



SERVICE OF THE WORD

PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020

☒ Bishop ☒ Assisting Minister ☒ Lector ☒ All

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Blessed Assurance
Mighty to Save

arr. Elevation Worship
Fielding, Morgan

ACCLAMATION, GREETING & PRAYER

☒ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

☒ **Hosanna in the highest!**

☒ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☒ **And also with you.**

☒ Let us pray. Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☒ **Amen.**

☒ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

☒ **Hosanna in the highest!**

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Please note that the words below vary slightly from what is sung and displayed on screen during the worship service

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



- 1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

HEARING THE WORD

Psalm

Psalm 122, responsively

- A** I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”
C Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

A Jerusalem — built as a city that is bound firmly together.

- C** To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
 as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

A For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David.

- C** Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May they prosper who love you.
 Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.”

Ⓐ For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you."

Ⓒ For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

Ⓐ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:

Ⓒ As it was in the beginning, will be now and forever. Amen.

Special Music

Ride On King Jesus, Ride On

Martin, Pugh

Gospel

Matthew 21:1-9

Ⓐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew:

Ⓒ Glory to you, O Lord.

Ⓐ When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Ⓐ The Gospel of the Lord.

Ⓒ Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Bishop Bill Gohl



- 1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es-ty! Hear all the tribes ho - san - na cry;
- 2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es-ty! In low - ly pomp ride on to die.
- 3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es-ty! The wing-ed squad-rons of the sky
- 4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es-ty! Your last and fierc - est strife is nigh.
- 5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es-ty! In low - ly pomp ride on to die,



O Sav - ior meek, your road pur - sue, with palms and scat-tered gar-ments strewed.
 O Christ, your tri-umphs now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con-quer'd sin.
 look down with sad and won-d'ring eyes to see the ap-proach-ing sac - ri - fice.
 The Fa - ther on his sap-phire throne a - waits his own a - noint - ed Son.
 bow your meek head to mor - tal pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791–1868, alt.
 Music: ST. DROSTANE, John Bacchus Dykes, 1823–1876

Prayers of the People

A Let us pray.

A For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:

C Holy God, have mercy on us.

A For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:

C Holy God, have mercy on us.

A For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:

C Holy God, have mercy on us.

A For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:

C Holy God, have mercy on us.

A For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:

C Holy God, have mercy on us.

A For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:

G Holy God, have mercy on us.

A For those in need, particularly those whom we lift up in our hearts, on our lips and on social media using the #demdprays, that we would persevere in prayer, act to help and love one another:

G Holy God, have mercy on us.

A For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:

G Holy God, have mercy on us.

A In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. Through the Holy Spirit God cleanses us and gives us the power to proclaim the mighty acts of the one who called us out of dusk into the marvelous dawn.

G Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

A Let us pray together the words Jesus taught us.

**G 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

☐ The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew:

Hymn

Oh, How He Loves You and Me

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☐ *Oh, how he loves you and me.
Oh, how he loves you and me;
He gave his life, what more could he give?
Oh, how he loves you; oh, how he loves me;
Oh, how he loves you and me!*

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on

us and on our children!" So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

☐ *Jesus to Calv'ry did go
His love for this world to show;
What he did there brought hope from despair.
Oh, how he loves you; oh, how he loves me;
Oh, how he loves you and me!*

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

☒ *Oh, how he loves you; oh, how he loves me;
Oh, how he loves you and me!*

BENEDICTION

☒ Beloved, as you walk with Jesus in the way of the cross in the week ahead: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the Name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

☒ **Amen.**

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1 On a hill far a - way stood an old rug-ged cross,
 2 Oh, that old rug-ged cross so de - spised by the world,
 3 In the old rug-ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,
 4 To the old rug-ged cross I will ev - er be true,



the em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame;
 has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;
 a won - drous beau - ty I see;
 its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;



and I love that old cross where the dear - est and best
 for the dear Lamb of God left his glo - ry a - bove,
 for 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died,
 Christ will call me some day to my home far a - way,



for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.
 to bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.
 to par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
 where his glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.



So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged cross, till my



tro - phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rug - ged



cross, and ex - change it some day for a crown.

Text: George Bennard, 1873-1958

Music: THE OLD RUGGED CROSS, George Bennard, 1873-1958

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