



Palm Sunday

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

APRIL 5, 2020

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

Heavenly Father, Who has so loved the world as to send Your dear Son Jesus Christ to seek and to save the lost: We give thanks for the grace by which He laid aside celestial glory and came among us as a servant, meek and lowly, the Friend of sinners, and the Companion of the poor. We remember with joy that the common people heard Him gladly, and the multitude welcomed Him with palm branches and songs of praise. Grant us grace, O God, to join with all our hearts in the spiritual triumph of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

My head rests on the pillow of God's omnipotence.

— MARTIN LUTHER



We Enter into God's Presence

The Prelude

Fanfare on “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” arr. Vicki Collinsworth
ST. THEODULPH arr. Edwin T. Childs

Although you are not present physically, you will be invited to stand when able, and to be seated when necessary. Worship is participative and not passive. God has designed us to be physical creatures and sometimes our hearts and minds will follow our posture.

The Striking of the Hour

† The Call to Worship

Hebrews 12:1-2; Matthew 21:9

Mr. Curles

Minister: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

People: Hosanna to the Son of David!

Minister: Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!

People: Hosanna in the Highest!

All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,
to Whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One!

The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present:
to Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!
All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,
to Whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost;
born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and
buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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, for ever. Amen.**

We Receive Cleansing in Christ

The Reading: “Jesus Anointed at Bethany” according to John 12:1-11

Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. 2 So they gave a dinner for Him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with Him at table. 3 Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. 4 But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples (he who was about to betray Him), said, 5 “Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” 6 He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. 7 Jesus said, “Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of My burial. 8 For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have Me.” 9 When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of Him but also to see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. 10 So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well, 11 because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

The Silent Confession of Sin

The Reading: “The Triumphal Entry” according to John 12:12-19

12 The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. 13 So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” 14 And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, 15 “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” 16 His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about Him and had been done to Him. 17 The crowd that had been with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. 18 The reason why the crowd went to meet Him was that they heard He had done this sign. 19 So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him.”

The Corporate Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Who on this day did enter the rebellious city where You were to die: Enter into our hearts, we beseech You, and subdue them wholly to Yourself. As Your faithful disciples spread their garments in the way, covering it with palm branches, make us ready to lay at Your feet all that we have and are. After having confessed and worshiped You upon earth, may we be among the number of those who shall hail Your eternal triumph and bear in our hands the palms of victory, when every knee shall bow before You, and every tongue confess that You are Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

† The Hymn No. 198

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

TRURO

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.

A helper just He comes to thee, His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness, His scepter, pity in distress.

O blest the land, the city blest, where Christ the Ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes to whom this King in triumph comes!

Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heav'n'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.

So come, my Sovereign, enter in! Let new and nobler life begin!
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.

The Christian Greeting and Announcements

We Receive God's Word

The Sermon

THE KING OF GLORY PASSES ON HIS WAY

Mr. McRoberts

The Savior. The Shepherd. The King.

Psalms of David, V

Psalms 22 and 24

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A sermon outline can be found at trinitypca.org.

The Prayer of Application

We Go in Thanksgiving to Serve

† The Hymn No. 263

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

*Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
till all the world adore His sacred name.*

Come, brethren, follow where our Savior trod,
our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. [Refrain]

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. [Refrain]

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as Thou hast promised, draw men unto Thee. [Refrain]

Thy kingdom come, that earth's despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing peace. [Refrain]

For Thy blest cross which doth for us atone,
creation's praises rise before Thy throne. [Refrain]

† The Sending

Go forth from this worship service to love and serve others. Act justly. Love mercy. Walk humbly with God. Make disciples of all nations. Feed the hungry. Clothe the naked. Pray for the homebound. Identify with the needy. When you weep, we all weep; when you rejoice, we all rejoice. And remember the words of our Lord and Savior: *Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.*

† The Benediction of God's Grace and The Congregation's AMEN

Minister: May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, Who loved us and by His grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

People: **AMEN.**

† The Postlude

March on a Theme of Handel

Alexandre Guilmant



Holy Week Services

April 6-12, 2020

Although we will not be gathering physically, we invite you to join us as we broadcast our Holy Week services online at 7:00 p.m. Monday-Friday and at 11:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday.

Holy Monday service with homily by Kurt Cooper

Holy Tuesday service with homily by Rob Pendley

Holy Wednesday service with homily by Claude McRoberts

Maundy Thursday service with homily by Michael Howell

Good Friday Tenebrae service with homily by Patrick Curles

Easter Sunday service with sermon by Claude McRoberts

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