FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

Palm Sunday
Traditional Service
April 10, 2022

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE "Allegro", from *Brandenburg Concerto No. 3,* BWV 1048 Johann Sebastian Bach
Elysium String Quartet

FANFARE "Fanfare for the Common Man" Aaron Copland/arr. Roger Brison

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Alleluia! Praise the Lord!
People: Hosanna in the highest! Save us, Lord!
Leader: Alleluia! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
People: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!
ALL: Come, let us worship God!

*Please stand if you are able.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #88

All Glory, Laud, and Honor VALET WILL ICH DER GERBEN

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 blessèd 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]

CALL TO CONFESSON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of palm branches and hallelujahs: we love the Palm Sunday celebration. We love the sound of a joyful parade. We love that Palm Sunday means Easter is just around the corner. But we forget that Palm Sunday was not just a celebration when it happened. We ignore that Christ was not simply riding through a joyful crowd with pleasure, but riding to a shameful death to open the path to eternal life for us. Forgive our indifference, and strengthen our own hearts, that we may journey with courage wherever Christ leads us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Mark 11:1-11 Marie Rosenthal

Leader: The word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

SERMON The Rev. J.C. Austin

"A King Without a Crown"

WE RESPOND

*SERMON HYMN #424

O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns Be Rising CHARTERHOUSE

1 O Jesus Christ, may grateful hymns be rising,
In every city for Your love and care;
Inspire our worship, grant the glad surprising
That Your blest Spirit rouses everywhere.

2 Grant us new courage, sacrificial, humble,
Strong in Your strength to venture and to dare;
To lift the fallen, guide the feet that stumble.
Seek out the lonely and God's mercy share

3 Show us Your Spirit, brooding o'er each city,
As You once wept above Jerusalem,
Seeking to gather all in love and pity,
And healing those who touch Your garment's hem.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL FOR OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory "In Paradisum", from *Requiem*, Op. 48 Gabriel Faure

Chancel Choir, Elysium String Quartet

May the angels receive them in Paradise,
at they coming may the martyrs receive thee
and bring thee into the holy city Jerusalem

There may the chorus of angels receive thee,
and with Lazarus, once a beggar,
may thou have eternal rest.

*Doxology #592

Praise God from Who 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 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.

*SENDING HYMN #89

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna — ELLACOMBE

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.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Fanfare — Kenneth Leighton

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