

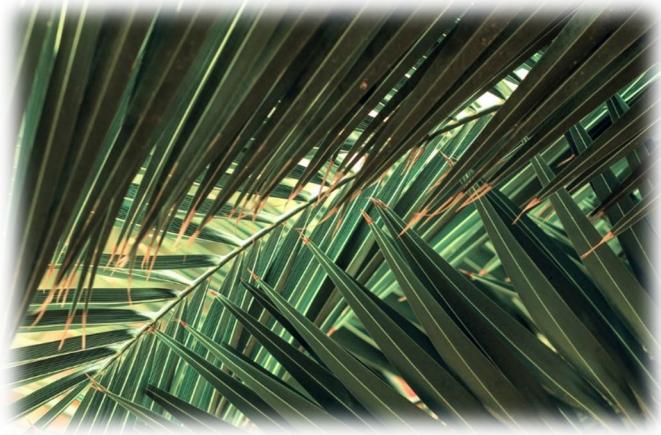
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Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

Today's Lay Reader: Sharon Wilson

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Whoever you are, wherever you are, come! Now is the time to worship.

People: **We come, ready to see all things and all people as God sees them.**

Leader: All things and all people have value. You may feel thrown away. But God says you are precious.

People: **That which others throw away can become the most important piece of a puzzle.**

Prelude

An Exaltant Alleluia

Lani Smith

Hymn

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

Refrain

Fine

1. Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, 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,

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who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
 our prayer and praise and an - them - s 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.

Opening Prayer

Lord, we give thanks to you. Your steadfast love endures forever. Help us, Lord, to love like you love. Help us to find the rejected, the outcast and the forgotten. Help us love those who have never been loved before. The world doesn't always see our value. But you do. Thank you, Lord, for loving us and believing in us when no one else would. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus



The musical score consists of three staves of music in G major, 6/8 time. The top staff is treble clef, the middle staff is bass clef, and the bottom staff is bass clef. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing in boxes between the staves. The first box contains the first three lines of the lyrics. The second box contains the middle section of the lyrics. The third box contains the final section of the lyrics.

1. Tell me the sto - ries of Je - sus I love to hear;
 2. First let me hear how the chil - dren stood round his knee,
 3. In - to the cit - y I'd fol - low the chil - dren's band,

things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:
 and I shall fan - cy his bless - ing rest - ing on me;
 wav-ing a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;

scenes by the way - side, tales of the sea,
 words full of kind - ness, deeds full of grace,
 one of his her - alds, yes, I would sing

sto - ries of Je - sus, tell them to me.
all in the love - light of Je - sus' face.
loud - est ho - san - nas, "Je - sus is King!"

Senior Choir**Hosanna to the Son of David****Michael Barrett****Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev****Scripture Lesson****Psalm 118:19-29**

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God,
and he has given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
 People: Thanks be to God

Message *Finding Jesus, the Rejected Cornerstone*

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory Ride On, Ride On in Majesty Jack C. Goode

Offertory Hymn Lift High the Cross (verse 1)

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

Fine

1. Come, Chris-tians, fol - low this tri- um-phant sign. The
 2. Each new-born ser - vant of the Cru- ci - fied bears
 3. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo- rious tree, as
 4. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be: Praise

D.C.

hosts of God in u - ni-ty com - bine.
 on the brow the seal of him who died.
 thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
 to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

A Service of Word and Table

*Please see the Communion Liturgy on **page 8** of this document.*

Communion Anthem

In Remembrance

Buryl Red

Hymn

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang.
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud.
 for 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!

Benediction

Postlude

Toccata in G Major

William Walond

Violin: Susan Elsayed

Holy Week Schedule:

- April 6 at 7 PM – Holy Thursday Service *Great Hall/ Sanctuary*
- April 7 – Good Friday
 - 12 Noon – Community Service *St. Mark and All Saints*
 - 12 Noon to 3 PM – The Babcock Chapel will be open for prayer and reflection
- April 9 – Easter!
 - 6:30 AM Sunrise Service *Heritage Park Gazebo*
 - Our regular Worship schedule with Worship at 9 and 11
 - Sunday School at 9:45 with an Easter Egg Hunt

A Service of Word and Table

Invitation

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon

People: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, we have rebelled against Your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are all forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! All: Thanks be to God!

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God's mighty acts of salvation, and concludes: And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The people sing their response:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of

power and might. Heav - en and earth are

full of your glo - - - -

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

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

est! Blest is the one who comes

— in the name of the Lord. Ho -

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

san - na in the high - est!

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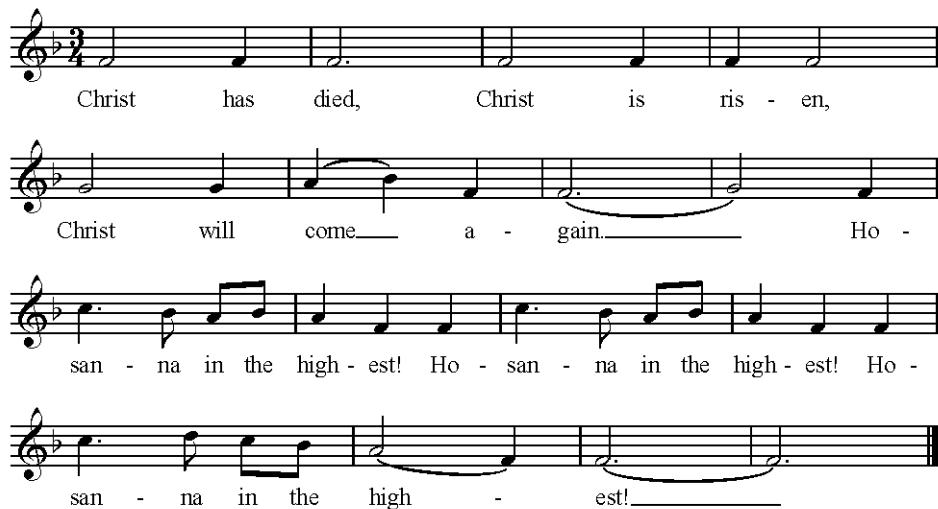
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The pastor continues the Thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes: And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and

living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

The people sing their response:

Memorial Acclamation



Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again. Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

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The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding: All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen!

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Cup