

**Palm Sunday
March 24, 2024**

Gathering
God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude *And Can it Be with Amazing Grace*
 Brass Choir and Piano

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

 **Call to Worship** (*Responsively*)

Hob Pusey

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
—Zechariah 9:9, NRSV

 **Invocation**

Hob Pusey

O Lord Christ,
as you once entered Jerusalem,
enter our hearts this day afresh.
As you once set your face toward death on a cross,
help us this day to walk with you to victory.
As the children once cried “Hosanna” to bless you,
enable us to confess you openly as Lord and Savior.
Grant us your presence by the power of your Spirit,
that our worship and our lives may truly honor you. **Amen.**

 **Praise Song** *Hosanna—Praise is Rising*

Verse 1
Praise is rising; eyes are turning to You;
We turn to You.
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You;
We long for You.

Pre-Chorus
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to find the day.
In Your presence all our fears are washed away,
Washed away.

Chorus
Hosanna, Hosanna,
You are the God who saves us,
Worthy of all our praises.
Hosanna, Hosanna,
Come have Your way among us,
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.

Verse 2
Hear the sound of hearts turning to You,
We turn to You.
In Your Kingdom, broken lives are made new;
You make us new.

Pre-Chorus
Chorus
Pre-Chorus
Chorus
Tag – Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna!

Confessing
God invites us to be honest with Him

Call to Confession

Hob Pusey

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—praise God—we have in Christ. In honesty and hope, we confess now our sins to God.

Prayer of Confession

Hob Pusey

O Lord, we confess our hands are not clean, our hearts are not pure. Forgive our capricious discipleship and keep our faith constant, O Lord. Lead us always to a deeper experience of your love. Enliven us by the familiar but always new story of shame and triumph, suffering and hope, that this week reveals. Mold us to the ways of the Servant whose life we honor this morning. In the name of Christ, our Lord, **Amen.**

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hob Pusey

Hear the Word of the Lord from Psalm 118:
Let those who fear the Lord say,
“His steadfast love endures for ever.”
Out of my distress I called on the Lord;
the Lord answered me and set me free.
The Lord is my strength and my song;

he has become my salvation.
I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.
In Christ, God answers us and sets us free!
In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.
—based on Psalm 118:4-5, 14, 17, NRSV

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God!

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.
A-men, A-men.*

Offering

Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Invitation Let us be faithful stewards of our time, our talents, and our money. so that our treasure is in heaven and our giving pleases God.

Offering

Offertory *The Palms*
(Brass and Piano)

Doxology

*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. A-men.*

Prayer of Dedication *(Responsively)*

Almighty God, you have given us everything.
Not only did you create us, but you provide for our every need. We give thanks to you, Lord, for you are good.

Your love endures forever.

When we turned away from you, you reached down to us. You lifted us up and freed us through the gift of your Son. We give thanks to you, Lord, for you are good.

Your love endures forever.

You are with us always. You watch over our coming and our going. Your Holy Spirit guides us and leads us every step of our lives. We give thanks to you, Lord, for you are good.

Your love endures forever.

For your abundant grace we give you thanks.

Gratefully we offer the gifts you first gave us.

We give thanks to you, Lord, for you are good.

Your love endures forever.

Use our time, our talents, and our tithes for your glory. May it bless others with hope, peace, and joy.

Amen.

 **Hymn 174**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Proclaiming

God speaks to us through His Word

Scripture Reading

Luke 19:28-40

²⁸ When he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ As he approached Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples ³⁰ and said, "Go into the village ahead of you. As you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say this: 'The Lord needs it.'"

³² So those who were sent left and found it just as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

³⁴ "The Lord needs it," they said. ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their clothes on the colt, they helped Jesus get on it. ³⁶ As he was going along, they were spreading their clothes on the road. ³⁷ Now he came near the path down the Mount of Olives, and the whole crowd of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the miracles they had seen:

³⁸ **Blessed is the King who comes
in the name of the Lord.**

Peace in heaven

and glory in the highest heaven!

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees from the crowd told him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples."

⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if they were to keep silent, the stones would cry out."

Sermon

"The Triumphal Entry"

Rev. Tim Latham

 Hymn 173

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Responding
We respond to God's Word

 Profession of Faith

Christ Jesus,
though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord!

—from Philippians 2:5-11, NRSV

Prayers of the People

Commissioning
God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

 Hymn 108

Come, Christians Join to Sing

 Benediction & Blessing

 Postlude

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