

ORDER OF WORSHIP

LEASIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 28, 2021 - 10:30 a.m.

Palm Sunday

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Prélude - Très calme - A. Schmitt

WELCOME

A TIME OF CENTERING & STILLNESS

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN

All Glory Laud and honour No. 214

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN

Filled with excitement No. 215

PEACE OF CHRIST

LENTEN LITURGY

WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord - Music by Thomas Tallis, Words by F. P. Green, Ed. by J. W. Wilson

ISAIAH 50:4-9

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

HYMN

Ride on, ride on in majesty No. 217

MARK 11:1-11

SERMON

"Expectations about God"

RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESBYTERIANS SHARING VIDEO

OFFERINGS

*Lenten Improvisation VI (Palm Sunday)
- B. Cornelius-Bates*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

HYMN

All creatures of our God and king No. 433

SENDING

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Larghetto from 12 Pieces for Organ - C. Boyer

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

All: We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips;

One: we will travel through betrayal and death,
cradling hope deep in our hearts.

All: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

One: We wave palm branches in anticipation,
we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.

All: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes: modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

One: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us
the kingdom of God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Ever constant God, mixing love and hope together, you pave the way to the kingdom, but we prefer to stub our toes on the potholed roads of temptation. You will touch the cup of grace to our parched lips, but we seem to hunger for the ashy taste of bitterness. You beg us to learn the songs of salvation, but we hum along with the chorus death plays in the background of our lives. Have mercy upon us, God of Holiness. As you come to us, you bring healing for our brokenness, peace for our troubled lives, hope for our doubting minds. May we empty ourselves of everything which keeps us from following you, so we may receive these gifts, and more, from Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silence is kept

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Laying aside judgment, God offers us redemption; setting aside anger, God embraces us with love; letting go of grief, God pours living water upon us. This is the good news, my friends: God's steadfast love endures forever.

**All: Hosanna! Hosanna!
Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God!
Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

One: We're now going to share the peace. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

LENTEN LITURGY

One: Jerusalem, at last! We join the crowd streaming to the mountain. We watch Jesus approach on a lowly donkey. We hear the crowds cry "Hosanna!"

All: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

One: There is a joyful song in the air: the people cheer and the palms wave. But the adulation of the crowd is shallow.

All: Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna to the blessed of God. Son of David, save us now.

One: The crowd grows—the people want to be part of something important.

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

One: Let us pray.

All: God of all times, we have followed Jesus into the crowded city. We too want to catch a glimpse of Jesus. Reveal to us what true glory, leadership and obedience look like under your reign. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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, the power, and the glory; for ever and ever. AMEN

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: As you write upon our hearts, soften them with your compassion.

All: As you soften them, open us to the needs of those close to us, as well as those in every corner of your world.

One: As you open us to the hurts and heartaches of your children, give us the grace to be as generous with our gifts as you are in blessing us.

All: Take these gifts and use them to share peace, love, grace, and joy with all of your people.

One: In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

SENDING

One: Go out into the world as God's people.

All: We will journey with praise on our lips.

One: Go out into the world as followers of Jesus.

**All: We will join the parade of the broken, the lost, the hopeless,
for that is where Jesus may be found.**

One: Go out into the world as the Spirit's peace.

**All: We will share the warm breath of reconciliation with all we
meet.**