

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2022

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is the day that God has made;
All: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
One: We come, thanking God for the gift of salvation.
All: **We come to praise God's marvelous works.**
One: God's steadfast love endures forever!
All: **Blessed is the one who comes in God's name.**

***OPENING HYMN** "Filled with Excitement" GtG 199

**1. Filled with excitement, all the happy throng
spread cloaks and branches on the city streets.
There in the distance they begin to see,
there on a donkey comes the Savior Christ.**

Refrain:

**From every corner a thousand voices sing
praise to the One who comes in the name of God.
Our acclamation breaks forth in shouts of praise,
our triumphant song of joy:
"Hosanna, hosanna to Christ!
Hosanna, hosanna to Christ!"**

**2. As in that entrance to Jerusalem,
hosannas we will sing to Jesus Christ,
to our Redeemer who still calls today,
asks us to follow with our love and faith.**

Refrain:

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our triumphant song of joy:
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***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Triumphant God,
we join the crowds of the ages in shouting your praises.
While our lips give you glory,
our lives seldom reflect your purposes.
We sing easily of your greatness
but living faithfully is often beyond us.
We hear of your salvation,
yet sin is still close and real,
daily leading us away from you.
Have mercy on us, O God.
Ride into our hearts with healing grace.
Forgive what we have done and direct who we shall be.
Renew us in love,
and teach us to live in a way
that brings honor and glory to your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
All: **Blessed is the one who comes with abundant grace and boundless mercy.**
One: Blessed is the one who has done for us
what we could never do for ourselves,
bringing us life and love forever and ever.
People of God, rejoice!
All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**
One: As the Lord has forgiven us,
let us also forgive one another.

***THE PEACE**

One: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: **And also with you.**
(From your seat, a brief sign of peace may be shared: a wave of the hand, a nod of the head, etc.)

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Luke 19:29-40
Colossians 3 (selected verses)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON “” by Pastor Bill Vincent

***HYMN** “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” GtG 729

**1. Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart.
In my heart, (in my heart,)
in my heart, (in my heart,)
Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart.**

**2. Lord, I want to be more loving
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving
in my heart.
In my heart, (in my heart,)
in my heart, (in my heart,)
Lord, I want to be more loving
in my heart.**

**3. Lord, I want to be more holy
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy
in my heart.
In my heart, (in my heart,)
in my heart, (in my heart,)
Lord, I want to be more holy
in my heart.**

**4. Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in my heart.
In my heart, (in my heart,)
in my heart, (in my heart,)
Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in my heart.**

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

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.

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Book of Confessions)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: We cry, "Hosanna" ...
People: ...Lord, save us!

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Contemporary*)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

OFFERING

Invitation

Reflection

**Unison Prayer of Dedication*

Loving God:

**we remember with thanksgiving
the life that we have because of you.
and we give you thanks for Jesus Christ, your Son.**

**Make us grateful every day
for the privilege of offering ourselves
for the well-being of all your world.**

**By your grace, may all that we do
show the glory of your name
and serve the good of your people.**

**Clothe us with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,
that we may be Christ for others.**

In his name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN “A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd” GtG 200**

**1. A cheering, chanting, dizzy crowd
had stripped the green trees bare,
and hailing Christ as king aloud,
waved branches in the air.**

**2. They laid their garments in the road
and spread his path with palms
and vows of lasting love bestowed
with royal hymns and psalms.**

**3. When day dimmed down to deepening dark
the crowd began to fade
till only trampled leaves and bark
were left from the parade.**

**4. Lest we be fooled because our hearts
have surged with passing praise,**

**remind us, God, as this week starts
where Christ has fixed his gaze.**

**5. Instead of palms, a winding sheet
will have to be unrolled,
a carpet much more fit to greet
the king a cross will hold.**

A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd...

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Pastor: ...And let the gathered people of God say...

People: ...Amen.

POSTLUDE

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