Bless and comfort their loved ones and give us faith in your promise of life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

One: Gracious God, you have prepared a place for us in your kingdom. Accept these prayers through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

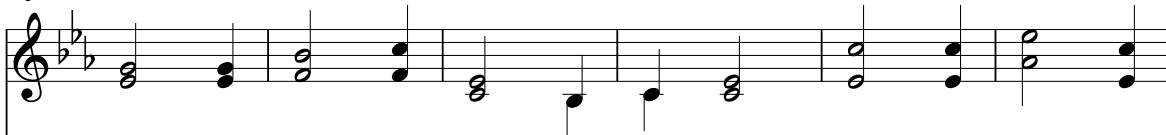
Said by all (microphones will be unmuted)

Priest: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

**All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Hymn: #199 "Who Would Ever Have Believed It"

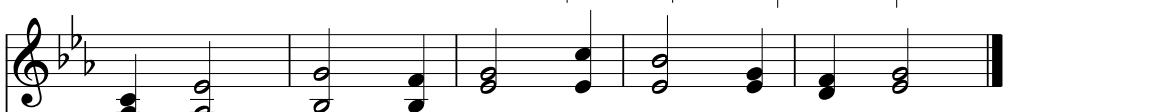
Led by Will Reid



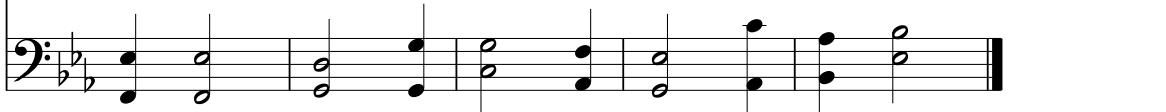
1. Who would ev - er have be - lieved it? Who could ev - er
 2. Like a sap - ling in dry so - il, he was root - ed
 3. We de - spised him; we dis - owned him, though he clear - ly
 4. Yet it was the pain and tor - ment we de - served which
 5. Though our sins let him be wound - ed, though our cruel - ty
 6. We, like sheep de - spite our wis - dom, all had wan - dered
 7. Who would ev - er have be - lieved it? Who could ev - er



have con - ceived it? Who dared trace God's hand be -
 in our pres - ence; lack - ing beau - ty, grace, and
 hurt and suf - fered: we, be - liev - ing he was
 he ac - cept - ed, while we rec - koned his af -
 left him beat - en, yet, through how and why he
 from God's pur - pose; and our due in pain and
 have con - ceived it? Who dared trace God's hand be -



- hind it when a ser - vant came a - mong us?
 splen - dour, no one felt at - tract - ed to him.
 worth - less, ne - ver turned our eyes to - wards him.
 - flic - tions must have come by heaven's in - struc - tion.
 suf - fered, God re - vealed our hope of heal - ing.
 an - ger, God let fall on one a - mong us.
 - hind it when a ser - vant came a - mong us?



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