



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Palm Sunday | March 28, 2021

PRELUDE

You Are Holy

Per Harling/arr. John Helgen

Vicki Chadwick, Lynn Auman, Wayne Tillman, Ken Curry, quartet singers

You are holy, you are whole. You are always, ever more than we ever understand.

You are always at hand. Blessed are you coming near. Blessed are you coming here to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

You are holy, you are wholeness, you are present. Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!

Sing hosanna in the highest! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Erskine & Vicki Blount, liturgists

*(All speak words in **boldface**.)*

As the time drew near, Jesus made up his mind to go to Jerusalem.

What will it take to walk that road together?

Let us pick up our crosses and follow Christ,

forward-focused, on a path lined with wisdom and love.

(based on Luke 9:51-62)

HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICE DIR GEBEN

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,

To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou art the king of Israel, thou David's royal Son,

Who in the Lord's name comest, the king and blessed One.

PRAYER OF PRAISE *(based on Psalm 25 & Luke 10:27)*

God of our lenten journey,
extending wisdom and love to all,

we praise you.

You are honest and merciful, patient and kind.

Your paths are loving and faithful:

**to love you with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength;
and love our neighbor as ourself.**

We thank you for your saving grace
offering the humble: mercy, forgiveness, and freedom;
your wise instruction
showing people of the covenant your paths
and how to stay the course;
your fair-minded decrees
breaking old ways of caste and station, shame and hate.
We thank you for the cross and tomb and heaven **that are the way of love.**
Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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Let us pray,
Light of the World, show us the way of love.
Forgive us for our fear. Free us from our fear.
Turn us—heart, mind, soul, and strength—back to you;
that we may love our neighbor as we love ourselves;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

God is not a stony judge, but the finder of sheep and the lover of all who are lost.
In Christ's name, we are forgiven and encouraged to begin again.
Thanks be to God. Let it be. Amen.

RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

(v. 2)

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

TEXT: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820; trans. John Mason Neale, 1851, alt. P.D. TUNE: Melchior Teschner, 1614 P.D.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:29-44

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“And Finally, Jerusalem”

Rev. Laura Viau

HYMN

O Christ, Though King

PASSION CHORALE

***We shout again, “Hosanna!” we hail you as our king!
Christ, stir our wills to action to match the praise we sing.
Send us where truth is threatened, where justice is denied,
and move our hearts to offer the love for which you died.***

PRACTICES OF LOVE: PROCLAIM JOYFULLY

Let us affirm our faith.

He is among us:

**the one who gave sight to the blind
and insight to the closed-minded;
the one who gave hearing to the deaf
and listening ears to those
who heard only their own voices.**

**The one who made the lame walk
and is the way, the truth, and the life.**

He is among us:

**the one who healed the sick
and helped the hopeless;
the one who exorcised demons
and gave new names to those
who were known only for the problems,
the one who was criticized
for coming too close
to the contaminated.**

He is among us:

**the one who agreed with fair taxation
and handled money;
the one who spoke for the poor
and who spoke to the privileged**

of the good things their wealth could do,
the one who entrusted himself to women
as much as men,
without prejudice or favor.

He is among us, to touch, to heal,
to bless, to inspire, to confront, to convert,
to show at all times the human face of God.
He is among us.

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

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

O Christ, Though King

(v. 2)

Lord, still you come among us in cities built with pride.

You walk the streets of sorrow where hate and greed divide.

Redeem us from our madness, the clash of class and race.

Establish soon your kingdom of justice, truth and grace.

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BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

CLOSING RESPONSE

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

arr. by Cathy Moglebust

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