

March 28, 2021 Bulletin – Palm/Passion Sunday

Between now and April 11, Pastor Drew will be doing a sermon series on the Gospel of John. We will examine some of the major themes and stories found in John, such as being "born again," the bread of heaven, light and darkness, washing his disciples' feet, and so forth. ***Today's message will focus on the significance of God's powerful holy Name, and is based on John's unique report that when Jesus told his captors "'I AM' [the person you're looking for]," they shrank back and fell to the ground (John 18:6).***

Prelude

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"
Arr. by Edward Broughton

Welcome

Call to Worship

Scott Crawford

L: Let us worship the Lord—not just with our voices, but also with our entire being.

P: We gather to worship the One who is highly exalted and whose name is above every name, Jesus the Christ.

L: Your presence demands our participation. Our worship is never wasteful.

P: Be gracious to us, O Lord. We are your servants; empty us for your use. We are Christ's servants and may we be of the same mind.

All: We declare that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. Praise be unto God!

*Hymn

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

UMH #280

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor,
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and Blessed One. [Refrain]

2. The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and we with all creation
in chorus make reply. [Refrain]

3. The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our prayer and praise and anthems
before thee we present. [Refrain]

4. To thee, before thy passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. [Refrain]

5. Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King. [Refrain]

Scripture Reading

Mark 11:1-11

Scott Crawford

11 When Jesus and his followers approached Jerusalem, they came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives. Jesus gave two disciples a task, ²saying to them, “Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘Its master needs it, and he will send it back right away.’”

⁴They went and found a colt tied to a gate outside on the street, and they untied it. ⁵Some people standing around said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶They told them just what Jesus said, and they left them alone. ⁷They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes upon it, and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread out their clothes on the road while others spread branches cut from the fields. ⁹Those in front of him and those following were shouting, “*Hosanna! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!*” ¹⁰Blessings on the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest!” ¹¹Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. After he looked around at everything, because it was already late in the evening, he returned to Bethany with the Twelve.

Congregational Response:

L: I love a crowd!

B: But a crowd can be disbursed.

L: I love a crowd!

P: But a crowd can be misled.

L: I love a crowd!

P: But crowds don't last forever.

L: I love a crowd!

P: But a crowd can offer a false sense of protection.

L: I love a crowd!

P: But a crowd can trample and overlook.

L: I love Jesus!

P: Jesus is all the crowd we will ever need!

All: Hosanna!! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Special Music

“Entrance into Jerusalem”
By Wes Cameron

Cathy Grattan, Ann Jacobs,
Steve Grattan, Tom Norager

Hosanna to the son of David! Blessed is he who comes! Hosanna to the son of David! Blessed is he who comes! Shout! Shout! Hosanna, hosanna in the highest! Shout! Shout! Hosanna, hosanna in the highest! The King has entered Jerusalem. Blessed is he who comes! The crowds with palm branches waving. Blessed is he who comes! Hosanna to the son of David! Blessed is he who comes! Hosanna to

the son of David! Blessed is he who comes! Shout! Shout! Hosanna, hosanna in the highest! Shout! Shout! Hosanna, hosanna in the highest! The King has entered Jerusalem. Blessed is he who comes! The crowds with palm branches waving. Blessed is he who comes! Who is this man? The prophet from Galilee. Who is this man? Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord most high!

Scripture Reading

John 18:1-12

Scott Crawford

18 After he said these things, Jesus went out with his disciples and crossed over to the other side of the Kidron Valley. He and his disciples entered a garden there. ²Judas, his betrayer, also knew the place because Jesus often gathered there with his disciples. ³Judas brought a company of soldier¹ and some guards from the chief priests and Pharisees. They came there carrying lanterns, torches, and weapons. ⁴Jesus knew everything that was to happen to him, so he went out and asked, "Who are you looking for?"

⁵They answered, "Jesus the Nazarene."

He said to them, "I Am." (Judas, his betrayer, was standing with them.) ⁶When he said, "I Am," they shrank back and fell to the ground. ⁷He asked them again, "Who are you looking for?"

They said, "Jesus the Nazarene."

⁸Jesus answered, "I told you, 'I Am.' if you are looking for me, then let these people go." ⁹This was so that the word he had spoken might be fulfilled: "I didn't lose anyone of those whom you gave me."

¹⁰Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) ¹¹Jesus told Peter, "Put your sword away! Am I not to drink the cup the Father has given me?" ¹²Then the company of soldiers, the commander, and the guards from the Jewish leaders took Jesus into custody.

Sermon

"The Power of God's Name"

Invitation to Give and Offertory

"Prepare the Way"
Price/Besig

Cathy Grattan, Ann Jacobs,
Steve Grattan, Tom Norager

Prepare the way, prepare the way. Prepare the way for the Lord. With a song of praise on this day of days, we prepare the way for the Lord. Prepare the way, prepare the way. Prepare the way for the Lord. With a song of praise on this day of days, we prepare the way for the Lord. Fill the streets and come to honor Him; join the jubilant throng. As He rides throughout Jerusalem, come and follow along. Clear a path for the King! Come lift your voices and sing: Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna! Prepare the way, prepare the way. Prepare the way for the Lord. With a song of praise on this day of days, we prepare the way for the Lord. See the children come before Him and wave their branches on high. Join the crowd and shout triumphantly as the Savior rides by. Voices joyfully ring. We come to welcome the King! Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna! Prepare the way, prepare the way. Prepare the way for the Lord. With a song of praise on this day of days, we prepare the way for the Lord! Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna! Prepare the way for the Lord!

¹⁶The soldiers led Jesus away into the courtyard of the palace known as the governor's headquarters, and they called together the whole company of soldiers, ¹⁷they dressed him up in a purple robe and twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on him. ¹⁸They saluted him, "Hey! King of the Jews!" ¹⁹Again and again, they struck his head with a stick. They spit on him and knelt before him to honor him. ²⁰When they finished mocking him, they stripped him of the purple robe and put his own clothes back on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

*Closing Hymn

"Lord, Is It I?"

W&S #3080

1. Who was it who for profit's gain betrayed with fond embrace
The Lamb of God to suffer pain, enduring my disgrace.
Lord, is it I? Lord, is it I? Am I the one to blame?
Is it for me that you must die? Is it for me you came?
2. Who made the crown of vine and thorn? Who placed it on his brow?
Whose angry words of mock and scorn are shouted even now?
Lord, is it I? Lord, is it I? Am I the one to blame?
Is it for me that you must die? Is it for me you came?
3. Who fled that day so fearfully, and who denied their Lord?
Who chose Barabbas to go free? Who scourged Christ with the sword?
Lord, is it I? Lord, is it I? Am I the one to blame?
Is it for me that you must die? Is it for me you came?
4. Have I betrayed him, mocked, or fled? Have I my Lord denied?
The cross is raised, but in my stead, is Jesus crucified?
Lord, it is I! Lord, it is I! I am the one to blame.
It is for me you chose to die. It is for me you came.

*Sending Forth

L: We have gathered with the crowds crying Hosanna!

P: Because even if we were silent the stones themselves would have called out.

L: We have shared the hope for a world about to be changed,

P: and then it changed.

L: We have walked with another crowd.

P: One that called words of scorn and condemnation.

L: And now we follow the crowd as it leads out to the cross, and yet even as the world grows dark, we cannot lose hope.

P: Because God is with us. God will be with us. Whatever happens. We are not alone.

L: And so we watch the crowd and we follow...

*Postlude

"Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended"

Arr. by Garrett Parker

(Ushers will dismiss the congregation by pew beginning from the rear)