

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CENTERING WORDS

Awake to the day of triumph for our Savior!  
Give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!  
Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!  
Fill the air with welcome to the Lord!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**CENTERING MUSIC** All Glory, Laud and Honor John S. Dixon

### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: O give thanks to our God, who is good.  
**P: God's steadfast love endures forever!**  
L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**P: For Christ has opened the gates of righteousness, that we may enter.**  
L: He has emptied himself for love of us.  
**P: Christ took human form, that we might know we are known.**  
L: Holy One, you are our God,  
**P: And we give thanks to you.**  
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**P: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

**HYMN** The Palms Insert

### MORNING PRAYER

**Holy and Loving God,**  
    **you have entered our souls**  
    **in moments of shouted Hosannas and waving cloaks.**  
**And you have come just the same**  
    **to our late nights and our confused hearts.**  
**Come to us again, Dear One,**  
    **and let us follow you.**  
**Let your name be on our tongues**  
    **and in our hearts. Amen.**

### PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### Silent Prayers, Pastoral Prayer, and the Prayer of Our Savior

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.  
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.

### READING FROM THE CHRISTIAN GOSPELS

Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.

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

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

### MEDITATION

**HYMN** Hosanna, Loud Hosanna Insert

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Let our hosannas to the One who brings liberation  
take form in our tithes and offering.

## \*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God above, you heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of all good gifts,  
we thank you for showing us how to care for each other.  
May these gifts lead to great feasting  
for those who have no banquets set before them.  
May these gifts build shelters and places of prayer  
for those who are homeless.  
May these gifts proclaim your desire  
that all your creation live in peace.  
Give us grateful hearts, O God,  
in the name of the one who came to draw all people to himself,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

**HYMN**      Go to Dark Gethsemane      Insert vs. 1-2

## COMMISSION

As People of God,  
we go together into this hard and holy week.  
Trusting in God,  
and filled with the Spirit,  
we will Walk with Christ to the end.  
For Christ's times are in our hands now,  
as ours have ever been in his.

**PRAYER FOR PEACE**    Let There Be Peace on Earth

**Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.  
Let There Be Peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God our Creator, children all are we;  
let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.**

**Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.**

## BLESSING

May the love of God,  
the peace of Christ,  
and the power of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you and guide you  
as you walk with Christ this Holy Week. Amen

**GOING FORTH MUSIC**    Were You There?      arr. Joel Raney

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## WAYS TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRIES OF ST. PETER'S UCC WITH YOUR OFFERINGS AND TITHES

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or  
under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

We are using a company called VANCO. They have helped us set up  
receiving donations via a text number (Give by Text number: 833-623-  
0447), a phone app (GivePlus). You can also give on our website  
(stpetersfrankfort.org) using the "Contribute" selection on the home  
screen. It is like putting an envelope in the plate through your own  
"Donate Now" button!

You have always been able to set up automatic withdrawals from a  
retirement, checking or savings account. This option will continue, or  
you can mail your envelope to the church office.

## "The Palms"

*The congregation joins in singing with the children*

*Verse 1: (Congregation and Children)*

O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay  
Are strewn this day in festal preparation,  
Where Jesus comes, to wipe our tears away;  
E'en now the throng to welcome him prepare.

*Chorus (Children alone)*

*Verse 2: (Congregation and Children)*

His word goes forth, and peoples by its might  
Freedom regains once more from degradation;  
Humanity doth give to each his right,  
While those in darkness are restored to light.

*Chorus (Children alone)*

*Verse 3: (Congregation and Children)*

Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem,  
Of all thy sons sing the emancipation  
Thro boundless love; the Christ of Bethlehem  
Brings faith and hope to thee forevermore.

*(Chorus sung by All)*

*Chorus:*

Join all and sing his name declare;  
Let ev'-ry voice resound with joyous acclamation!  
Hosanna! Praise ye the Lord!  
Bless him who cometh to bring us salvation.

*Jean Baptiste Faure*

JESUS CHRIST

## 203 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

*Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Mk. 11:9*

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 love - ly an - them rang;  
the vic - tor palm branch way - 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!

# 225 Go to Dark Gethsemane

*Then Jesus went . . . to a place called Gethsemane. Mt. 26:36*

\* 1. Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, you that feel the tempt-er's power;  
 \* 2. Fol - low to the judg-ment hall; view the Lord of life ar-raigned.  
 3. Cal-vary's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor-ing at his feet,

your Re-deem-er's con-flict see; watch with him one bit - ter hour;  
 O the worm-wood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sus-tained!  
 mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete:

turn not from his griefs a - way; learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.  
 Shun not suf-fering, shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.  
 "It is fin-ished!" hear him cry; learn of Je - sus Christ to die.

WORDS: James Montgomery, 1825, alt.  
 MUSIC: Richard Redhead, 1853

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