



INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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PALM / PASSION SUNDAY

March 28, 2021



Morgner, Wilhelm, *Entry of Christ into Jerusalem*, 1912

C.J. Briggs, Music Director
Julie Lehmann, Secretary

Karen Shallcross, Liturgist
Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

“In a frenzy of celebration, we gladly focus on Jesus and generously throw our coats and palms in his path. And we shout praise loudly enough to make Pharisees complain. It’s in between parades that we don’t do so well. From Sunday to Sunday we forget our Hosannas. Between parades the stones will have to shout because we don’t.” ~ Ann Weems

- GATHERING -

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children (and children-at-heart) are invited to gather in the hallway with palms.

PRELUDE

Prelude in a Classical Style

by Gordon Young

PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

Mark 11:1-11

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

Hosanna in the highest!

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

Hosanna in the highest!

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

Hosanna in the highest!

PROCESSIONAL

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

GTG#197

by Jenette Threlfall (ELLACOMBE)

During the processional, you are invited to wave your palms.

After the hymn children will be dismissed to Sunday School.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we come waving palms and shouting “Hosanna”, but the Messiah we get is not the Messiah we expect. The Messiah we get calls us to acknowledge and name the violence in our world and in our lives, but we accept this violence as the normal way of the world. And when we fail to see and name the evils of our world, we allow them to flourish. Open our eyes, O God, to see crucifixions in our midst and help us to participate in the places where you are bringing liberation and new life. Amen. [Time of Silent Confession.]

RESPONSE

Shepherd Me, O God

GTG #473

by Marty Haugen (Psalm 23)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Christ we are empowered to partake in God's liberating and justice-seeking work in our world. **Thanks be to God!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

One Great Hour of Sharing

*Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program,
and Self-Development of People*

- THE WORD -

HOMILY

Rev. David B. Wigger

HYMN

There in God's Garden

GTG #226

Words by Pécselyi Király Imre; trans. Erik Routley
Music by K. Lee Scott (SHADES MOUNTAIN)

PASSION NARRATIVE

Mark 14-15

(NRSV)

Narrator: Rev. David B. Wigger

Jesus Christ: Connie Smith

Chief Priests/Peter/Judas/Pilate: Karen Shallcross

Crowd/Disciples/Soldiers: Congregation

- RESPONDING TO THE WORD -

OFFERING

RESPONSE

Be Still and Know That I Am God

GTG #414

by John L. Bell (Psalm 46)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

RESPONSE

“When We Must Bear Persistent Pain”

GTG #807

Text by Ruth Duck; Music by David N. Johnson

Verse 1

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O God, Hear our prayer.

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.

- SENDING -

HYMN

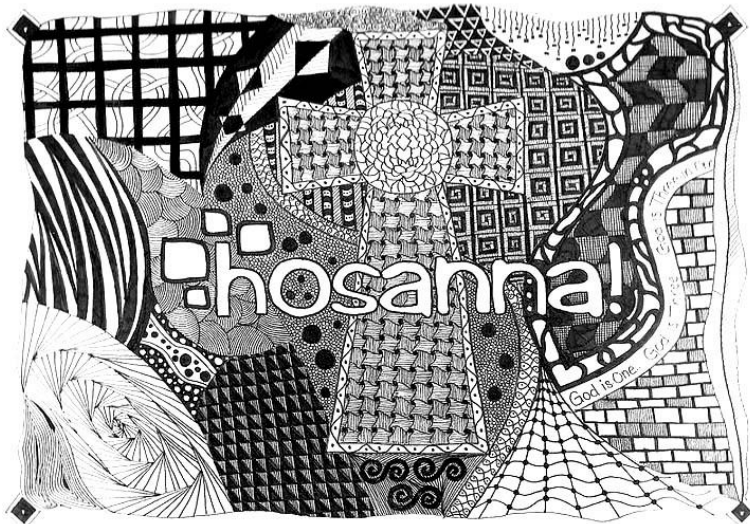
Were You There
African American Spiritual

GTG #228

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Herzliebster Jesu from Op. 122, No. 2 Johannes Brahms
Text by Johann Heerman, Melody by Johann Crüger



Pieces of today's liturgy are from the *Book of Common Worship*, PC(USA);
and Presbyterian *Outlook*, Roger Gench.

(NRSV) = New Revised Standard Version; GTG = "Glory to God" Hymnal