

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

PALM SUNDAY

April 9, 2017 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Schack/Powell

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

* Call to Worship: Matthew 21

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

"Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"

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

"Hosanna in the highest!"

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" The crowds answered,

"This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

* Hymn: PH 378

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

ELLACOMBE

Hosanna, loud hosanna the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
the victory palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

"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.

* God's Greeting:

Grace and peace be to you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Who made heaven and earth.

Blessed be God,

And blessed is his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

* Prayer of the Day:

O Lord Jesus Christ, on this day you received the worship of those who hailed you as their King: Accept our praise and adoration, our worship and love; and grant that we, who now confess you with our lips, may never fail to give you the service of our lives, for the honor of your holy name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

* Response: PH 376

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

ST. THEODULPH

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession:

Romans 3:19–20

Prayer of Confession:

O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you, we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's, that our faith is often more show than substance, that our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

I Peter 2:21-25

God's Will for Our Lives: Responsive Reading of the Summary of the Law PH 1018

Response: PH 291

"May the Mind of Christ, My Savior"

ST. LEONARDS

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: PH 223

"For the Glories of God's Grace"

MONKLAND

[Children age 3 - grade Pre-K may leave after the hymn.]

Scripture Reading: Psalm 118 (p. 606); Matthew 21:9–17 (p. 977)

Sermon: *This Is My Story*

* Hymn: PH 497

"How Vast the Benefits Divine"

BETHLEHEM

THE RESPONSE OF FAITH

* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Ripper

Choral Anthem: "Ride On! Ride On!"

G. George

Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed (Inside back cover of the Psalter Hymnal)

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

* Benediction:

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

Amen.

* Doxology: PH 461, vv. 1, 4

“Beautiful Savior”

ST. ELIZABETH

Beautiful Savior! King of creation!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

* Postlude: “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”

Dunstable