



Palm Sunday  
April 2, 2023, 11 am

## LITURGY OF THE PALMS

*The congregation is gathered outdoors*

*Minister:* Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

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

*People:* Amen.

## READING

Matthew 21:1–11

*Pew Bible, page 19 (NT)*

## BLESSING AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE PALMS

*Minister:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Minister:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Minister:* 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 for ever.

*People:* Amen.

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

*People:* Hosanna in the Highest.

*Choir:* Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. O King of Israel, Hosanna in the Highest! (*sung in Latin*)

*Minister:* Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

*Minister:* Open in the name of the Lord!

# HYMN IN PROCESSION

No. 148, "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

*St. Theodulph*



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
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is
- 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with
- 4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they
- 5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac -



Da - vid's roy - al Son, who in the Lord's name  
prais - ing thee on high; and we with all cre -  
palms be - fore thee went; our praise and prayers and  
sang their hymns of praise; to thee, now high ex -  
cept the prayers we bring, who in all good de -



com - est, the King and bless - ed One.  
a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.  
an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

## CONFESSION

*In unison*

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sin, and whose mercy we forget: cleanse us from all offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires; that humbly we may draw near to thee, confessing our faults, confiding in thy grace, and finding in thee our refuge and our strength, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## HYMN

No. 147, “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

*The King’s Majesty*

*The congregation stands and sings*

## THE PEACE & GREETING

*All are invited to join in the singing of Hymn No. 27, stanza 1*

## OFFERTORY

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Psalm 24 *Domini est terra*

*Chant by Joseph Barnby (1838–1896)*

*Sung by the choir*

## DOXOLOGY

*The congregation stands and sings.*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all people here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

## FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 50:4–9a

*Pew Bible, page 640 (OT)*

## ANTHEM

Ride On, King Jesus (1998)

*African American Spiritual, arr. Howard Helvey (b. 1968)*

## SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2:5–11

*Pew Bible, page 174 (NT)*

## ANTHEM

Solus ad victimam (1968)

*Kenneth Leighton (1929–1988)*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

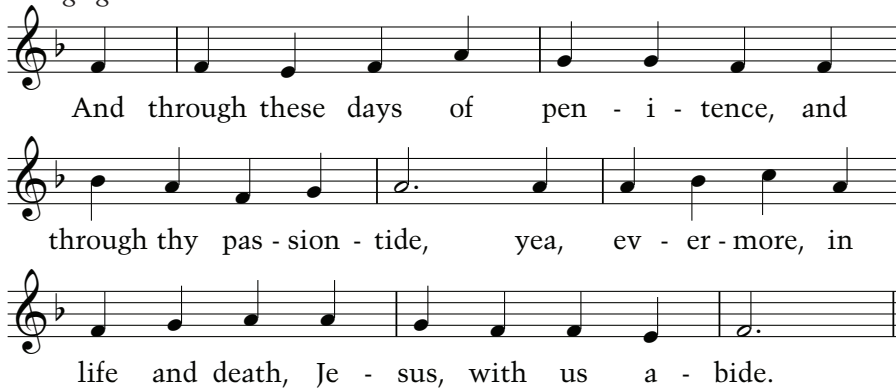
## THE LORD’S PRAYER

*In unison*

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.

## PRAYER RESPONSE

*The congregation remains seated*



And through these days of pen - i - tence, and  
through thy pas - sion - tide, yea, ev - er - more, in  
life and death, Je - sus, with us a - bide.

## SERMON

*The Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts*

## HYMN

No. 221, "What Wondrous Love Is This, O My Soul"

*Wondrous Love*

*The congregation stands and sings*

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

"Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel..." from *St. John's Suite* (2007)

*Dan Locklair (b. 1949)*

## TODAY'S SERVICE

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