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Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Palm/Passion Sunday

March 24, 2024

"Songs of Loudest Praise"

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Courage

We summon every ounce of courage.
We give ourselves pep talks
and we call our friends.
We dig deep within.
We practice the words out loud,
rolling them around in our mouths,
imagining the response.
We deal out every "what if" card our brain holds on to
and spend absurd amounts of time
imagining all the ways it could go wrong.
And then finally, blessedly, we say it:
I love you.

To speak the truth of your heart takes courage.
It always has.
But please,
summon your courage,
join the parade,
and speak with conviction.
For God has been saying to the world since day one:
I love you.
What is your response?
By Rev. Sarah Speed

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing songs of loudest praise!

Hosanna!

Sing songs that are unashamed.

Hosanna!

Sing songs without being afraid.

Hosanna!

Sing for the God of tomorrow and today.

Hosanna!

Let us worship the One worthy to be praised.

Vince Leseney

*SONG OF PRAISE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Hymnal, No. 197

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

So let us pray, for we don't want to miss our chance to sing:

**Holy God, we want to run into the streets and sing your praise!
We want to be bold and unashamed of this good-news Gospel.
However, too often we find ourselves standing against the wall.
Too often we stay quiet.
Too often we let others carry the song.
Forgive us for the moments when we could lead the parade
but instead find ourselves standing on the sidelines.**

**Show us which songs are ours to sing.
Show us which parades are ours to lead,
and then give us the courage and conviction to do both.
With hope and honesty we pray, amen.**

(Time of silent reflection)

*THE PEACE

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

And also with you.

*SONG OF RESPONSE Dear Lord and Father of Mankind (v.1) Hymnal, No. 169

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Charlotte Lovett

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Nick Lindley

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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ANTHEM

Wondrous Love

SCRIPTURE READING

John 12:12-16

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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MESSAGE

Songs of Loudest Praise

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd Hymnal, No. 274

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Col. 1:15–20

We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,

who rode through the streets of Jerusalem on a donkey.

We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,

who challenged Rome's oppressive power with peaceful protest.

We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,

who was surrounded by crowds of dreamers and believers.

We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,

so even today, we will sing songs of loudest praise.

Hosanna!

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

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... In your steadfast love, O Lord, **have mercy on us.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35

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

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (v. 3)

Hymnal, No. 475

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

*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

*POSTLUDE

*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 March 31: Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

The Food & Shelter items of the month for March are travel-sized toothpaste and bar soap. **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.

Easter is coming!!!! Join us for an Easter Potluck Breakfast on March 31st at 9:30, before worship. We will also be having our **annual Easter egg hunt at 10:00am**. Either bring a potluck item to share, or just come hungry. **We also need small wrapped candy donated to fill the Easter Eggs for our hunt.** Please bring the candy and leave it in the office by March 27th. We will be filling the eggs during Kid's Club on March 27th.

Then They Remembered

by Lisle Gwynn Garrity

Inspired by John 12:12-16 Acrylic painting on canvas with digital drawing

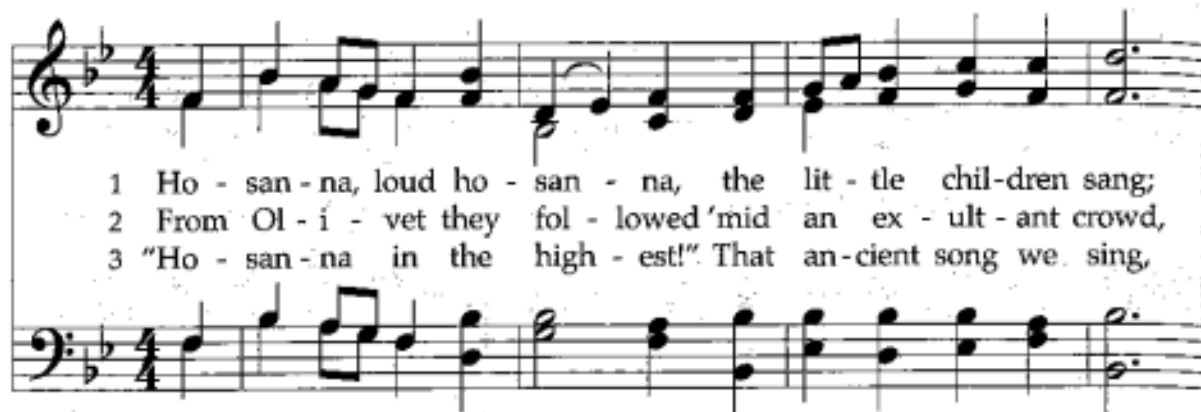
In the Matthew, Mark, and Luke versions of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, two unnamed disciples follow Jesus' orders to retrieve a colt. In these accounts, the disciples actively participate in the parade, laying down their cloaks and singing praise. In contrast, John's version of this story provides minimal details and the disciples are hardly mentioned at all. However, the text does a unique thing: it breaks the fourth wall to tell us something important: "His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered" (John 12:16).

Is Peter at the parade? Does he lay down his cloak and follow the others? Does he sing songs of loudest praise? Or is he lost in the cacophony of the crowds, confused by and afraid of what is taking place? Maybe he is thinking about the blur of events in the days just before: Lazarus raised from the dead, Jesus anointed in Bethany, the crowds knocking down their doors, the plot to kill Jesus and Lazarus swelling like a darkened, fast-approaching sky.

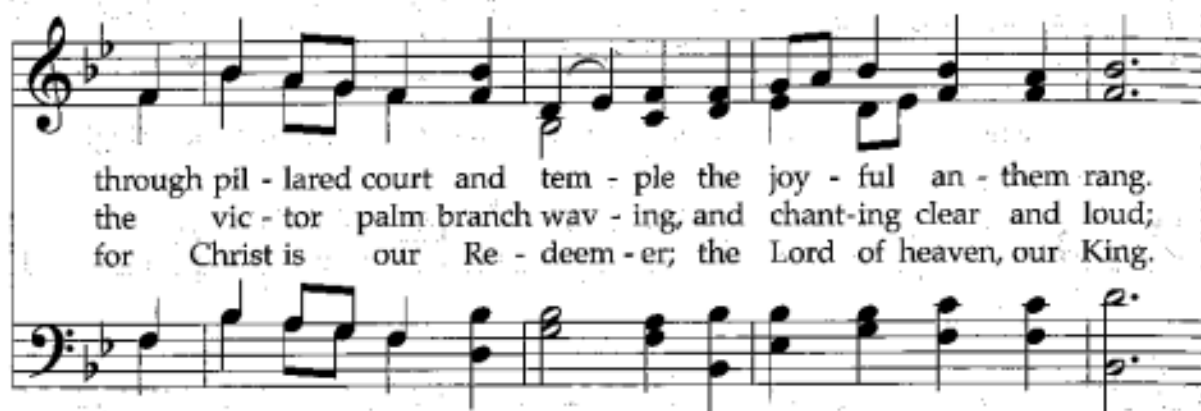
They didn't understand at first, but then they remembered. This image attempts to visualize these two locations in time and space. On the left, Peter looks out from the palm procession—his eyes glazed over as he watches Jesus riding into the city where he will surely meet his death. As the crowds sing "hosanna!" for a new, soon to-be-killed-king, the dissonance of the scene causes Peter to tremble—like a guitar string snapped suddenly mid-tune.

In the top right is Peter's mirror image. In this mirage, we glimpse the future. Peter stands aghast at the empty tomb, waves of hope and relief rushing through him like a river of grace, the remembering happening all at once—like a childhood song plucked from memory, like the refrain of a chorus that won't let you go: it's true, it's true, thank God it's true.

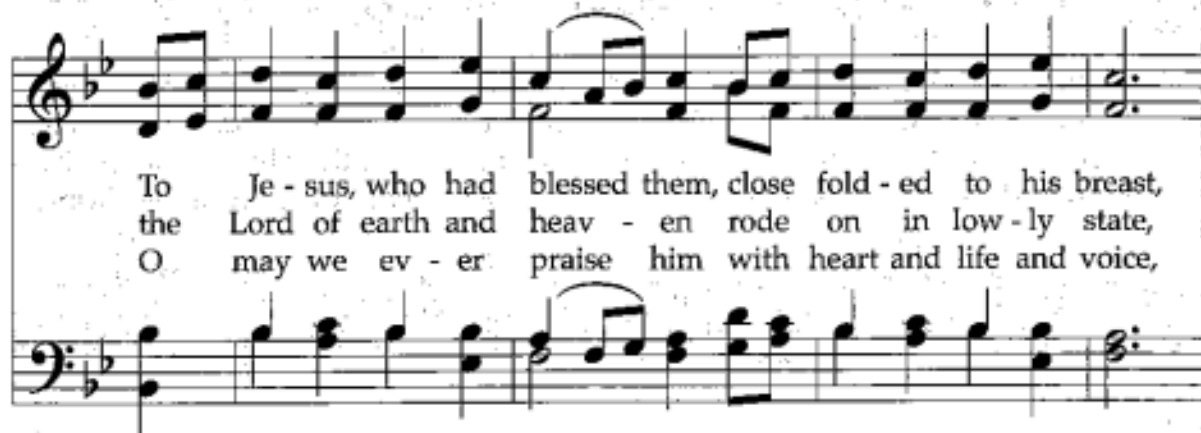
—Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity



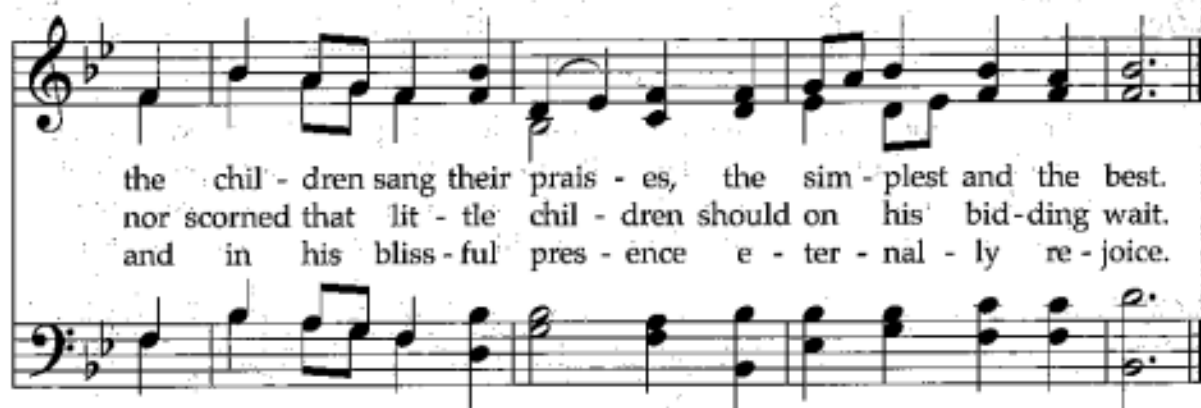
1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,



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.

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

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Capo 5: (Am)
Dm

(F) (C) (Em) (Am) (A7)
B \flat F Am Dm D7



1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep-herd. You, Lord, are both
2 Clothed in light up - on the moun-tain, stripped of might up -
3 You, who walk each day be - side us, sit in pow - er
4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus! Wor - thy is our

(Dm) (G) (C) (F) (Em) (Dm) (Am)
Gm C F B \flat Am Gm Dm



prince and slave. You, peace-mak - er and sword-bring - er
on the cross, shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
at God's side. You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
cos - mic Christ! Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - tory;

(B \flat) (F) (E) (A/C \sharp) (Dm)
E \flat B \flat A D/F \sharp Gm



of the way you took and gave. You, the ev - er - last - ing
beg-gared by a sol - dier's toss, you, the ev - er - last - ing
have a love that reach - es wide. You, the ev - er - last - ing
wor - thy still your peace and strife. You, the ev - er - last - ing

(Am) (G) (Am) (Dm) (Em) (Am)
Dm C Dm Gm Am Dm

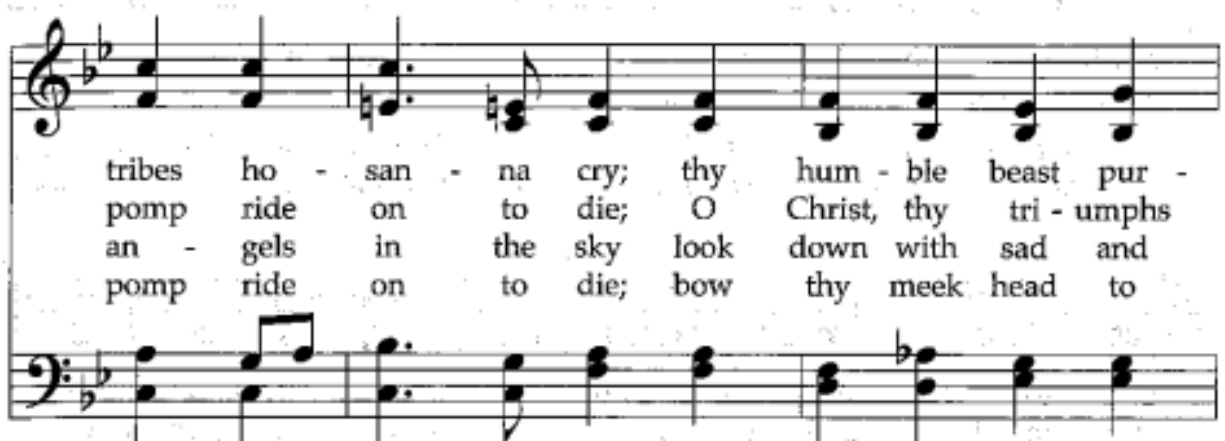


in - stant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.
in - stant; you who are both gift and cost.
in - stant; you, who are our pil - grim guide.
in - stant; you, who are our death and life.

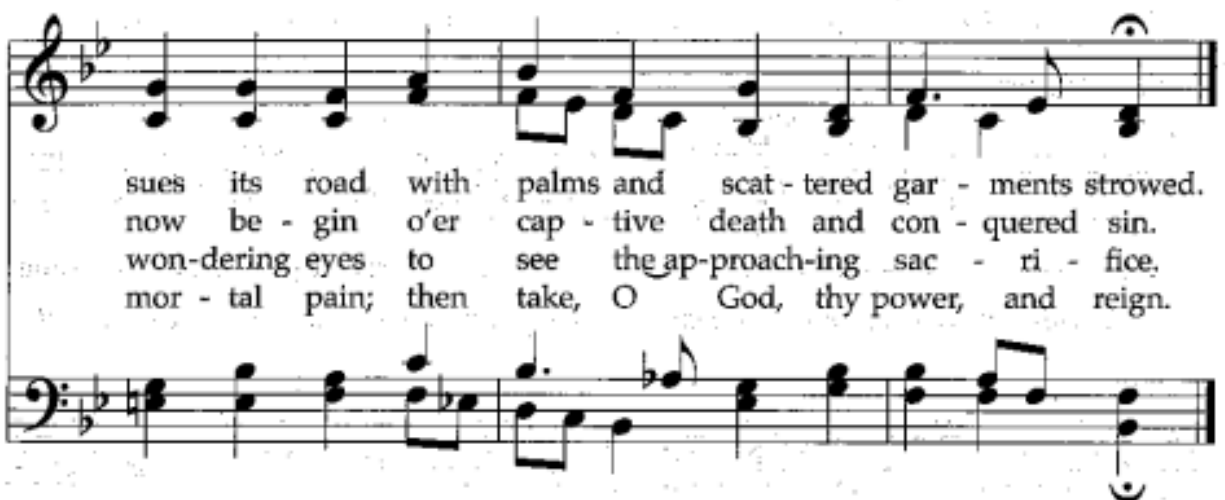
Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! 198



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.