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Hosanna!

**Blessed is He who comes in
the name of the Lord!**

Lakeshore Presbyterian Church
April 13, 2025
Palm Sunday
Pastor Bill Davis, presiding

WELCOME

LENTEN CANDLE SERVICE Linda & Dick Smalldon, readers

Palm Sunday

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 purple 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(Psalm 118:22-26)

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

ALL: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

One: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

ALL: Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

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

ALL: Let us worship the LORD, our GOD!

HYMN "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" #88

Refrain:

All glory, laud and honor

To Thee, Redeemer, King!

To whom the lips of children

Made sweet hosannas ring.

**1 Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and blessed One. (Refrain)**

**2 The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayers and anthems
Before Thee we present. (Refrain)**

**3 To Thee, before Thy passion,
They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise. (Refrain)**

**4 Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King! (Refrain)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear LORD, we know that all our lives contain highs and lows, ups and downs. We know that JESUS had his moments of triumph, like the ride into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. And HE also had his down times, like being nailed to the cross. We confess that in our down times we get discouraged. We may feel alone. Help us look to YOU to pick us up. Give us the insight to reach out our hands to pick up one another. We confess that we need YOU, and we need one another, to make it through life's difficult times. Thank you. Amen!

PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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.

CHOIR ANTHEM "Thine is the Glory" #122

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Luke 19:29-40

²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it.'" ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' ³⁴ They said, 'The Lord needs it.' ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power 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 heaven!'

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' ⁴⁰ He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

SERMON "Life's Highs and Lows"

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.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which 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, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. 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

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

HYMN “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” #101

**1 When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.**

**2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.**

**3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Were You There?” #103

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?**

FELLOWSHIP