LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

Palm Sunday

April 5, 2020

1st Presbyterian Church, Tonawanda

Rev. Leslie Latham, Pastor

KENMORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Rebecca Chaffee, Interim Pastor

MARYVALE DRIVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Dorothy Pearman, Pastor

MUSIC FOR WORSHIP PROVIDED BY: Emma Haupt and Kurt Ebsary

GATHERING

PRELUDE "Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne" Dietrich Buxtehude

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew 21:1-11, NRSV (adapted by Thom Shuman)

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."

Please respond with those portions of the liturgy printed in bold italics.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Thom Shuman

HYMN (page 6)

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

ELLACOMBE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession

The Lord is God, and God has given us light.

God has answered our prayer and become our salvation.

We join the festal procession with branches in hand.

We rejoice at the coming of our king!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

We bless and praise you Lord, from the safety of this place.

But we confess: we will not go where you are going.

We admire you, but are scared to follow you.

We stand at the roadside, with hearts like stones.

Even they must cry out, but they are heavy with what they know:

that when your adversaries gather, we will flee from you.

When accusations mount, and insults shame you,

our shame will be our turning back.

Oh, the ways we will betray you.

Our times are in your hand, O God.

Have mercy on us, Lord. Deliver us. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Your God has come to you, humble, in the form of a slave,

to free you from the weight of sin and death.

Jesus' obedient suffering has released you.

Our sins are forgiven, in the name of the one who is exalted

beyond what we can comprehend:

Christ, our Savior and Lord.

THE PEACE

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Give thanks to the LORD, who is good; whose mercy endures forever.

Let Israel now proclaim,

"The mercy of the LORD endures forever."

Open for me the gates of righteousness,

I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.

"This is the gate of the LORD,

those who are righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to you,

for you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected

has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing,

and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day which the LORD has made;

we will rejoice and be glad in it!

Hosanna, LORD, hosanna!

LORD, send us now success.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD;

we will bless you from the house of the LORD.

God is the LORD; who has shined upon us;

form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

"You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you."

Give thanks to the LORD, who is good; whose mercy endures forever.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Leslie Latham

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

"The King of Glory"
Naomi Boyle, piano Susan Boyle, voice

Joseph Martin

LITURGY OF THE PASSION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 27:11-54

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

Rev. Dorothy Pearman

HYMN (page 7)

"I Danced in the Morning" (vs. 1-4) LORD OF THE DANCE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Philippians 2.5-11:

from the Common English Bible

Though he was in the form of God,

he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit.

But he emptied himself by taking the form of a slave

and by becoming like human beings.

When he found himself in the form of a human,

he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Therefore, God highly honored him

and gave him a name above all names,

so that at the name of Jesus everyone in heaven,

on earth, and under the earth might bow

and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

WAYS YOU CAN RESPOND

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Your passion for justice for the most vulnerable, of hope for the despairing, and of life for every single one of us is the model we seek to live, as well as to offer with our gifts for others on this day.

In your name, we pray, Lamb of God. Amen.

THE EUCHARIST (THANKSGIVING)

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord of parades be with you.

And also with you.

People of God, open your hearts to the One who comes with hope.

We would receive the joy and grace the prophet from Nazareth brings us.

Give thanks to God, for God's love endures forever!

God is our God, the One who comes to make us whole.

Joy is indeed the highest praise we can offer to you, Steadfast Love...

...Therefore, we join our voices in thanksgiving,
with those who shouted "Hosanna" and with those who ran away from you,
with those in every moment, and in this moment,
singing with all creation to your glory:

Holy, holy, holy are you, Opener of our ears.
All creation proclaims, "God's steadfast love endures forever."
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who opens the gates of righteousness.
Hosanna in the highest!

You are holy, God our Creator, and blessed is Jesus Christ, who comes in your grace...

...As we remember the joy and excitement of the parade, as we remember the gentle words he taught, as we remember the spirit with which he died, we proclaim the One who is the Bread of Life:

Christ died, emptying his life for us; Christ was raised, defeating our old adversaries sin and death; Christ will come, to fulfill what has been promised.

LORD'S PRAYER Traditional

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

And all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

And forget not all God's benefits.

SENDING

HYMN (page 8)

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

PASSION CHORALE

CHARGE

The One wounded by the nails in our hearts, sends us forth, to bring healing with God's love.

The One who continues on the journey invites us to follow, cradling the broken hearts of the world as we go.

The One whose Spirit is in the Kingdom Bearer fills us with hope, if we but trust in the promises of this day.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Toccata in B Minor"

Eugene Gigout

OPENING HYMN

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"



- 1 Ho san na, loud ho san na, the lit tle chil-dren sang;
- 2 From Ol i vet they fol lowed 'mid an ex ult ant crowd,
- 3 "Ho san na in the high est!" That an cient song we sing,



through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang. the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant-ing clear and loud; for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast, the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state, O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,



the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best. nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid-ding wait. and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

SERMON HYMN

"I Danced in the Morning" (vs. 1-4)



CLOSING HYMN

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"



- 1 O sa cred head, now wound-ed, with grief and shame weighed down;
- 2 What thou, my Lord, hast suf fered was all for sin ners' gain:
- 3 What lan-guage shall I bor row to thank thee, dear-est friend,



now scorn-ful-ly sur-round-ed with thorns, thine on-ly crown; mine, mine was the trans-gres-sion, but thine the dead-ly pain. for this thy dy-ing sor-row, thy pit-y with-out end?



sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till thine! Ο now was fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis Lo, here I I de - serve thy place; O make me thine for - ev er; and should I faint - ing be,



though de-spised and gor call thee Yet, mine. joy to у, look on me with thy grant to me thy fa vor, and grace. Lord, let nev - er, out - live my love to thee. me nev er