

Fairlawm Christian Reformed Church

PALM SUNDAY

March 25, 2018 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Upon entering the sanctuary please maintain silence and turn off all electronic devices for the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship.

** indicates congregation stands
Bold print indicates unison reading.*

Prelude: "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

Powell/Schack

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

Call to Worship:

Psalm 24:7-10

Choral Anthem: "Lift Up Your Heads"

Handel

* Hymn: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

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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.

Hosanna, loud hosanna unto the Prince of Peace,
the Wonderful, the Counsellor, who maketh strife to cease.
Now may our joy triumphant unite with songs on high;
and earth in strains exultant her noblest praise employ.

* 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.

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

His mercy endures forever.

O God, come to our assistance.

O Lord, hasten to help us.

* Prayer of the Day:

God our Savior, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die, let these palms be for us signs of his victory; and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

* Response: "Hosanna"

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CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Scripture Reading: based on Luke 9:51, 19:36–38; Matthew 21:8–9

As the time came for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

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!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Response: "Man of Sorrows—What a Name"

PH 482

Assurance of Pardon: based on Matthew 21:8–9; John 3:17, Ephesians 5:1–2

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

For Christ came into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world through him should be saved.

Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children.

And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Hosanna! Amen!

God's Will for Our Lives:

Philippians 2:1–4

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: "The Glorious Gates of Righteousness"

PH 179

Prayer for Illumination

[Children age 3 - grade Pre-K may leave for Children's Church after the prayer.]

Scripture Reading: Esther 6

Sermon: *Before the Storm*

Prayer

* Hymn: "My Life Flows On in Endless Song"

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OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Lamb of God Most Holy"

Cherwien

* Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (inside front cover of the Psalter Hymnal)

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

- * Benediction: based on Philippians 4:7
The peace of God, which passes all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit remain with you always. **Amen.**
- * Doxology: "By the Sea of Crystal" PH 620
- * Postlude: "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High" Dunstable
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