

ST. JOHN'S WORSHIP

Sunday, March 28, 2021
St. John's Baptist Church | Charlotte, NC
Palm Sunday

Introduction to Worship on Palm Sunday Rev. Allison Benfield

Reading for the Procession of Palms Rev. Benfield Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

This is the written word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God!

Hymn of Praise *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* ST. THEODULPH

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
You are a child of Israel great David's greater son.
You ride in lowly triumph, Messiah Blessed One.

To you, before your passion they sang their hymns of praise;
To you, now high exalted our melody we raise
As you receive their praises; now hear us as we pray.
Since you delight in goodness, rule in our hearts today.

Reflection How do you set aside time in your life for prayer?

Greeting

Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Readings from the Gospel of Luke and Prayer of Submission

Dr. Foust

Song of Response

Come and Find the Quiet Center
BEACH SPRING

Come and find the quiet center
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace and simply be.

Time for Reflection

The Church at Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Nate Dove

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. 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

Balm in Gilead
arr. Sandra Eithun
Handbell Choir

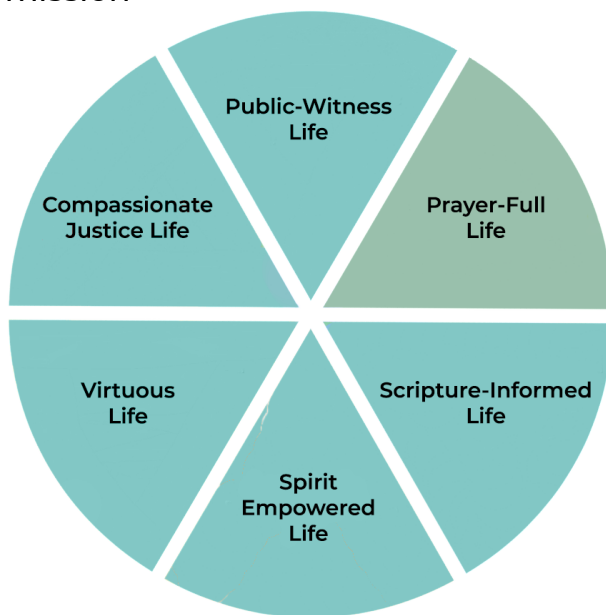
Reading from the Gospel of Mark

Mark 14:32-42

Sally Young, reader

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

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Song

Have Thine Own Way
ADELAIDE

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Thou art the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

Message

Yada: The Secret in Jesus' Prayer Life
Dr. Foust

Song

How Can I Keep from Singing?

My life flows on in endless song
above earth's lamentations,
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn
That hails a new creation.

Refrain

No storm can shake my inmost calm,
While to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love is lord of heaven and earth
How can I keep from singing

Through all the tumult and the strife
I hear its music ringing,
It sounds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing?
Since love is lord of heaven and earth
How can I keep from singing?

Refrain

Commissioning the Scattered Church

Dr. Foust

Postlude

Toccata in E Minor
Johannas Pachelbel
J. Noel Lance