



## PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021 AT 10:30 A.M.

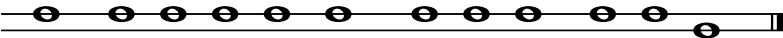
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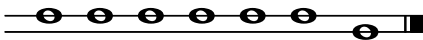
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## Palm Sunday Procession *Screenshare*

### ✠ Liturgy of the Palms

*Priest:* 

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!



Ho-san-na in the high-est!

*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.**

## The Blessing of the Palms

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

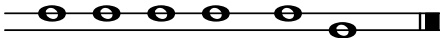
*Priest:* It is right to praise you, almighty God,  
for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us  
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.


The Hebrews acclaimed Jesus as Messiah and King,  
with palm branches in their hands, crying, Hosanna in the highest.

Bless these palms, we pray, that we who carry these emblems  
may go forth to meet Christ and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life;  
who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

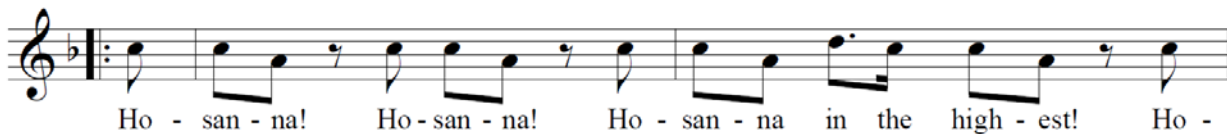
*People:* **Amen.**

## ✠ The Procession

*Priest:*   
Let us go forth in peace.

*People:*   
In the name of Christ. A - men.

*A band accompanies the procession.*



*When the screen share ends, the service continues on Zoom, live, with the Gathering.*

## **The Gathering:** *Steven Mackison*

*Priest:* Humble and riding on a donkey,

*People:* **we greet you.**

*Priest:* Acclaimed by crowds and carolled by children.

*People:* **we cheer you.**

*Priest:* Moving from the peace of the countryside to the corridors of power,

*People:* **we salute you, Christ our Lord.**

*Priest:* Let us pray.

You give the beasts of burden

a new dignity;

you give majesty a new face;

you give those who long for redemption

a new song to sing,

*People:* **With them, with heart and voice, we shout “Hosanna!”**

## **✠ The Proclamation of the Word**

**First Reading:** *Malcolm MacLean*

*Reader:* A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

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*

Psalm 24 (*George Black*)



The God of hosts it is who reigns in glo - ry.

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**

**Second Reading:** *Damian Marinov*

*Reader:* A Reading from the book of the prophet Zechariah.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter 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. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

Zechariah 9.9-10

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

## Sequence Hymn: “Just A Closer Walk With Thee”

Just a closer walk with thee,  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to thee,  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

When my feeble life is o'er,  
Time for me will be no more;  
Guide me gently, safely o'er,  
To thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.

Words: Anonymous (James 4:8) Music: Anonymous

### **The Gospel:** *Steven Mackison*

*Reader:* The Lord be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ.

Mark 11.1-11

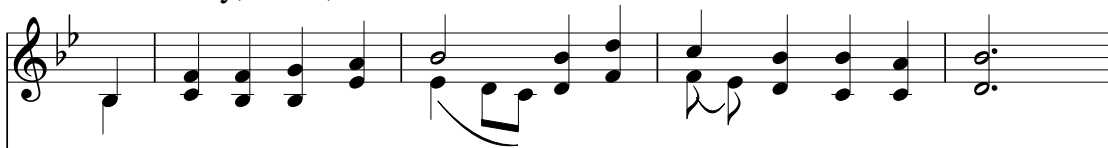
**All:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

### **The Exhortation:** Steven Mackison

Meditation

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

## 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 Prayers of the People:** *David Burt*

*Leader:* 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.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box*

Lord, in your mercy:

**All: Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* 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.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box*

Lord, in your mercy:

**All: Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Healer of all, comfort those who suffer,  
whisper words of hope to those isolated and alone,  
tend the sick with your boundless compassion,  
and bind the wounds of those afflicted  
by the chances and changes of life.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box*

Lord, in your mercy:

**All: Hear our prayer.**



*Leader:* 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.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box*

Lord, in your mercy:

**All: Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* 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: *Steven Mackison*

*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.**

The Doxology: *Steven Mackison*

*Priest:* Glory to God,

**All: whose power working in us  
can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn: "Sanna Sannanina"



Text: traditional South African. Music: traditional South African, arr. Nicholas Williams ca. 1993

**Ministry Updates:** *Steven Mackison*

**The Blessing:** *Steven Mackison*

*Priest:* May Christ our God,  
whose love is poured out in death for our sakes.  
hold us in his embrace as we wait for Easter's dawn.  
And may the blessing of God,  
Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier  
be amongst you and remain with you always.

*People:* **Amen.**

*There is no dismissal during Holy Week*

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## **Holy Week at Redeemer**

**March 28** – 6 PM– *Bach Vespers*  
**March 29** – 6 PM – *Monday in Holy Week*  
**March 30** –6 PM – *Tuesday in Holy Week*  
**March 31** – 6 PM – *A Service of Darkness*  
**April 1** – 7 PM – *Maundy Thursday*  
**April 2** – 9:30 AM – *Good Friday for All Ages*  
**April 2** – 12 PM – *Good Friday*  
**April 3** – 9 PM – *The Great Vigil*  
**April 4** – 10:30 AM – *Easter Sunday*

## **Ministry Updates**

### **Compline at 8 PM**

Compline is a Christian tradition of bedtime prayers. These traditional prayers unveil God's grace in all of our endings - the day's end, the week's end, and our last nightfall.

Join in through Zoom at 8 PM each Sunday night for about 20 minutes. The link can be found in each Friday's eNews.

### **Living our Questions: A Small-Group Experience with Fellow Seekers**

Is there a "sticking point" in your experience of Christian community? It's easy to feel isolated with our sticking points, but we're not. Learning@Redeemer invites you to share the questions you live with in a safe, confidential circle of fellow seekers. A group of 10 to 12 participants will begin meeting shortly after Easter, with the special invitation to share your "sticking points." We'll start by sharing from the heart about our journeys. In our later meetings, we'll take up the topics that members most want to explore and take turns leading discussion on. More details are on our [website](#), and [registration](#) is open.

## **Too Deep For Words: Mid-day Prayer**

Join our Incumbent, Steven Mackison, for mid-day prayer beginning on Ash Wednesday and each day through Lent (except Sunday). We gather through Zoom at 12:15 PM to hear scripture read and to pray for what's on our hearts and for the cares and concerns of the world. To learn more about this service, read Steven's letter [here](#).

## **Voices For Peace**

Voices for Peace explores the radical Christian praxis of peace and non-violence. Redeemer, along with Citizens for Public Justice, the Henri Nouwen Society, the Basilian Centre for Peace and Justice, and the Canadian Council of Churches, sponsors the conference.

This year, in lieu of a residential conference, so we are hosting three webinars with the theme Radical Hope: Radical Resistance. Our speakers will explore the connections of peacemaking to ecology, reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, and opposition to nuclear weapons development.

April 20, 7 PM: Sylvia Keesmaat. "Recovering Our Roots in the Community of Creation." (Ecology)

June 16, 7 PM: Terry Leblanc. "Retelling our Theological Narrative." (Reconciliation)

September 16, 7 PM: John Dear. Title TBA (Nuclear disarmament)

Tickets are \$15 + tax/event. [Registration](#) for April 20 is now open.

## **Vaccinations**

If you would like assistance, or know of anyone in our community who would benefit from assistance, registering for a vaccination or travelling to and from their appointment, the Pastoral Care Team is here to help. Please contact Susan at [shaig@theredeemer.ca](mailto:shaig@theredeemer.ca).

## **Pastoral Care Team Checking In**

The Pastoral Care Team and its volunteers have been calling and continue to call, members of the Redeemer Community to check in with them regarding how they are doing during this pandemic.

Due to the ongoing isolation and disconnectedness, if you know of anyone who would benefit from a call from our Pastoral Care Team, that has not been receiving a call, please contact Tony Crosbie at [tony.crosbie@sympatico.ca](mailto:tony.crosbie@sympatico.ca).

## **Intercessions**

In the prayers of the people each Sunday, space is left for members of the community to add a name or concern in chat. If you have people or situations that you would like included in the service but are not comfortable giving voice to them, there is a prayer request form on the website. These will be added to the intercessions in the appropriate petition. You can find the form [here](#).

## **Parish Cycle of Prayer**

Each month a cycle of prayer is available [online](#). This resource provides the names of ministries from the Anglican Communion, the Indigenous cycle of prayer, the diocese and our community to hold in our prayers each day. In peace we pray. Lord, Hear our prayer.

## **Future Ministry Updates**

For all future announcement or ministry updates, please email [twilliams@theredeemer.ca](mailto:twilliams@theredeemer.ca) by Wednesday each week for your contribution to be included in the following Sunday bulletin.