

WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

*Palm Sunday
April 10, 2022
10:00 AM*



PRELUDE

The Power of the Cross

ARR. CAROL TORNQUIST

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Facilities Committee, Monday (4/11) at 7 PM.
- Men's Breakfast, Wednesday (4/13) at 8:30 AM at Robin Hood.
- Maundy Thursday Service, Thursday (4/14) at 7:30 PM.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

MANY: We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts,

ONE: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

MANY: We wave palm branches in anticipation, we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk,

ONE: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes: modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

MANY: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.

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!**

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE: On this Sunday, O God, we remember how quickly we change. How fickle we are, how we pledge our devotion one moment and turn our backs the next. We go from shouting “Hosanna! Save Us!” to “Crucify Him.”

MANY: We declare that we love our neighbors and then we turn our backs on the homeless and hungry in our communities.

ONE: We speak up for change and justice in one breath, and then continue unjust practices in daily lives with what we consume and the needs we ignore.

MANY: Forgive us, O God, for we are half-hearted believers. Forgive us, O God, for we are partial justice warriors. Forgive us, O God, for we tire easily and we forget, and we grow weary.

ONE: Forgive us, restore us, and renew us for the journey of faith, so that we might become whole people who live wholly into Your vision of new life. In the name of Christ, who lived into the fullness of humanity, and whom we follow.

MANY: Amen.

(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!

RESPONSIVE READING OF THE PSALM

~ *Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29*

ONE: This is the day the Lord hath made, the hours are all God's own. Let heaven rejoice, let earth be glad; and praise surround the throne. Give thanks, the Lord is good! God's love is forever! Now let Israel say, "God's love is forever!"

MANY: Open the gates of justice, let us praise God within them. This is the Lord's own gate, only the just will enter.

ONE: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, This is the work of the Lord, how wonderful in our eyes.

MANY: This is the day the Lord made, let us rejoice and be glad! Lord, give us the victory! Lord, grant us success!

ONE: Hosanna in the highest strains the church on earth can raise! The highest heavens in which God reigns shall now resound with praise!

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 19:28-40

SERMON

Royal Encounters

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.**

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ain't No Rock Gonna Shout for Me

LLOYD LARSON

DOXOLOGY - HYMN

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD

**Glory to God,
Whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son,
Whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit,
Whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end,
Without end. Amen.**

**World without end,
Without end. Amen.**

**World without end,
Without end. Amen.**

**As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 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, forever. 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.**

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

ONE: Lay down the palm branches; cease the shouting.

MANY: Let our noisy Hosannas dissolve in the air.

ONE: Return the donkey and the colt to the stable.

MANY: The parade is over; the procession is at an end.

ONE: Watch the crowd disperse: to their homes, to their lives, to life as it never will be again.

MANY: Watch, and wait.

ONE: Go now into this holiest of weeks, with God as your guide.

MANY: Amen.

POSTLUDE

May Jesus Christ Be Praised

ARR. R. KEVIN BOESIGER

WORSHIP NOTES:

The **Call to Worship** is written by Thom Shuman, and posted on his Lectionary Liturgies blog.

<http://www.lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca>

The **Prayer of Confession** is written by Rev. Mindi and posted on Rev-o-lution. <http://rev-o-lution.org>

The **Assurance of Pardon** is adapted from a prayer written by the Very Rev. David Lunan, and posted on the Church of Scotland's Starters for Sunday website. <http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk>

The **Palm Sunday Offering Prayer** is posted by Joanna Harader on her Spacious Faith blog. <http://spaciousfaith.com>

The **Pastoral Prayer** is adapted from a prayer written by Roddy Hamilton, and posted on Mucky Paws. <http://www.nkchurch.org.uk/index.php/mucky-paws>

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