

PALM SUNDAY

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

APRIL 2, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

No pain, no palm; no thorns, no throne; no gall, no glory; no cross, no crown.

– WILLIAM PENN (1644-1718), FOUNDER OF THE PROVINCE OF PENNSYLVANIA



APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

9:55 a.m.

The Prelude

Musique Royale Michel-Richard Delalande (1657-1726)

Michael Huff, Bryan Reeves, *trumpets*; Brandon Slocumb, Jason Sulliman, *trombones*

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

The Announcements

The Striking of the Hour

† The Call to Worship – Psalm 24:7-10 (*congregation reads bold type*)

Mr. Howell

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory?

The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory!

† *Indicates the congregation standing*

• *Indicates seating for those detained*

•† The Processional Hymn

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

(see page 7)

*On Palm Sunday, we celebrate the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem five days before His crucifixion. The ministers and children in first through fifth grades process with palm branches, joined by the Chancel Choir.
May we rejoice this morning in the Son of David, our Prophet, Priest, and King!*

The Choral Introit

Song of Zechariah
Children's Choirs

Hal Hopson

Hear, ye folk of Israel: soon the Lord appeareth; riding on a donkey's back, King of all is He.
Loud will the streets rebound; what a bright triumphant sound!
What a joyful dancing day! Our salvation comes.

† The Confession of Our Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**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.**

† The Prayer of Invocation

† The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Call to Confession – Joel 2:12-13

“Yet even now,” declares the Lord, “return to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster.

The Silent Prayers of Confession

The Assurance of God's Pardon – Psalm 37:23-24

The steps of a man are established by the Lord, when he delights in His way; though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong, for the Lord upholds his hand.

The Pastoral Prayer

•† The Hymn

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

(see page 8)

The Offering

*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart,
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

2 Corinthians 9:7

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Anthem

Joy in the Morning

Natalie Sleeth

There'll be joy in the morning on that day,
for the daylight will dawn when the darkness is gone,
There'll be joy in the morning on that day.
There'll be peace and contentment evermore,
Every heart and voice will then rejoice,
There'll be peace and contentment evermore.
And the glory of the Lord will shine upon us,
And the glory of the Lord will bring the truth divine.
There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere,
And the way of the Lord will that day be restored,
There'll be love, sweet love, everywhere.

† The Reading of God's Word

Luke 19:28-40

28 And when He had said these things, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.
29 When He drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet,
He sent two of the disciples, 30 saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on
entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it
here. 31 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has
need of it.'" 32 So those who were sent went away and found it just as He had told them.
33 And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying
the colt?" 34 And they said, "The Lord has need of it." 35 And they brought it to Jesus,
and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. 36 And as He rode along, they
spread their cloaks on the road. 37 As He was drawing near—already on the way down
the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of His disciples began to rejoice and praise
God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, 38 saying, "Blessed is
the King Who comes in the Name of the Lord! Peace in Heaven and glory in the highest!"
39 And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples."
40 He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field.

**The grass withers and the flowers fade,
but the Word of our God shall stand forever. Amen.**

The Personal Meditation and Preparation of the Heart

*Children age four through kindergarten may leave to attend Children's Church.
They may be picked up in Room E-100 (Pre-K4) and Room E-105 (Kindergarten) after the service.*

The Sermon

BITTER SWEET SYMPHONY

Mr. Cooper

I. CHRIST'S SOVEREIGNTY

A. Christ as King

B. The Offerings

i. The Animal

ii. The Cloaks and Branches

II. CHRIST'S POPULARITY

A. Expectations

B. Reality

III. CHRIST'S DETRACTORS

A. Incurable Pharisees

B. Inevitable Praise

The Closing Prayer

FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Hymn *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* (see page 9)

† The Benediction of God's Grace

† The Threefold Amen (*sung by all*)

The Postlude

Improvisation No. 1

Louis Vierne

Transcribed by Maurice Duruflé

As He was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of His disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, “Blessed is the King Who comes in the Name of the Lord! Peace in Heaven and glory in the highest!” And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

Luke 19:37-40

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed a - mong the joy - ful crowd;
3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" that an - cient song we sing;

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats. The melody is simple and rhythmic, with lyrics provided below the staff.

through pil - lared court and tem - ple, the love - ly an - them rang.
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud.
for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heav'n, our King.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment, with lyrics provided below the staff.

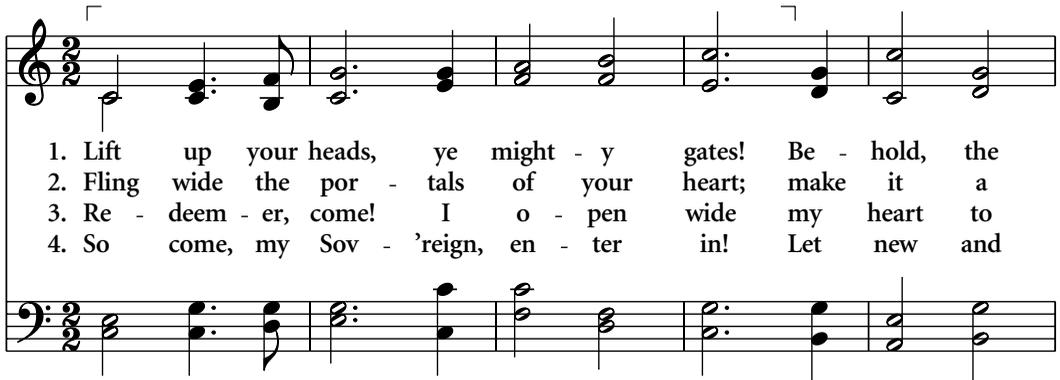
To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
The Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
O may we ev - er praise Him with heart and life and voice,

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment, with lyrics provided below the staff.

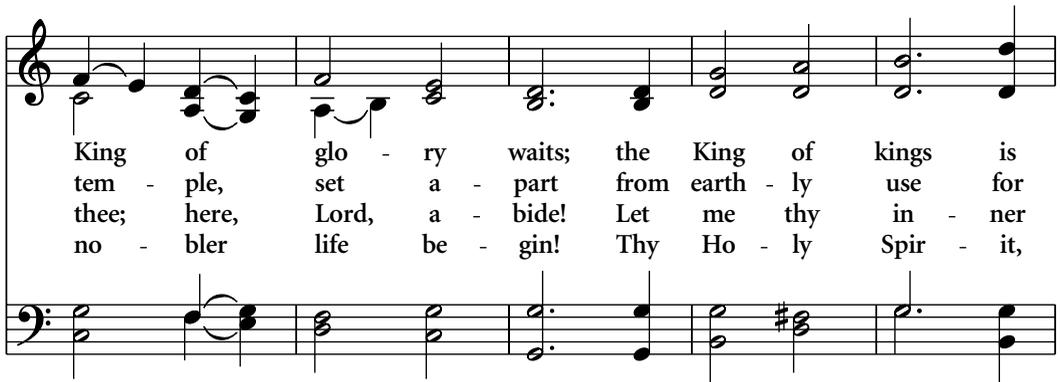
the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

The fourth system concludes the piece with the final melody and accompaniment, with lyrics provided below the staff.

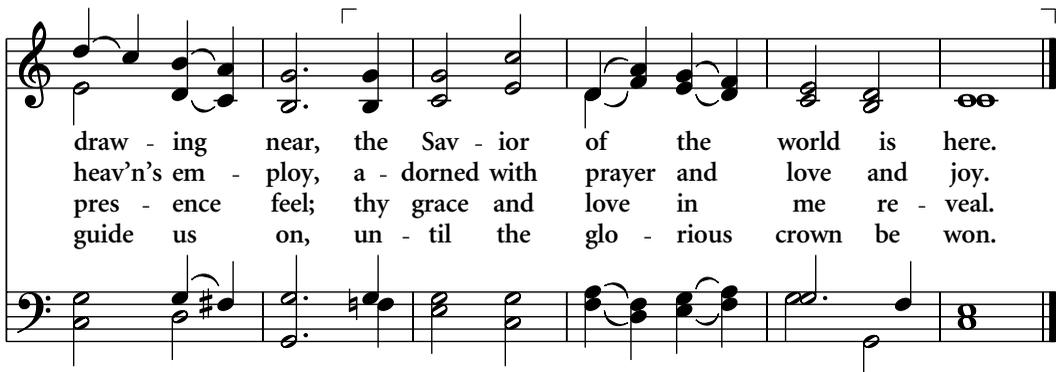
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!



1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Be - hold, the
2. Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a
3. Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to
4. So come, my Sov - 'reign, en - ter in! Let new and



King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
thee; here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner
no - bler life be - gin! Thy Ho - ly Spir - it,



draw - ing near, the Sav - ior of the world is here.
heav'n's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.
guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,
2. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent:
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

Thou art the King of Is - rael, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
to thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One!
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

HOLY WEEK AT TRINITY



PALM SUNDAY VESPERS | TONIGHT

6:00 p.m. in Trinity Hall

Music by the Montgomery Christian Youth Choir

Homily by Mr. Howell

FAMILY EASTER PICNIC | APRIL 5

5:30 p.m. on the North Lawn

Bring a Picnic Dinner and join us on the lawn for a Gospel message followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for ages 5th Grade and younger

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE | APRIL 6

7:00 p.m. in Trinity Hall

Homily by Mr. Howell

Music by the Chancel Choir and Organ

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE | APRIL 7

7:00 p.m. in Trinity Hall

Homily by Mr. Cooper

EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 9

Sunrise Service at 6:00 a.m. on the North Lawn

Homily by The Reverend Dr. Richard Pratt

Easter Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m. in Trinity Hall

Sermon by The Reverend Dr. Richard Pratt

Music by the Chancel Choir, brass, and organ

NO EVENING VESPERS

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come,
this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome
in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*



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