

Worship service for April 5th, 2020, Palm/Passion Sunday, the Sixth Sunday of Lent

Welcome

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem: Matthew 21:1-11

Matthew 21:1 Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." 4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, 5 "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'" 6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. 8 Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" 10 And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" 11 And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

Palm Sunday Greeting:

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Hymn of Praise: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* - UM Hymnal #278

*Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the lovely 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!*

Opening prayer:

**Almighty God, we remember on this day
that your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem
and was proclaimed King
by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way.
Let those branches be for us signs of his victory,
and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord,
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life.
In his name we pray. Amen.**

Hymn: *Filled With Excitement* - UM Hymnal #279

*Filled with excitement, all the happy throng
spread cloaks and branches on the city streets.*

*There in the distance they begin to see,
riding on a donkey, comes the Son of God.*

*From every corner a thousand voices sing
praises to him who comes in the name of God.*

*With one great shout of acclamation loud
triumphant song breaks forth:*

Hosanna, hosanna to the King!

Hosanna, hosanna to the King!

*As in that entrance to Jerusalem,
we sing hosanna to the Christ, our King,
to the living Savior who still calls today,
asking us to follow him with love and faith.*

*From every corner a thousand voices sing
praises to him who comes in the name of God.*

*With one great shout of acclamation loud
triumphant song breaks forth:*

Hosanna, hosanna to the King!

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Prayers of the People

Preparation to hear the Word

**Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ,
to suffer death on the cross.**

**Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will
and in the glorious victory of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever. Amen.**

Prayer of confession:

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will, we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Special Music: *Above All*

Benediction

Shalom:

**Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**