

Covenant Community Church



Palm Sunday

April 10, 2022

We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: It is holy to gather.

People: It is holy to sing.

Leader: It is holy to be generous, to throw our coats on the road.

People: It is holy to celebrate justice when we see it.

Leader: It is holy to shout, "Hosanna!"

People: It is holy to remember.

Leader: It is holy to gather.

People: It is holy to sing.

Leader: Here and now, let us do all of these things.

*Confession

Call to Confession

The word 'hosanna' is often sung with joy and glee on this day. We process in, we wave palm branches, and it feels like a celebration. But the truth is, the word 'hosanna' actually means, "save us." The people along that parade route so many years ago were crying out to Jesus for help, because they knew—this world is not as it should be. There is still too much hurt here. They were crying, "Save us!"

In the prayer of confession, we have our own hosanna moment, because we cry out to God, admitting the ways in which we have fallen short, and we ask for God's saving hand. So friends, let us pray together, for there is still too much hurt here.

Prayer of Confession

God of street parades and hosannas,

we know that you are counting on us to speak out against oppression,

to speak up for love and to speak hope to fear,

but so often we are silent.

We worry that we'll say the wrong thing,

so we don't say anything at all.

We worry that we'll offend,

so we keep our convictions to ourselves.

We worry that we'll speak up and won't be heard,
so we stay silent.

And meanwhile, the parade marches on.

Unravel our fears. Spark conviction in us.

Give us the courage to yell, "Hosanna!"

Gratefully we pray, amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Friends, even when we are silent, even when we are scared, even when we miss the moment, even when we choose to speak and say the wrong thing—we belong to God. There is nothing said or unsaid, done or undone that can undo that, so rest in this good news:

**We are forgiven. We are known. We belong to God, every day and always.
Amen.**

*Opening Hymn

#227 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*Opening Prayer

We Hear the Word

Scripture:

Luke 19:28-40

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

We Respond

Interlude

*Hymn

#75 There Is a Redeemer

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Offering Response

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and His righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia.*

*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Closing Hymn

#228 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

*The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious, gracious, gracious to you,
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
And give you, give you, give you peace.*

Leader: Go in Peace. Love and serve the Lord!

People: Praise be to God!

*Denotes all who are able, please stand

Luke 19:28-40 New Living Translation

28 After telling this story, Jesus went on toward Jerusalem, walking ahead of his disciples. **29** As he came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he sent two disciples ahead.

30 “Go into that village over there,” he told them. “As you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. **31** If anyone asks, ‘Why are you untying that colt?’ just say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

32 So they went and found the colt, just as Jesus had said. **33** And sure enough, as they were untying it, the owners asked them, “Why are you untying that colt?”

34 And the disciples simply replied, “The Lord needs it.” **35** So they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it for him to ride on.

36 As he rode along, the crowds spread out their garments on the road ahead of him. **37** When he reached the place where the road started down the Mount of Olives, all of his followers began to shout and sing as they walked along, praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen.

38 “Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!”

39 But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, “Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!”

40 He replied, “If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!”

Helping Us Worship

Minister to the Congregation:

Music Leader:

Scripture Reader:

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