



**April 5, 2020
Palm Sunday at Home**

Prelude

Welcome

Responsive Call to Worship (L, A)

Jesus is coming!

From the mountainside, from the seaside,

from the homes of the rich

and the company of the poor,

from the bedside of those who are sick,

Jesus is coming!

Along dusty roads,

with a ragged band of travelers,

Jesus comes to Jerusalem,

Jesus comes to worship.

Let us greet him with hosannas!

Hymn #196

All Glory, Laud and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Please wave your palms in the air as Jesus enters our presence.

Responsive Litany of Confession

The streets were crowded.

A parade mood filled the air.

Shouts came from deep in the heart.

Hosanna. Save us.

Save us from lukewarm faith.

Hosanna. Save us.

Save us from callous indifference.

Hosanna. Save us.

Save us from paltry hopes and petty dreams.

Hosanna. Save us.

Save us from unquenchable greed.

Hosanna. Save us.

Save us from lazy habits and faithless commitments.

Hosanna. Save us.

Save us from soft-mindedness and hard-heartedness.

Hosanna. Save us.

We cry from the depth of our hearts and the very pit of our souls.

Hosanna. Save us. Save us now.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord" –
and you forgave the guilt of my sin." (Psalm 32:5)

The words of the psalmist are sure: we are indeed forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 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. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately. This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"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."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 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!"

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

Musical Offering

Flying Free

Don Besig

A Word for the Children

Reader's Theater: Matthew 26:14- 27:66

Hymn #197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

A Sort of Statement of Faith

by Roddy Hamilton

some shout hosanna
some shout crucify
some shout Jesus
some shout Barabbas
some wave palms
some shake their fists
today we choose...

some break bread
some break silence
some proclaim Jesus
some deny Jesus
some carry the cross
some run from the cross
today we choose...

some are angry
some rejoice
some anoint with costly perfume
some complain at the waste
some like the light
some prefer the shadows
today we choose...

some weep
some conspire
some follow
some hide
some believe
some betray
today we choose

to shout for life
to follow the cross
to break bread
to hold belief
to trust love
and tell the world
we choose to follow Jesus

Solo

Pie Jesu

Gabriel Fauré

Prayers of the People: "Praise Song for the Pandemic"

from The Work of The People

written and read by Christine Valters Painter

The Lord's Prayer: *We pray all of this in the name of the One intimately acquainted with grief, the bearer of new life, Jesus the Christ, who taught us to pray like this:*

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.

Hymn #209

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

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Benediction

Lay down the palm branches; cease the shouting.

Let our noisy Hosannas dissolve in the air.

Return the donkey and the colt to the stable.

The parade is over; the procession is at an end.

Watch the crowd disperse: to their homes, to their lives, to life as it never will be again.

Watch, and wait.

Go now into this holiest of weeks, with God as your guide.

Amen.

Postlude

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