



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY 2

Palm Sunday

April 10, 2022

FULL TO THE BRIM: Even the Stones Cry Out

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Courageous God,
whose works find proclamation
from the heavens to the stones,
may we be compelled such as these
to speak up and cry out,
exalting the name that is above every name,
with bended knee and confessing tongue,
that Jesus Christ is Lord;
to the glory of God. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

It is holy to gather.

It is holy to sing.

It is holy to be generous, to throw our coats on the road.

It is holy to celebrate justice when we see it.

It is holy to shout, "Hosanna!"

It is holy to remember.

It is holy to gather.

It is holy to sing.

Here and now, let us do all of these things.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Chorus of Our Faith

See Insert

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

God of street parades and hosannas,

we know that you are counting on us to speak out against oppression,

to speak up for love and to speak hope to fear,

but so often we are silent.

We worry that we'll say the wrong thing,

so we don't say anything at all.

We worry that we'll offend,

so we keep our convictions to ourselves.

We worry that we'll speak up and won't be heard,

so we stay silent.

And meanwhile, the parade marches on.

Unravel our fears. Spark conviction in us.

Give us the courage to yell, "Hosanna!"

Gratefully we pray, amen.

(Time of silent reflection)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

There is nothing said or unsaid, done or undone that can undo that, so rest in this

good news:

We are forgiven. We are known.

We belong to God, every day and always. Amen.

*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*SONG OF RESPONSE

Mother, Brother, Holy Partner

Hymnal, No. 3, verse 4

Mother, Brother, holy Partner;

Father, Spirit, Only Son:

We would praise your name forever,

one-in-three and three-in-one.

We would share your life, your passion,

share your word of world made new,

ever singing, ever praising,

one with all, and one with you.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Emily Ryther

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Alice Lanning

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:5-11

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke Luke 19:28-40

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The Word of the Lord.

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MESSAGE

Even the Stones Cry Out

Charles Carroll Smith

*SONG OF FAITH

A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd

Hymnal, p. 200

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Go to the village ahead of you, and you will find a colt tied there. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, say, "The Lord needs it."

We believe in a God of surprises.

We believe in a God with a sense of humor.

We believe that there are things we may never understand, but we believe that even in the mystery, God is there.

They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt, and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

We believe in giving what we have.

We believe that actions of generosity change us.

We dare to believe that these small acts can change the world.

The whole crowd of disciples began joyfully praising God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen.

We believe in a God who is a miracle-maker.

We believe in a God of good news.

We believe this good news is so good that we cannot help but sing.

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

We believe there will be forces that try to silence what is just, good, hopeful, and generous.

We do not believe those voices will have the last word.

"I tell you," Jesus replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

We believe, at the end of the day, love will find a way.

We believe.

Help our unbelief.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response: ...Have mercy, O God; **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35

*Please pray the Lord's Prayer
in the language and wording most familiar to you.*

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Come and Fill Our Hearts

*DOXOLOGY

For the Beauty of the Earth Hymnal, No. 14, verse 1

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love with from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

Ride on, Ride on in Majesty

Hymnal, No. 198

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

As you leave this place,
may you be awestruck by the beauty of this world.
May you laugh, and may it be contagious.
May you overflow with love for those around you.
May you be effusive with hope and quick to point out joy.
And in all of your living, and breathing, and being,
may you find yourself full to the brim with God's Holy Spirit,
and may it change your life.

In the name of the Lover, the Beloved, and Love itself—
go in peace, full to the brim. **Amen.**

*POSTLUDE

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*Please rise in body or spirit.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for April 17: Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

We are truly grateful for you joining us today, in person or via live streaming. This is new for us all, and we thank you for your patience with this new way. We will be adapting and changing as we work together to worship with devotion and safety protocols. If you have comments or suggestions, please let the pastor or a worship committee member know.

The Food & Shelter item of the month for **April is cereal**. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

Hearing-assistance devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

Much of our liturgy and images used during Lent and Easter are from **A Sanctified Art LLC. sanctifiedart.org**

Easter Brunch is Returning!!

We will be having an Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, April 17th during the Sunday School hour. Brunch will begin at 9:30, with the egg hunt following. As in years past, we need small prewrapped candy donated to fill the plastic eggs. We will be filling the eggs during Kid's Club on Wednesday, April 13th. There is a sign-up poster in the hallway if you want to sign up for Brunch items. It isn't important to sign up though. Just bring something, even if it is only your appetite! We are so excited to finally be able to get together for a meal and fellowship. So, mark your calendars.

Fellowship and Hospitality Needs Help.

We need members. Currently, we are nonexistent. This group was originally created to help take some responsibilities off of the Deacons plate. In the past, this group has helped with coffee hour and potluck meals. With several members, these wonderful opportunities for fellowship are less daunting.

If you are interested in helping in any way, contact Trudy Beard



Chorus of Our Faith

ELLACOMBE 7.6.7.6 D

Text: Anna Strickland (2021)

Music: Gesangbuch der Herzogl (1784)

"Ho - san - na!" Loud ho - san - nas
The Pha - ri - sees a - long the way
Be loud and be cou - ra - geous

Re - soun - ded through the streets "All glo - ry in
Took no - tice of the crowd Re - buk - ing Je -
Tell truths that must be told The world may try

the high - est to him who comes in peace!
- sus, they pro - claimed this gath - ered mob too loud
to sil - ence you But Christ helps us be bold

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The beau - ti - ful ca - co - pha - ny
But some truths can and - not be con - tained
In voi - ces and in bo - dies

of chil - dren's laughs and songs ac - com - pan - ied
They spill out from the earth "No, ev - en if
In art for pro - test made Our truths take ma -

the grand par - ade all through the gath - ered thron'
you sil - ence them the stones will still be heard.'
- ny shapes and forms A cho - rus of our faith

A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd 200



1 A cheer - ing, chant - ing, diz - zy crowd had
2 They laid their gar - ments in the road and
3 When day dimmed down to deep - ening dark the
4 Lest we be fooled be - cause our hearts have
5 In - stead of palms, a wind - ing sheet will



stripped the green trees bare, and hail - ing Christ as
spread his path with palms and vows of last - ing
crowd be - gan to fade till on - ly tram - pled
surged with pass - ing praise, re - mind us, God, as
have to be un - rolled, a car - pet much more

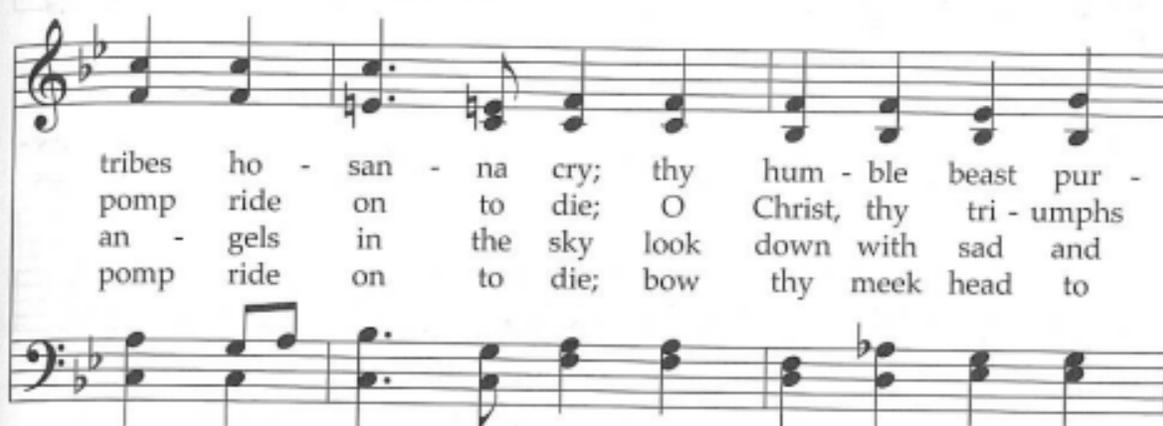


king a - loud, waved branch - es in the air.
love be - stowed with roy - al hymns and psalms.
leaves and bark were left from the pa - rade.
this week starts where Christ has fixed his gaze.
fit to greet the king a cross will hold.

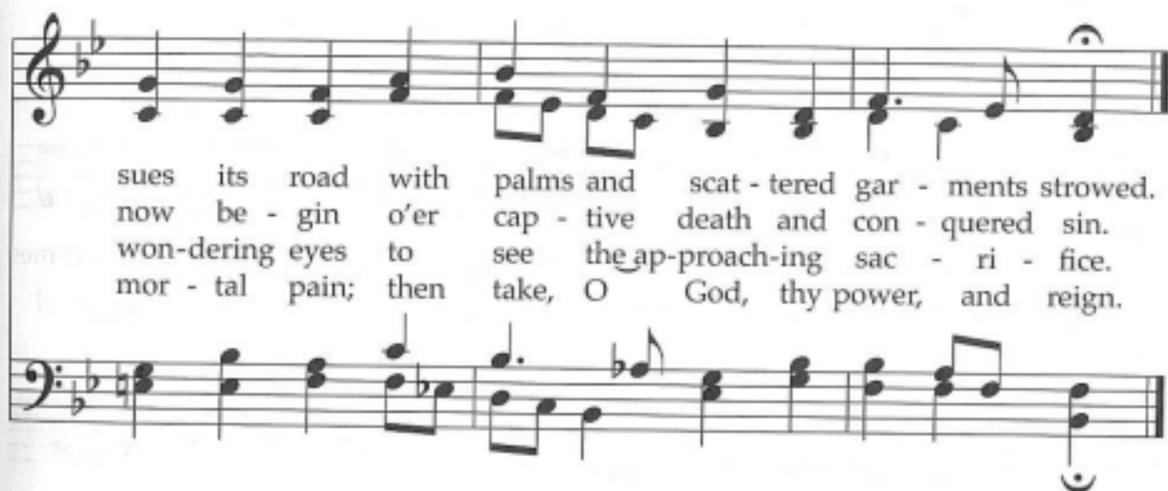
Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! 198



1 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the
2 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
3 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of
4 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur -
pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs
an - gels in the sky look down with sad and
pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to



sues its road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
won - dering eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
mor - tal pain; then take, O God, thy power, and reign.