

⁹ Then those who went ahead and those
who followed were shouting,
“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom
of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Mark 11:9–10



Abington Presbyterian Church

March 28, 2021

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship



Palm Sunday

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Palm Sunday March 28, 2021

GATHERING

The people gather wherever they may in response to God's call, offering praise in words of scripture, prayer, and song. The people acknowledge their sinfulness and receive the good news of God's forgiveness.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

A time for quiet preparation before worship

God of all seasons, we give thanks for this time of heightened emotions and anticipation. In the midst of frightening circumstances, we look to the calm, humble One in our midst. We invoke the name of Jesus Christ on behalf of all who celebrate and all who pass by unseeing. Grant our growth in faith. Amen.

PRELUDE

Valet will ich dir geben (All Glory, Laud, and Honor)

Emma Lou Diemer

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

God wakens us to this new day, bidding us to enter the gates of righteousness.

This is the day that God has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone of our faith.

This is God's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

God causes light to shine upon us and blesses our festive procession.

Blessed in the One who comes in God's name! Hosanna in the highest!

*** HYMN 196**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

CALL TO CONFESSION

Among the things that unite us is our need for forgiveness. Let us turn away from all that separates us from God's purposes, as we unite in prayer.

HYMN 415

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

verse 2

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome; God's free bounty glorify, true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.

I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of love, who sent Jesus among us, hear our confession and forgive our sin. When things go well for us, we easily express our hosannas, but in more challenging times our praises diminish. When we invoke Christ's name for selfish reasons, have mercy upon us. When our faith seeks only our convenience and does not move toward commitment, surround us with grace that we might move in a new direction. Grant us hearts that embrace your purposes.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

At his birth, Jesus comes bringing us hope. Entering Jerusalem, he brings us assurance.
Walking to Calvary, he leads us to new life.

Hosanna! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Blessed is the One who brings us into God's gracious reign.

* RESPONSE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Hymn #582

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall
be. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

* THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Greet one another with the sign of peace.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WORD

God's Word is read and its message is proclaimed in scripture, music and interpretation.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 11:1-11

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Shouting in the Streets

The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

* 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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

THANKSGIVING & SENDING

After the proclamation of God's Word, we respond with gratitude prepared to go into the world where we are called to live according to God's will.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

* HYMN 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Phoenix Processional

Dan Locklair

[service hymns and some announcements follow]

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

Liturgists: The Rev. Aaron Twitchell and Maryum Gill

Choir: Colt family

Organist: Erik Meyer

Children's Message: Ruth Sall

Ushers today are: Dave Wynn and Ian Beck

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In need of special prayers this week: Len Browna, Michael Kemp, Laura Lockhart, Sylvia Weed (mother of Kathryn Jablokow), Barbara LaNore (sister of Lynda Smyth), Sylvia Jolly, MM Harris, Herb Harris, Gary Lynch (son of Doug Lynch), Chris Popescu (aunt of Joanne Bates), Marty Bell (cousin of Alice Price), Elizabeth Cole (granddaughter of Nancy Webb Cole), Doris Boerner, Helen Porter (mother of Joe Porter), Janet Wells (mother of Gwen Bihn), Suzy Paravla (daughter of Susan Davis), Linda Maisenhelder, Christine Kim (wife of Stephen Kim), Will Pompilli (son of Teresa Pompilli), Phyllis Frazier, Nick Cupo, Sr., Joanne Hawkins (mother of Nick Cupo), Wayne Gibbons, Jr., Susan Arnhold (friend of Joanne and Jeff Bates), Kris and Erik Reidenbach (friends of Sally Adams), David Fryer (husband of Rabbi Shoshana Tornberg, friend of APC), Meredith Ellisor, (cousin of Craig Nicholson), Mark Meissner (son of Judy Meissner), Nina DiTimasso and Audrina Rose (friends of Anne-Marie Constable).

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All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

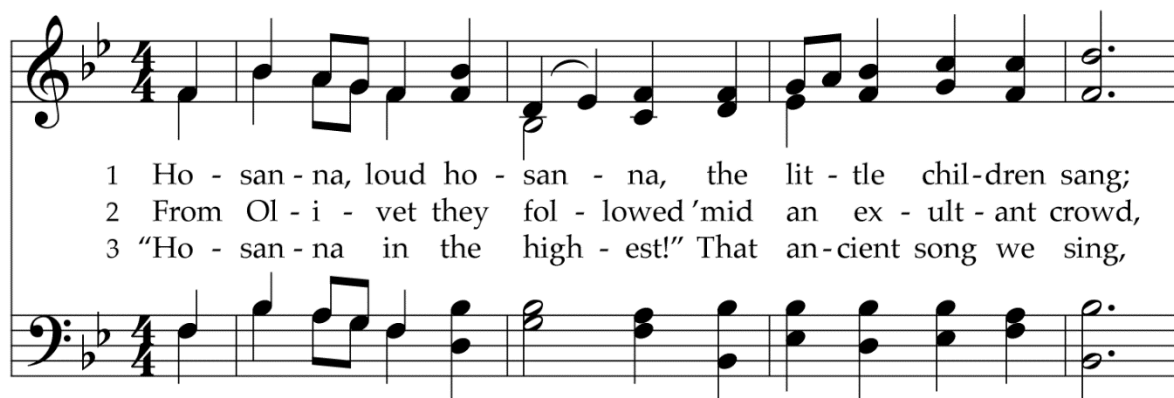
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

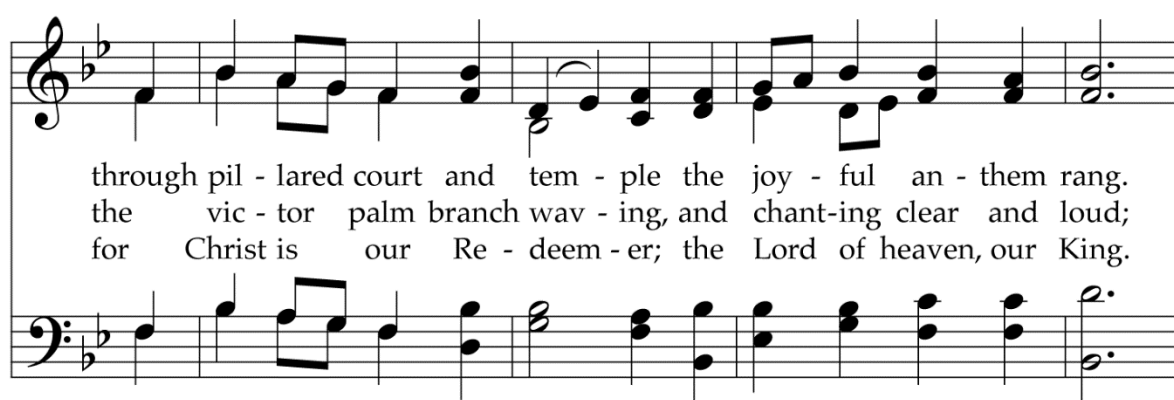
who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra-cious King!

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German

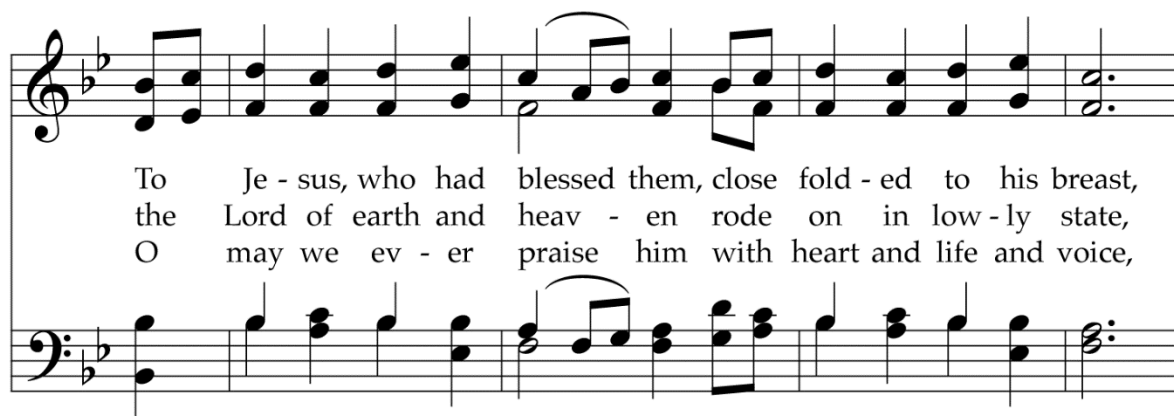
197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



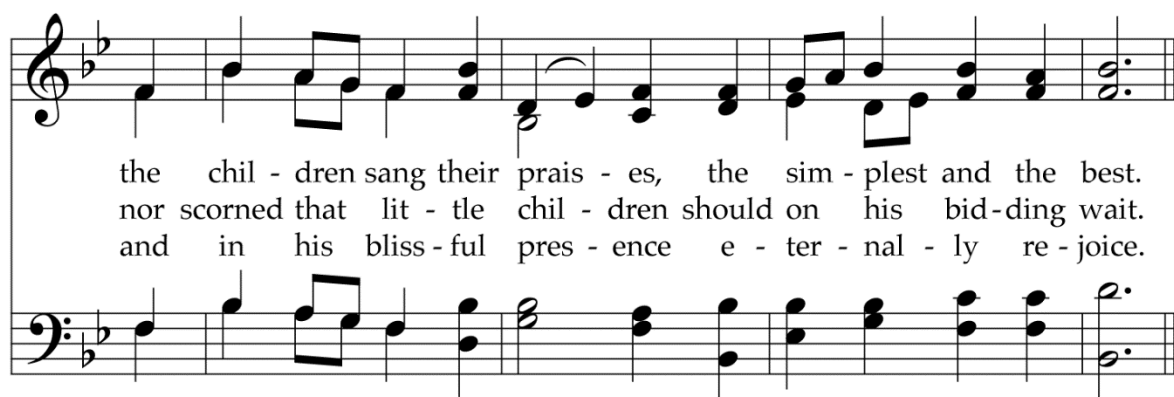
1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil-dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an-cient song we sing,



through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang.
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant-ing clear and loud;
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
 the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,



the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid-ding wait.
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous