

PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 24, 2024



TODAY'S OFFERING OF WORSHIP THIS PALM SUNDAY

We gather together...

PROCESSION: *Hosanna*

~ Christian Gregor

Hosanna! Blessed is He that comes, He that comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

WELCOME

CONFESSION

Like the people who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem and then later pronounced "Crucify him," we are fickle people who often deny Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds.

Remembering the events of Jesus' last week helps us see ourselves for what we are: sinners in need of a Savior, a Savior we have in Christ. In honesty and hope, let us now confess our sins to God.

Let us pray:

Jesus, our Lord, we shout hosannas to praise you.

With eager hands, we place our cloaks and palms on the path before you.

Yet, Lord, we confess that the mouths that seek to praise you often deny or defy you.

And we confess that the hands that seek to serve you often become fists, incapable of extending your mercy.

Lord, hear us as we confess our sins from the depth of our hearts.

SILENCE

ABSOLUTION

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness. (*1 Peter 2:24*)

KYRIE ELEISON

~ Thomas Pavlechko

(Choir) (Congregation) (Choir)

Lord, have__merc - y. Lord, have__merc -- y. Christ, have__merc - y.

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Christ, have__merc -- y. Lord, have merc - y. Lord, have mer -- cy.

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever Amen.**

***HYMN #228: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**

...to hear God's Word...

FIRST LESSON

Zechariah 9:9-10 (*Old Testament page 884*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

PSALM 118:1-2, 19-29 (*Old Testament pages 565-566*) **Amen.**

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2:5-11 (*New Testament page 197*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 11:1-11 (*New Testament page 47*)

The Gospel of our Lord, God's living Word. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Wave Your Branches

~ Thomas Pavlechko

*Wave your branches, wave them high, Jesus now is riding by.
Wave your branches, shout and sing: Loud hosannas to your King.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHORAL ANTHEM: Ride on! Ride on!

~ Graham George

*Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! all the tribes "Hosanna" cry;
O Savior meek, pursue thy 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 winged squadrons of the sky;
Look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.*

*Ride on, ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh,
The Father on his throne expects his own anointed Son.*

*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.*

SERMON: *Pastor Todd Johnson*

...and to respond with our lives...

***HYMN #432:** *When Our Confidence Is Shaken*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERINGS TO GOD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

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

...in the places we now go.

***HYMN #405:** *Jesus, Be My Guide and Teacher*

***DISMISSAL**

POSTLUDE: *Fantasia in G minor (BWV 542)*

~ J.S. Bach

*Join us after the service for coffee and conversation,
in the Narthex.*

Welcome!

GREETERS: Colin and Sarah Quackenbush

READERS: Tom and Diney Ruebel

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Lauren St. Martin

USHER: Corbin Sheffels

COFFEE SERVERS: Tom and Linda Morris

LIVESTREAM: Axel Nelson

