

WORSHIP SERVICE

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship:

*On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,*

**And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud
that is cast out over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread out over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.**

*Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on this day,*

**Lo this is our God; we have waited for him,
so that He might save us.**

**This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation!**

* Opening Song: "Hosanna In The Highest"

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!

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Lord we lift up your name with hearts full of praise;

Be exalted, oh Lord my God!

Hosanna in the highest!

Glory, Glory, Glory to the King of kings!

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Be exalted, oh Lord my God!

Glory to the King of kings!

* Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Unison Prayer of Confession

Who has believed what we have heard?

And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

**For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;**

**He had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.**

He was despised and rejected by others;

**a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;
and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised,
and we held him of no account.**

**Forgive us Lord,
for surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases,
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God and afflicted.**

Can you forgive us, Lord?

Assurance of God's love:

*But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment
that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed,*

Thanks be to our risen Lord and savior!

Song of response: **"I Come To The Cross"**

I come to the cross seeking mercy and grace.
I come to the cross where You died in my place.
Out of my weakness and into Your strength,
Jesus, I come to the cross.
Your arms are open, You call me by name,
You welcome this child that was lost
You paid the price for my guilt and my shame.
Jesus I come, Jesus I come,
Jesus I come to the cross.

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Mark 11: 1-11

Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King

11 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, **2** saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. **3** If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'" **4** They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, **5** some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" **6** They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. **7** When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. **8** Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. **9** Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" **10** "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" **11** Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

Message: "Why Are You Doing This?"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

Song of Response "Oh To See The Dawn"

LUYH #177

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary.

Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.

This the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us.

Took the blame, bore the wrath, we stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain written on your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.

Every bitter thought, every evil deed crowning your bloodstained brow.

This the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us.

Took the blame, bore the wrath, we stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows his head.

Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life, "Finished!" the victory cry.

This the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us.

Took the blame, bore the wrath, we stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, for through your suffering I am free.

Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live, won through your selfless love!

This the power of the cross: Son of God slain for us.

What a love, what a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"

LUYH #175

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them through his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small.

Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

* Postlude

*Stand if you are able

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