

**March 28, 2021**  
**Palm / Passion Sunday**

**PRELUDES**

*The Gate of Jerusalem*  
*What Wondrous Love Is This*

George Blake  
Sarah Douglas

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING SENTENCES (from Psalm 118, Zechariah 9)**

L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**P: Hosanna in the highest!**

L: Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,

**P: Humble and riding on a donkey.**

**WELCOMING SONG #197**

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*  
(verse one)

Ellacombe

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.

(verse two)

From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,  
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud;  
the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,  
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

(verse three)

“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient son 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.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Everlasting God, in your tender love for the human race, you sent your Son in human form, to live and love and serve. In your mercy, help us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection. Speak to us today through the words and selfless suffering of Christ that we may receive grace to show Christ's love in lives given to your service. AMEN.

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 19:28-40**

<sup>28</sup>After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup>When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” <sup>32</sup>So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup>They said, “The Lord needs it.” <sup>35</sup>Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds

of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup>saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” <sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” <sup>40</sup>He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

## CHORAL ANTHEM #1

*Wave the Palms*

Schram

*Soloists: Parker & Payton Timmons*

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 23:32-47

<sup>32</sup>Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” <sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup>Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup>He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

<sup>44</sup>It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, <sup>45</sup>while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup>Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Having said this, he breathed his last. <sup>47</sup>When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, “Certainly this man was innocent.”

## SERMON

*“Into Your Hands”*

Rev. John Wahl

## UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN**

## CHORAL ANTHEM #2

*Who Is that Man?*

Besig

Soloists: Marilyn Rodenhause & Brenda Wahl

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD’S PRAYER

### CALL TO OFFERING

**OFFERTORY**

*Let Me Be Thine Forever*

Johann Christoph Bach

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SENDING SONG**

*When God Almighty Came to Earth*

Meter: LM

(verse one)

When God Almighty came to earth, he took the pain of Jesus' birth;  
he took the flight of refugee and whispered, "Humbly follow me."

(verse four)

When God Almighty met his folk, of peace and truth he gladly spoke  
to set the slave and tyrant free, and whispered, "Humbly follow me."

(verse five)

When God Almighty took his place to save the fallen, human race,  
he took it boldly on a tree and whispered, "Humbly follow me."

(verse six)

When God Almighty comes again he'll meet us incognito then;  
and though no words may voice his plea, he'll whisper, "Are you foll'wing me?"

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

David Paxton