

Lakeshore Presbyterian Church
Palm Sunday
April 2, 2023
Pastor Bre Ryan, presiding

WELCOME

LENTEN CANDLE SERVICE

One purple candle will be lit prior to service

Reader 1: *In this season of Lent, we reflect on our journey of faith with Christ, remembering that long ago God planted the Tree of Life, and yet it is on a tree that Christ is crucified. We are again reminded that life comes out of death, and we are promised that death does not have the final word.*

Reader 2: *We extinguish this final candle on this Palm Sunday, the last Sunday of Lent, remembering God's faithfulness through the cross upon which our Lord was crucified, that death will be no more, mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for Christ triumphs over death.*

Together we pray:

As the days lengthen, dear God, may we remember that you are the one who calls life out of death, that you are the Lord of our lives. In the name of Christ, may we have the strength found in him to journey towards the cross. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 118)

One: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;

All: *God's steadfast love endures forever!*

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

All: *This is the gate of the Lord; let us come and worship God.*

HYMN "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" #89

1 Hosanna, loud hosanna,
The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple
The joyful anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them
Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises,
The simplest and the best.

**2 From Olivet they followed
'Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving,
And chanting clear and loud;
The Lord of earth and heaven
Ride on in lowly state,
Nor scorned that little children
Should on His bidding wait.**

**3 “Hosanna in the highest!”
That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer,
The Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise Him
With heart and life and voice,
And in His blissful presence
Eternally rejoice.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, today we lift our voices saying “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!” We confess that the shouts of “Hosanna!” soon turned into shouts of “Crucify him!” Though we desire to follow Jesus, we sometimes choose to follow the crowd instead. While your faithfulness is steadfast, O Lord, our faithfulness is not. Give us the boldness to proclaim Jesus as King and strengthen our faithfulness to follow Jesus now and forever. In His name we pray. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE OF PRAISE Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Matthew 21:1-11

¹ When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, “The Lord needs them.” And he will

send them immediately. ⁴ This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵ 'Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

'Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' ¹¹ The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

PALM SUNDAY DRAMA "Hosanna in the Highest" *

Congregational response: **"Hosanna! Hosanna!**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

HYMN "We Will Glorify"

Hosanna to the King of Kings

Hosanna to the Lamb

Hosanna to the Lord of Lords, Who is the great I Am

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us say what we believe:

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; On 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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you!

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER Congregational Response: **“Hear Our Prayer O Lord”**

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

HYMN **“Let Us Break Bread Together” #513**

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...

...Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord...

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is Risen.

Christ will come again.

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

RESPONSE “Hear Our Prayer, O, Lord”

**Hear our prayer, O Lord
Hear our prayer, O Lord
Incline Thine ear to us
And grant us Thy Peace**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

THE OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Jesus Loves Me” #304 v1

**Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.**

**Refrain:
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves
me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible
Tells me so.**

FELLOWSHIP

*1 Adapted from LD McKenzie © 2004 - 2014,
<http://ldmckenzie.tripod.com/ldslessonsets/palmsundayscript.html>