

PALM SUNDAY 2020

When we shout Hosanna—Save us—are we sufficiently sensible of the conditions
Jesus goes through to save us?

Greetings in Christ

Centering for Worship

One: Today we sing hosannas.
All: Come Friday we'll be hushed.

Call to Worship

One: Blessed is the one who comes in God's name.

All: Hosanna in the highest!

One: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

All: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

One: Lo, the Holy One comes to you,

All: triumphant and victorious,

One: humble and riding on a donkey,

All: on a colt, the foal of a donkey.



Confession and Forgiveness

Invitation and Silent Personal Confession

Public Communal Confession

Great and gracious God, in Jesus Christ you entered Jerusalem to bring peace and salvation to a sinful world, only to face rejection and death. We confess we have not hailed you as Sovereign, or gone before you in the world with praise. For brief faith that fades in trouble, for enthusiasm that fizzles out, for hopes we parade but do not pursue—have mercy on us. Forgive us, O God, and give us such trust in your power that, in every city, we may live for justice and proclaim your loving kindness, and walk humbly in your ways...

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: As we journey, God says to you and me:

All: I am with you, I hold you, I call you, I know you, I care for you,

One: I travel with you, I give myself to you, I am on the journey with you,

All: I am God. My steadfast love is with you always. Let us travel in peace.

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. AMEN.

Gratitude for Grace

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but thou art mighty, hold me with thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more.

Feed me till I want no more.

Scripture Reading**Matthew 21:1-10**

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 fulfil 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!'

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?'

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Time with Children

Leslie Maxie

Caring for the Church and the World

Randall Tate

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Message

Pastor Fred

Ascription of Praise

Now to the One who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or imagine, to God be the glory in the church through Christ Jesus to all generations. AMEN.

Call for Offering**Dedication of Offering**

Holy God, we give thanks for your saving love made known to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. In this holiest of weeks, help us to walk the way of the cross that leads to the empty tomb. Bless these gifts that they may bring life on earth as it is in heaven. AMEN.

Benediction