

Sixth Sunday in Lent

PALM SUNDAY

April 2, 2023

Theme: Theme: The Crowds Speak Forth



**“The crowds that went ahead of Jesus shouting,
“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one
who comes in the name of the Lord!” Matthew 21:9**

GATHERING

Prelude: “The Holy City” Adams

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: We continue in the season of Lent to remember the journey of Jesus, a journey of triumphant entry and impending suffering.

People: A season to remember that to follow Christ is to take up our crosses and to be servants of all.

Leader: A season to remember Jesus’ question “Are you able to drink the cup that I drink?”

People: A season to ask ourselves what we, like the woman with the fine ointment, have to offer as a sign of comfort and faith.

Leader: A season to ask ourselves how we, as Peter, are afraid and because of our fears turn away.

People: A season to ask ourselves how we, as Simon the Cyrene, took on the burden of responsibility, helping to bear the cross of Christ.

Leader: A season to give sacrificially to others consistent with the ways of generosity and faith.

People: A season to watch and wait with Christ, that we may have courage in the hour of testing.

*Hymn #196 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” (see download)
(including waving of Palms and a Procession)

Litany of Praise Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever!

People: Let Israel say, “God’s steadfast love endures forever.”

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

People: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

Leader: We thank you that you have answered us and have become our salvation.

People: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

People: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Prayer of the Day (*including the Ecumenical Lord’s Prayer*) - unison

Merciful God, we confess that outward events capture our energy and imagination while inner worries distract us, taking away the life you have given. Let not the cares and duties of this life press so heavily upon us that they lead us away from You or one another. Draw us close that all our thoughts and desires may be brought under the influence of your love. Settle the distress of our lives and of the world and bring calm to our frazzled spirits.

Keep us faithful in ministry, growing as disciples of Christ who are always learning and serving. Bring energy and hope as we search for new and effective ways to be the church in these times. As we enter Holy Week, lead us to put aside the deeds of death and accept the life of your reign through Jesus Christ our Lord, who teaches us to pray,

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.” AMEN.

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem: “Sing Hosanna in the Highest” Joseph Martin
Choir and Bells

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon: “Excitement and Commitment—Where Do We Stand?”

*Hymn: #197 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” (see download)

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thank You, God, for being generous to us, for showing us what life is and how to love. Help us not be afraid of the cost as we dedicate all that we are and all that we have to your service, through Christ who goes before us. AMEN

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Offer the “wave of peace” to those around you or greet those you comfortably can)

*Hymn: #198 “Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!” (see download)

*Benediction

“I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Isaiah 4:10

Postlude

“The Palms”

Jean Baptiste Faure

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who are able, please stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer Family this week: David, Bethany, Deanna & William Yuninger

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