



**Traditional Service  
Palm Sunday**

**March 24, 2024**

***The Service for the Lord's Day***

*WE GATHER*

PRELUDE Psalm Prelude No. 1, Set 2 (*De Profundis*)

Herbert Howells

WELCOME

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Sing songs of loudest praise!

**People: Hosanna!**

Leader: Sing songs that are unashamed.

**People: Hosanna!**

Leader: Sing songs without being afraid.

**People: Hosanna!**

Leader: Sing for the God of tomorrow and today.

**People: Hosanna!**

**All: Let us worship the One worthy to be praised!**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*FANFARE** "Fanfare for a Common Man"

Aaron Copland/arr. Roger Brison

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

**#89**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

**1** Hosanna, loud hosanna,  
The little children sang;  
Through pillared court and temple  
The joyful anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them  
Close folded to His breast,  
The children sang their praises,  
The simplest and the best.

**2** From Olivet they followed  
'Mid an exultant crowd,  
The victor palm branch waving,  
And chanting clear and loud;  
The Lord of earth and heaven  
Ride on in lowly state,  
Nor scorned that little children  
Should on His bidding wait.

**3** "Hosanna in the highest!"  
That ancient song we sing,  
For Christ is our Redeemer,  
The Lord of heaven our King.  
O may we ever praise Him  
With heart and life and voice,  
And in His blissful presence  
Eternally rejoice.

## *WE CONFESS*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**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.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## *WE LISTEN*

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE John 12:12-16

Jennifer Cole

Leader: The word of the Lord;

**People: Thanks be to God.**

“Riding to Glory”

*WE RESPOND*

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

\*SERMON HYMN

#76

My Song is Love Unknown

LOVE UNKNOWN

**1** My song is love unknown,  
My Savior’s love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown  
That they might lovely be.  
O who am I, that for my sake  
My Lord should take  
Frail flesh, and die?

**2** Christ came from heaven's throne  
Salvation to bestow,  
But people scorned and none  
The longed-for Christ would know.  
But O my Friend,  
My Friend indeed,  
Who at my need  
His life did spend!

**3** Sometimes they strew His way,  
And His sweet praises sing,  
Resounding all the way  
Hosannas to their King,  
Then “Crucify!”  
Is all their breath,  
And for His death  
They thirst and cry.

**4** They rise, and needs will have  
My dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they save,  
The Prince of life they slay.  
Yet steadfast He  
To suffering goes,  
That He His foes  
From thence might free.

**5** Here might I stay and sing,  
No story so divine:  
Never was love, dear King,  
Never was grief like Thine.  
This is my Friend,  
In whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
Could gladly spend.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from “A Brief Statement of Faith”)

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

CALL FOR OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory O Clap Your Hands Together

Christopher Steel

Chancel Choir

O clap your hands together, all ye people:  
O sing unto God with the voice of melody.  
For the Lord is high, and to be praised:  
He is the great King upon all the earth.

God is our hope and strength:  
A very present help in trouble.  
Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved:  
And though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea.

God is gone up with a merry noise:  
And the Lord with the sound of the trump.  
O sing praises, sing praises unto our God:  
O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.

O sing unto the Lord a new song:  
Let the congregation of saints praise him.  
Let them praise his name in the dance:  
Let them sing praises unto him with tabret and harp.

For God is the King of all the earth:  
Sing ye praises with understanding.

Great is the Lord, and marvelous worthy to be praised:  
Great is the Lord, and marvelous worthy to be praised:  
There is no end of his greatness.

\*Doxology

#592

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*SENDING HYMN

#88

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

**Refrain:**

All glory, laud and honor  
To Thee, Redeemer, King!  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Israel,  
Thou David's royal Son,  
Who in the Lord's name comest,  
The King and blessed One. **(Refrain)**

**2** The people of the Hebrews  
With palms before Thee went;  
Our praise and prayers and anthems  
Before Thee we present. [Refrain]

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

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

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** "Paeon", from *Six Songs for Organ* (1940)

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