

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

THE LORD'S DAY, 28 March, Anno Domini 2021 Eleven o'clock in the morning | The Sanctuary

✠ denotes the People stand, in body or in spirit, as able.

The People's responses are printed in **bold**.



SILENT PRAYER of PREPARATION for WORSHIP

Almighty God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in His obedience to Your will and in the glorious victory of His resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

GREETING

The Rev^d Dr. Mark Conforti, Senior Pastor

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PRELUDE

Mr. Joshua Starnes, Director of Music & Organist

Royal Procession on "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Dan Miller, b. 1954

✠ CALL to WORSHIP (responsively)

With palm branches and joy we shout:

"HOSANNA TO CHRIST OUR LORD!"

["Hosanna" means "Lord, save us!"]

With blessings and song we come:

to worship and to praise.

With humility and love,

Christ comes to meet us now.



1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang; through
 2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed mid an ex - ul - tant crowd, the
 3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" that an - cient song we sing, for



pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang.
 vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud.
 Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heaven 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!

✦ CALL to LAMENT and REPENTANCE

The Rev^d Stacey Lundy, Associate Pastor

Let us face this day of palms and Jesus' passion with honesty,
 confessing our sin before God.

Let us pray:

(A brief moment of silence follows for private confession.)

✦ CORPORATE PRAYER of CONFESSION (in unison)

SAVE us, O God,

for we are surrounded by danger
 and we live in death's shadow.

Forgive us when we fail to stand with the suffering,
 when fear causes us to close our eyes to wrongdoing,
 when weakness makes us turn back from following You.

Lift us up to the hope and healing of the Cross;

Make us bearers of the love of Jesus,
 poured out for the world.

In His Name. *Amen.*

✦ ASSURANCE of GOD'S PARDON (*responsively*)

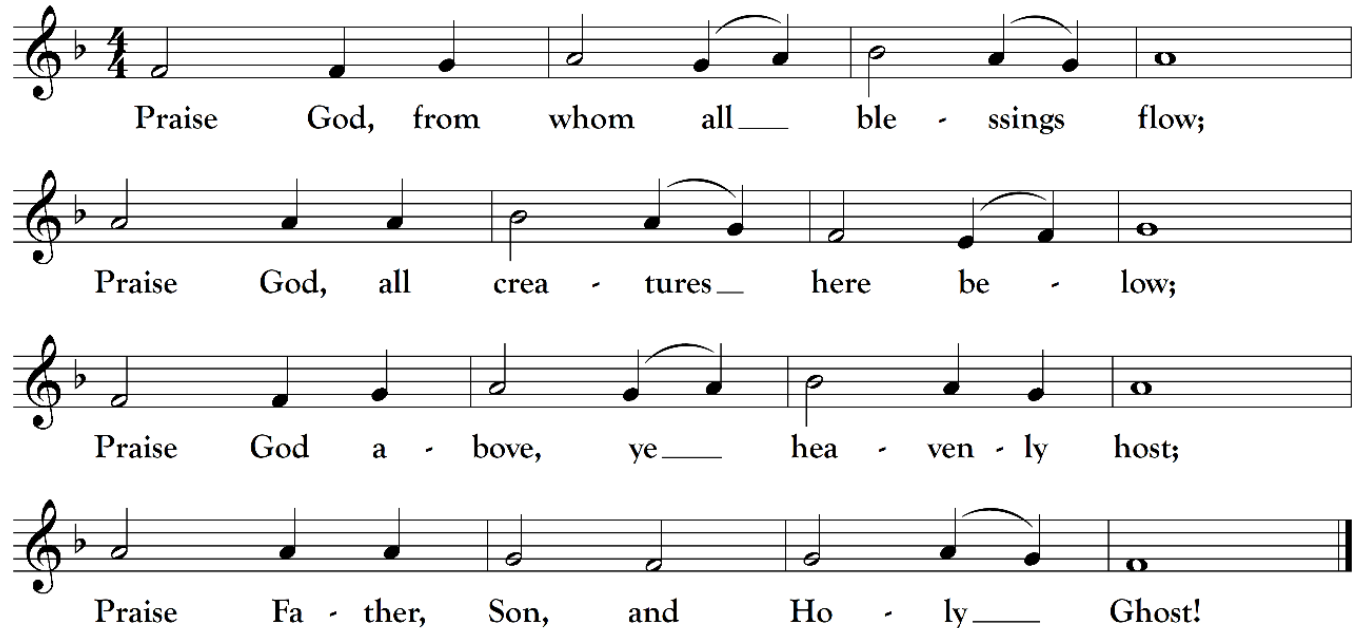
from Isaiah 50.9a; Psalm 118.21

It is the LORD God who helps us:
who will declare us guilty?

We give thanks that God has answered us and become our salvation!

✦ DOXOLOGY (*in unison*)

HAMBURG



Praise God, from whom all — ble - ssings flow;

Praise God, all crea - tures — here be - low;

Praise God a - bove, ye — hea - ven - ly host;

Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly — Ghost!

✦ PRAYER for ILLUMINATION (*in unison*)

Mrs. Kerry Kribbs, Lector

GOD of salvation, our Lord entered His Passion to raise us to life.

In this holiest of weeks,
help us to walk the way of the Cross,
that we may be raised in a resurrection like His and dwell forever in You,
Eternal Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

[Psalm 118.1-2,19-29](#)

GRADUAL

Jesus, the King

Ruth Elaine Schram, b. 1956

Riding to Jerusalem, Jesus, the King.

Wave the palms to welcome Him, Jesus, the King.

Clip, clop, clip, clop, see the donkey as He moves along.

Clip, clop, clip, clop, Hear the children as they sing their song.

GOSPEL LESSON

[Mark 11.1-11](#)

SERMON

✦ AFFIRMATION of OUR FAITH (*in unison*)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day He rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick* and the dead.

[*living]

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic** Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

[**universal]

RECEPTION of GOD'S TITHES and OUR OFFERINGS

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PRAYERS of INTERCESSION and THANKSGIVING (*responsively*)

Following each petition:

...Lord, in Your mercy:
Hear our prayer...

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*in unison*)

from Matthew 6.9-13

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. *Amen.*

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, His mer - cy is more.

Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn. Our sins, they are many, His mer - cy is more!

1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done?
 2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stan - tly roam?
 3. What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us.

Om - nis - cient, all - kno - wing, He counts not their sum.
 What Fa - ther so ten - der is call - ing us home?
 His blood was the pay - ment, His life was the cost.

Thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore;
 He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor.
 We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford.

Repeat Refrain

Our sins, they are man - y, His mer - cy is more!

✦ BENEDICTION *and* COMMISSION
 ...Thanks be to God! *Amen.*

POSTLUDE
The King's Majesty

Mr. Joshua Starnes, *Director of Music & Organist*
 James L. Brauer

✦ DEPARTURE *into* THE MISSION FIELD



A special “thank you” to all those serving in worship today, including:
Miss Lacey Mastro, Acolyte; Ms. Jen Fogt, Video Producer;
and The Reverend Stacey Lundy, Video Editor.



Week of March 28-April 3

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