

Sunday March 28th 2021

Palm Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Through the hosannas and the waving palms, the singing and the joy, come, and walk the road with Christ.

All: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. We will walk with him.

One: Through the betrayal and the denial, the shouting and the sorrow, come, and walk the road with Christ.

All: Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. We will walk with him.

One: Through the waving palms and the passion, the prayers and the pain, come, and walk the road with him.

All: We will walk with him. We will not leave him now. Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hymn **VU 123 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”**

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Approach (said together)

Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week and gather in your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Bring us at the last with him and all the faithful to your new Jerusalem, your kingdom of peace and justice for all. We ask it in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 118: 1–2, 19–29

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21: 1-11

Hymn **VU - “Give Me Joy In My Heart (Sing Hosanna)”**

Good News Time

The Lord’s Prayer

A Prayer of Confession (said together)

We confess that we are not so different from those who welcomed Christ into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday yet later shouted 'Crucify him!' or remained silent in the face of injustice.

We have betrayed you too, Lord Jesus, by our sins both secret and known. Yet you died for people like us, and you rose on the third day that we might be redeemed. For the sake of Jesus Christ, do not hold our sins against us.

A time of quiet reflection on our prayer

Words of Assurance

One: In Christ, God hears; God answers; God sets us free.

All: In Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem Chris Anderson & Alexander Reinagle – “Hosanna To The King”

Sermon Being There

Hymn VU 127 “Ride On! Ride On In Majesty!”

The Offering

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.

Prayers of the People

Hymn VU 122 “All Glory, Laud and Honour”

The Blessing and Benediction

***Go now in peace, never be afraid;
God will go with you each hour of every day;
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true;
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe;
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above!
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.***

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Postlude: The Gesualdo Six and Truro Cathedral Choir – “Hosanna To The Son Of David”