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Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 13, 2025

EVERYTHING [IN] BETWEEN

If You Really Listen...

In the city you'll hear horns, the clatter of the subway,
mothers calling to their children, saying, "Take my hand before we cross the street."
You'll hear church bells, Salvation Army bells,
people asking for spare change, while others ask for directions.
You'll hear the whistle from the traffic cop,
the exhaust from the bus,
that a train is arriving in two minutes.
You'll hear mothers selling fresh mango,
theater kids selling tickets,
and religious groups selling ideas.
But even with all that shouting,
even with all that noise,
the birds still sing.
Against all odds,
thanks be to God,
the birds still sing.

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PRELUDE Festival Prelude on All Glory, Laud, and Honor Arr. by Alburn Whitworth

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

On this day, Jesus marched

**in between the city walls and the Temple,
in between joyful Hosannas and doubtful whispers,
in between oppressive poverty and greedy power,
in between rampant fear and hope unfurled.**

On this day, Jesus marched in between what had been and what could be.

**So may we meet Christ in that liminal space.
May we lay down our coats in that messy middle.**

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in between!

*SONG OF PRAISE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Hymnal, No. 197

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Great Creator, forgive me

**when I speak before listening,
when I speak over my neighbor,
when I speak with barbed words.**

Creator God, forgive me

**when I listen to society,
when I listen to my friends,
when I listen to the news,
but I do not listen to you.**

Creator God, forgive me

**when I shout out, but do not shout your name,
when I listen, but do not listen for your voice.
Forgive me.**

Create in me a heart like yours.

...So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

**We are seen. We are heard. We are loved. We are forgiven.
Not a day goes by that we ever walk alone. Hosanna in the highest!
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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Samuel McCann

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Joan Cole

SCRIPTURE READING

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Philippians 2:5-11

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

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

Let Israel say,

'His steadfast love endures for ever.'

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 for ever.**

ANTHEM

Hosanna, Hosanna!

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:29-40

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MESSAGE

Everything In Between: Shouting & Silence

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

A Stable Lamp is Lighted

Hymnal, No. 160

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that many years ago
a peaceful parade wove its way through the streets of Jerusalem.
We believe that on that day
the people cried out,
longing and praying for a better world.
We believe that these longings
came from a place of deep hope,
and we believe
that hope cannot be silenced.
So we listen for the Spirit.
We sing Hosanna.
We pay attention.
For in between the silence and the song,
we believe the Spirit is speaking.
Amen.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35

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

THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

For the Beauty of the Earth

Hymnal, No. 14

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd

Hymnal, No. 200

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

Choral Benediction

Chief Among Sinners Though I Be

*POSTLUDE

Vexilla Regis

Wilbur Held

*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 20 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.
Sanctified Art scripture for April 20: Luke 29-40.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for April are socks and deodorant. **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.

Are you looking for a spiritual jumpstart? You are invited to the weekly Wednesday Devotion, sponsored by the Task Force studying the creation of a new statewide Oklahoma Presbytery.

This is a weekly Zoom held on Wednesdays 9:30-10:00, each led by a different church leader from around the state. Join others from around the state in this.

Zoom link can be found on the Indian Nations Presbytery website at <http://www.okinp.org>

I Believe

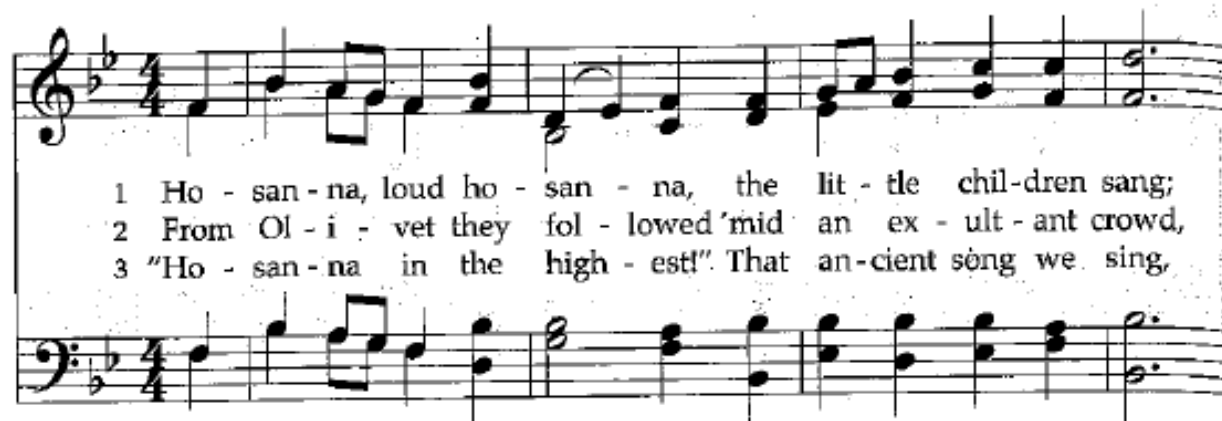
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Inspired by Luke 19:29-40

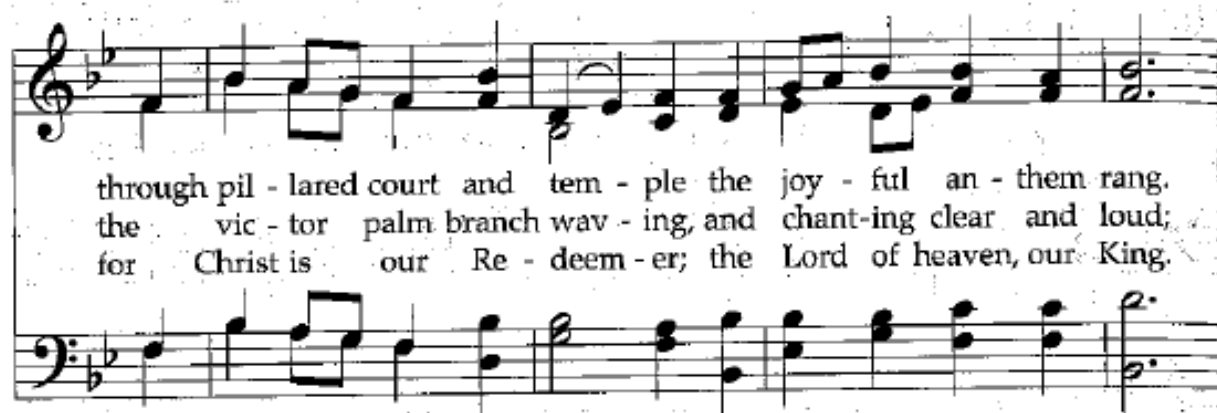
Pen and ink on paper

It is said that the true confession that flows from one's heart and lips and professes that they are a sinner and desire to be healed, is essentially the key to unlocking one's salvation. Amid a sometimes turbulent and chaotic world, if we enter with faith and Christ in our hearts we shall be delivered. The figure's hands are lifted in praise as he navigates the flood of life which can be overbearing. He recognizes that the flood of life is symbolic of sin and separation from God. He closes his eyes, humbles himself before God, and he is delivered into a new chapter of his life, triumphant.

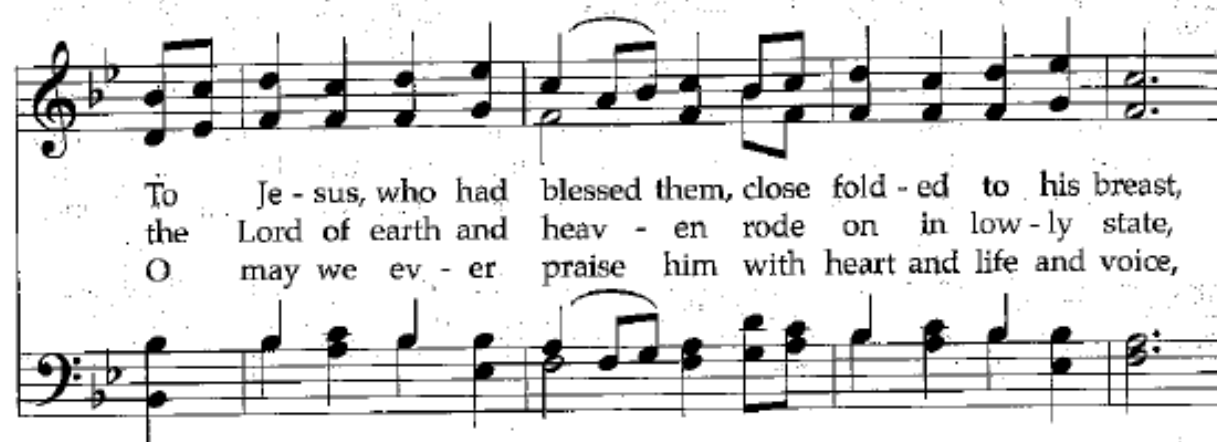
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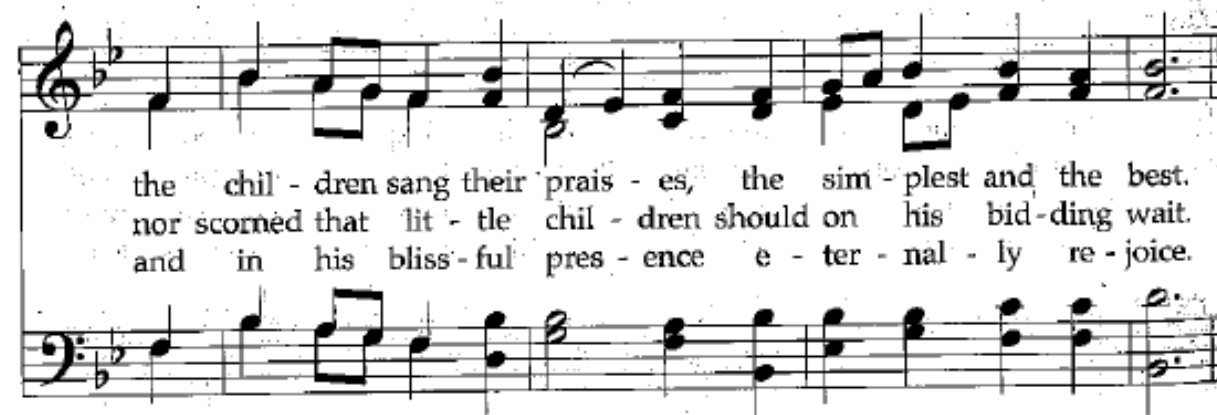
1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,



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.

A Stable Lamp Is Lighted 160



1 A sta - ble lamp is light - ed whose glow shall wake the
 2 This child through Da - vid's cit - y shall ride in tri - umph
 3 Yet he shall be for - sak - en, and yield - ed up to
 4 But now, as at the end - ing, the low is lift - ed



sky; the stars shall bend their voic - es, and ev - ery stone shall
 by; the palm shall strew its branch - es, and ev - ery stone shall
 die; the sky shall groan and dark - en, and ev - ery stone shall
 high; the stars shall bend their voic - es, and ev - ery stone shall



cry. And ev - ery stone shall cry, and
 cry. And ev - ery stone shall cry, though
 cry. And ev - ery stone shall cry, for
 cry. And ev - ery stone shall cry, in



straw like gold shall shine; a barn shall har - bor
 heav - y, dull, and dumb, and lie with - in the
 hearts made hard by sin: God's blood up - on the
 prais - es of the child by whose de - scent a -



heav - en, a stall be - come a shrine.
 road - way to pave his king - dom come.
 spear - head, God's love re - fused a - gain.
 mong us the worlds are rec - on - ciled.

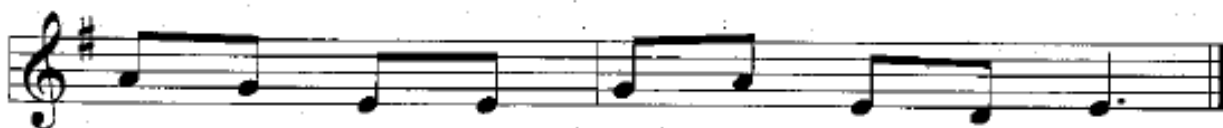
A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd 200



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.