

WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

The Palms

J. Faure

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Women's "Digging Deeper" Study, Wednesday (4/5) at 4 PM.
- Maundy Thursday Communion Service, Thursday (4/6) at 6:30 PM.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

MANY: God's steadfast love endures forever!

ONE: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

MANY: Hosanna in the highest heaven!

ONE: The Lord is our God, and has given us light;

MANY: Great is our God, and we give thanks to the Lord.

ONE: Hosanna to the Son of David!

MANY: Hosanna! Save us, O God. Hosanna! God's steadfast love endures forever.

HYMN

All Glory, Laud and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

**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.**

**All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present.**

**All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.**

**All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!**

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you: we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's, our faith is often more show than substance, our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises and to receive us as your own.

(We pause for a moment of silent, personal confession.)

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: Behold your king comes to you;

MANY: He is just, he brings salvation,

ONE: He brings forgiveness, he brings peace.

MANY: Hosanna in the highest! We are indeed forgiven.

ONE: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

MANY: Hosanna in the highest!

HYMN

Glory Be to the Father

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, amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Zechariah 9:9-10, 16

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:1-11

SERMON

In a Strange Space with Jesus

Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

**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.**

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Celtic Hosanna



Mark Hayes

DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

RESPONSIVE PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ONE: Ride on Lord Jesus. Upon a colt, over cloaks, under branches –

MANY: Ride on Lord Jesus.

ONE: Towards a city, through its gates, past the crowds –

MANY: Ride on Lord Jesus.

ONE: As Hosannas fade and enemies sneer, as danger closes and friends falter –

MANY: Ride on Lord Jesus.

ONE: Showing the way, teaching the truth, bringing life for all.
In the name of the Lord –

MANY: Ride on Lord Jesus.

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

HYMN

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

ST DROSTANE

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!

Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry;

Thy humble beast pursues its road

With palms and scattered garments strowed.

**Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.**

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!

The hosts of angels in the sky

Look down with sad and wondering eyes

To see th'approaching sacrifice.

**Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain;
Then take, O God, thy power, and reign.**

A CLOSING LITANY FOR PALM SUNDAY

ONE: Jesus was beloved by the poor and the outcast

MANY: But he was a threat to people with power.

ONE: Jesus stood against the Temple,

MANY: So he was a threat to the Sadducees.

ONE: Jesus healed on the Sabbath and ate with sinners,

MANY: So he was a threat to the Pharisees.

ONE: Jesus took the titles of “Lord,” “Son of God,” and “King.”

MANY: Those were the Caesar’s titles: he was a threat to the government.

ONE: Jesus came without violence

MANY: Yet he disturbed the peace.

ONE: Jesus came proclaiming the Kingdom of God

MANY: And the kingdoms of this world were frightened.

ONE: Lord, help us to love your Kingdom more than the kingdoms
of this world.

**MANY: For thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Hosanna

J. Martin

WORSHIP NOTES:

The **Call to Worship** is written by Rev. Mindi and posted on Rev-o-lution. <http://rev-o-lution.org>

The **Prayer of Confession** is written by John Paarlberg, pastor of First Church in Albany, New York. Posted on the Reformed Church in America website. <https://www.rca.org/resources>

The **Prayer for Illumination** is adapted from a prayer by Ann Weems from her book, *Kneeling in Jerusalem*. KY: Louisville, Westminster/John Knox Press, 1992, 35.

The **Pastoral Prayer** is posted on the Monthly Prayers page of the Christian Aid website. <http://www.christianaid.org.uk>

The **Closing Litany** is written by Rev. Drew Ludwig, Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church, Buffalo, New York. Posted on LiturgyLink. <https://www.liturgylink.net>

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