

Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 28, 2021

PALM SUNDAY

10:30am

Prelude

“Hosanna to the Son”

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Bell Quartet and Joy Quartet

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Welcome and Invocation

Call to Worship

Who is this unlikely king?

Hosanna! His name is Jesus!

Why does he ride into the city?

Hosanna! He comes to save us!

Let us wave our palms, throw down our cloaks,

and follow Christ toward the cross.

Song

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.

Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for heaven’s employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee, here Lord, abide.

Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal.

(TEXT: Georg Weissel, 1642; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1855, 1863; MUSIC: Musica Sacra, c. 1778)

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Hosanna, we pray. Save us, Lord. Save us from ourselves, when we trip over pride, doubt, or fear. Save us from the systems that keep us bound, when we cannot see the way out. Save us from our sins, when we feel their weight pressing on our hearts. Remind us, O Lord, that crowds shouting “Hosanna” will soon be screaming “Crucify him.” Save us we pray, O Lord, according to your boundless grace and rich mercy.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon...

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel,

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Sung Response to Confession *“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”* (vs. 3)

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;

I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;

Content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,

My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

(TEXT: Elizabeth Cecilia Douglas Clephane, 1868, alt.; MUSIC: Frederick Charles Maker, 1881)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer and Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sung Response

"Near the Cross" (vs. 1 & Refrain)

Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,
Free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain.
*(Refrain) In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

(WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915); MUSIC: William H. Doane (1832-1915))

Special Music

"I Love You, Lord"

Bell Quartet

Laurie Klein

arr. Patricia Sanders Cota

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Scripture

John 12:1-19

Message

"Make Way for the King!"

Pastor John

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you;

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

Distribution of the Elements

Song

"Hosanna"

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Lord, we lift up your name, with hearts full of praise;
Be exalted, oh Lord, my God! Hosanna in the highest!

Glory! Glory to the King of kings!
Glory! Glory! Glory to the King of kings!
Lord, we lift up your name, with hearts full of praise;
Be exalted, oh Lord, my God! Glory to the King of kings!
Be exalted, oh Lord, my God! Hosanna in the highest!

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Benediction

Brothers and sisters, as the Church of Jesus Christ, go from this place...

**Knowing Christ, growing in God's love, and serving as
the Holy Spirit leads.**

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Communion—today. The denomination has offered clear guidance for celebrating the Lord's Supper virtually. If you are participating in virtual worship today, the sacrament will be part of the worship service. Please have some bread and grape juice to share with all who are participating in the worship service. Please do not substitute the elements with anything other than bread and juice (for example, Doritos and coke is not the sacrament).

Holy Week Observances

Palm Sunday Worship, March 28 (virtual) 10:30am

This service will include celebration of the Lord's Supper

Maundy Thursday, April 1 (virtual) 7pm

This service will include celebration of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday Crosswalk, April 2, 10am

Community service walking through town. Begins at Asbury UMC

Easter Sunrise Service, April 4, 6:30am

Jefferson Memorial Park

Easter Worship at CTPC, April 4 (virtual) 10:30am

Congregational Nominating Committee – The CNC for 2021 has begun meeting. They will prayerfully consider nominations for Elders, Deacons, and Trustee for the class of 2024, and at-large members of the congregation for next year's CNC. If you have suggestions for the CNC to consider, please reach out to members of the CNC with your ideas. The 2021 CNC is Kathy Donadio, Matthew Henshaw, Jane Ishman, Henry Christie, and Stephanie Rossi.

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