

# The Order of Service: Palm Sunday

March 28, 2021

**Prelude** *There Is a Fountain*

Arr. Mark Hayes  
Dr. Gukhui Han

## The Liturgy of the Palms

*Celebrant* Blessed is the King who comes in the name of our God.

*People* **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

*Celebrant* Assist us mercifully with your help, O God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew 21:1-11

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

**Anthem** *Canta, Hosanna!*

Pepper Choplin

Canta, canta hosanna. Canta, cantalo al Señor.

Canta, canta hosanna, hosanna al Señor

Levanta, levanta las ramas.

Levanta, levanta las al Señor.

Levanta, levanta las ramas, las ramas al Señor.

We bring Him praise.

Lift up your palms to give Him praise.

Canta, canta hosanna. Canta, cantalo al Señor.

Canta, canta hosanna, hosanna al Señor.

The Lord has come to save us.

He comes to save us with love and grace.

The Lord comes to inspire us,

And He inspires us to bring Him praise.

## **The Blessing of the Palms**

*Celebrant* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God.

*People* **Hosanna in the highest.**

## **Palm Sunday Procession** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

*Celebrant* Blessed be the God of our salvation:

*People* **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

## **Collect of the Day** *(people muted)*

*Celebrant* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **A Reading** *Isaiah 50:4-9a (people muted)*

A reading from Prophet Isaiah.

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** *Just a Closer Walk*

Arr. Ruth Elaine Schram  
Harlee Balajadia, Soloist

I am weak but Thou art strong;  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk,  
Let me walk close to thee.

So, when my feeble life is o'er,  
Time for me will be no more;  
Guild me gently, safely, o'er  
To thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.

Just a closer walk with thee,  
grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
daily walking close thee;  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Just a closer walk with thee,  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea.  
Daily walking close to thee;  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toils and snares,  
If I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.

**The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.** (Mark 14:1 – 15:47)

*The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.*

*Please refer to the text of the Passion.*

**Hymn** *Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

African American Spiritual

*(Mute your device and join in singing.)*



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you  
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you  
\*3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you  
4 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh! \_\_\_\_\_  
there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh! \_\_\_\_\_  
there when they pierced him in the side? Oh! \_\_\_\_\_  
there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh! \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_ Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,  
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trem-ble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

**The Sermon** (*people muted*)

The Rev. Nancy Frausto

*Silence follows the sermon.*

**Music** *What Wond'rous Love Is This*

Raymond H. Haan  
George Bullock (Cello) & Dr. Gukhui Han (Piano)

### **Litany of Penitence**

*The Celebrant and People say together:*

**Most Holy and Merciful God:**

**We confess to you and to one another,  
and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth,  
that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed;  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,  
**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,  
**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,  
**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,  
**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,  
**We confess to you, Lord.**

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,  
**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;  
**Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,  
**That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,  
**Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel.

Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Anthem** *If With Your Hearts Ye Truly Seek Me (From Elijah)*

Felix Mendelssohn  
Harlee Balajadia, Soloist

If with all your heart ye truly seek Me,  
Ye shall ever surely find Me,  
Thus saith our God.

If with all your heart ye truly seek Me,  
Ye shall ever surely find Me,  
Thus saith our God.  
Ye shall ever surely find Me,  
Thus saith our God.

If with all your heart ye truly seek Me,  
Ye shall ever surely find Me,  
Thus saith our God. Thus saith our God.

Oh, that I knew where I might find Him,  
That I might even come before His presence.  
Oh, that I knew where I might find Him,  
That I might even come before His presence,  
come before His presence.  
Oh, that I knew where I might find Him.

**Lord's Prayer** *(Please unmute and join in praying together)*

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Anthem** *Improperium (Offertorium Dominica Palmarum)*

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Improperium expectavit cor meum et miseriam  
et sustinui qui simul mecum contristaretur et non  
fuit; consolantem me quæsivi et non inveni.  
et dederunt in escam meam fel,  
et in siti mea potaverunt me aceto.

My heart expected reproach and misery  
and I desired one who would grieve with me and  
there was none: I sought one to console me, and I  
found none: and they gave me gall as my food,  
and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

**Special prayers, celebrations, and birthdays**

**The Blessing**

Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord. And, may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Announcements**

**The Dismissal**

*Celebrant*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People*          **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

Raymond H. Haan  
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