Palm Sunday



APRIL 10, 2022
10:00 AM

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

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE Margaret LaMotte Torrence

INTROIT *Come, Let Us Sing*
Text adapted from Psalm 95 / Composer: Alice Jordan
(The Chancel Choir)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 118: 1, 19-20
Dave Householder

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
God's 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.
Let the faithful come and worship God.

***HYMN 196 AND PALM PROCESSIONAL**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

During the palm processional
you are invited to participate in the parade
by waving your palm branch!

Refrain:
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. **(Refrain)**

The people of the Hebrews
With palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayers and anthems
Before thee we present. **(Refrain)**

To thee, before thy passion,
They sang their hymns of praise;
To thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise. **(Refrain)**

Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King! **(Refrain)**

**Those who are able will please stand.*
Thank you for silencing your cell phone.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Margaret LaMotte Torrence

Lord of Life,
We stand at the cusp of Holy Week and fear to follow you into the city.
We would rather stay here at the jubilant gates,
waiting for the confusion to settle,
the violence to end,
the fear to dissipate.
Holy One,
Move now in the silence, in the thoughts that surprise us
—break open our hearts—
that we might find the courage to follow where you would lead.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*** SONG OF JOY** *Gloria!* Taizé

Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria! Alleluia, alleluia

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

*** THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT - Kids Against Hunger Carrie Mills and Emily Weitekamp

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 19:28-40 (selected verses) Margaret LaMotte Torrence

He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. . . . At the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here." . . . So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

SERMON Margaret LaMotte Torrence

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Philippians 2:5-11
Dave Householder

**Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

HYMN 274 *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.
You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
You, peace-maker and sword-bringer
Of the way you took and gave.
You, the everlasting instant;
You, whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in light upon the mountain,
Stripped of might upon the cross,
Shining in eternal glory,
Beggared by a soldier's toss,
You, the everlasting instant;
You who are both gift and cost.

You, who walk each day beside us,
Sit in power at God's side.
You, who preach a way that's narrow,
Have a love that reaches wide.
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are our pilgrim guide.

Worthy is our earthly Jesus!
Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy your defeat and victory;
Worthy still your peace and strife.
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are our death and life.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Dave Householder

**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.**

SONG OF RESPONSE *Blessed Be Your Name* Redman

Blessed be your Name in the land that is plentiful,
Where your streams of abundance flow,
Blessed be your name.

Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness,
Blessed be Your name.

Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say . . .

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be your glorious name.

Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's 'all as it should be,'
Blessed be your name,

Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering,
Blessed be your name.

Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say . . . **(Chorus)**

Bridge (2 times)

You give and take away,
You give and take away,
My heart will choose to say:
Lord, blessed be Your name!

***BENEDICTION** Margaret LaMotte Torrence

POSTLUDE Improvisation on All Glory, Laud, and Honor Steven Phillips

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