



PALM SUNDAY

March 20, 2016



WELCOME TO SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*May our worship open our hearts to God's love, our eyes to God's beauty,
our minds to God's truth, and our will to God's service.*

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship
and silence your mobile devices.*

Welcome to our celebration of Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. Long ago, the people expected the Messiah to come armed to the teeth and riding a war horse. Instead, He came riding a lowly donkey, the symbol of peace. When you come under the sway of this gentle King, you are transformed. Why not prepare your heart for worship by contemplating one way this humble King changes us?

It is not Christ who has come to you if you have grown
prouder, harsher, and more obsessive than ever.
No, the Christ who enters to save
is Himself gentle and humble of heart.
Those who take His yoke upon them learn of Him,
and they become like Him.
Invite the humble Christ into your life
and He will kill your bad temper,
conquer your malice, and cast out your pride.

Adapted from Charles Spurgeon

Let us worship our King who conquers by humility.

THE GENTLE KING OF GLORY COMES

ORGAN PRELUDE: "All Glory Laud and Honor" J. S. Bach
Samuel Metzger, organ

BRASS PRELUDE: "Toccata" from *Suite for Organ and Brass*. Craig Phillips

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 24:7, 10 D. Todd Erickson

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 of hosts,
He is the King of glory!**

♠PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" ST. THEODULPH

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud and hon - or to Thee, Re - deem - er, King,
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet hos - san - nas ring!

1. Thou art the King of Is - rael, Thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing Thee on high,
3. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore Thee went;
4. To Thee, be - fore Thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
5. Thou didst ac - cept their - prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

to Refrain

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One!
and mor - tal men and all - things cre - at - ed make re - ply.
our prayer and praise and an - thems be - fore Thee we pre - sent.
To Thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our me - lo - dy we raise.
Who in all good de - light - est, Thou good and gra - cious King.

♠PRAYER OF ADORATION

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM: "Shout Hosanna!" Charles McCartha

Sing Hosanna! Shout the news King Jesus comes!
Sing Hosanna! Worship Him with joyful song!
Sing Hosanna! Wave your palms and shout His praise!
Sing Hosanna! Sing with hearts and voices raised!
Sing Hosanna! Let your songs and praises ring!
Sing Hosanna! Jesus reigns as King of Kings!

Junior Cherub, Senior Cherub, and First Grade Choirs
Mimi Vestal, Director
Mary Lawrence Flinn, Accompanist
Annie Petzinger and B.J. Webster, handbells

All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
With His salvation bringing, to Zion Jesus came,
The children all stood singing hosanna to His name:

All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
Nor did their zeal offend Him, but as He rode along,
He let them still attend Him, and smiled to hear their song.

THE MAJESTIC KING OF HEAVEN PARDONS

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Gentle King of Glory,
we confess that our praise of Your majesty
has too often been fickle and faint.
The zeal of the worshiping children long ago
rebukes our apathy and indifference.
Forgive us for our zeal for making our names great
which robs You of glory and honor.
Pardon us for resisting Your kingship.
For our treason, You died.
For our restoration, You rose.
Now transform us by the Holy Spirit
so that we become Your loyal and devoted servants.
We pray this in Your blessed name, Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON.....Zechariah 9:9-10

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation,
humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey...
He will proclaim peace to the nations;
His rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.*

HYMN OF ASSURANCE SLANE

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS T. Barton Kimbro

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Ride On!" Douglas Wagner

*Ride on, in majesty ride on, through the gates into Jerusalem.
The children's cries mount up unto the skies:
"Hosanna, to the blessed one, Hosanna, Hosanna,
Hosanna, to the blessed one."*

Ride on, Hosanna, ride on, ride on, ride on.
The King is near, the crowd begins to cheer:
"Hosanna, to the blessed one, Hosanna, Hosanna,
Hosanna, to the blessed one."

Riding on the back of a donkey, Christ in mortal guise comes by.
"Hail Him King and Lord and Master, down the road He comes to die.
"Hosanna," shout along the way, "Hosanna,"
Welcome Him today, "Hosanna," palms before Him lay,
"Hosanna, blessed one."

Hosanna, Hosanna, ride on!

*The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

♠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TRURO

1. Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the tribes
 2. Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly pomp

ho - san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, pur - sue your
 ride on to die; bow your meek head to mor - tal

road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments stowed.
 pain, then take, O God, your pow'r and reign.

♠ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

♠ GREETINGS

THE GLORIOUS LORD OF HEAVEN PRAYS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) Margaret S. Stephens

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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.**

GOSPEL LESSON: John 17:20-26 Amanda Coop (8:15)
(page 903 in the pew Bible) Ruthie Mengistu (11:00)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

**The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.** (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

SERMON *Jesus' Prayer for Us* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF FAITH: "Thou Lovely Source of True Delight" ST. ANNE

**Thou lovely Source of true delight,
Whom I unseen adore;
Unveil Thy beauties to my sight,
That I may love Thee more.**

**Thy glory o'er creation shines;
But in Thy sacred Word,
I read in fairer, brighter lines,
My bleeding, dying Lord.**

**'Tis here, whene'er my comforts droop,
And sins and sorrows rise,
Thy love with cheerful beams of hope,
My fainting heart supplies.**

**Jesus, my Lord, my Life, my Light,
O come with blissful ray;
Break radiant through the shades of night,
And chase my fears away.**

**Then shall my soul with rapture trace
The wonders of Thy love;
But the full glories of Thy face
Are only known above.**

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on "All Glory Laud and Honor" . . . Michael Burkhardt

✦Indicates congregation standing

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