

Sunday, March 28, 2021
Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday, Year B

Prelude *Hosanna* by Christensen/Thierry Ostrini (CCLI)

A little Litany

L: O Jesus, as you entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, enter our hearts. For you have come to save us and to bless us. So, we say:

C: Hosanna! Blessed is he ...

L: O Jesus, as you entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, enter this church. For your presence here makes the name of the Lord known to us. So, we say:

C: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord ...

L: O Jesus, as you entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, enter all the world. For your kingdom is everlasting, and you rule over all with mercy and with love. So, we say:

C: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord--the King of Israel and the King of all.

L: O Jesus, enter this place here and now as we worship and sing:

Music *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* ELW #344 (public domain)

Processional Gospel John 12:12-16

¹²Five days before the Passover the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord — the King of Israel!"

¹⁴Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

¹⁵"Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

Music *You Are my Hiding Place* by Michael Ledner (CCLI)

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock, and our redeemer. **Amen.**

God hears us when we cry and draws us close in Jesus Christ.
Let us return to the one who is full of compassion. (silence for reflection)

Fountain of living water,
pour out your mercy over us.
Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.
Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn.
Wash us in your cleansing flood.
Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus,
as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.

Beloved, God's word never fails.
The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ,
the wisdom and power of God, your sins are ✠ forgiven, and God remembers them no more.
Journey in the way of Jesus. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Passion According to St Mark (Sundays and Seasons, P. 104-107)

Prayers (Cornelius Plantinga, Jr. Used by permission.)

P: Lord Jesus Christ, you from whom angels hide their faces, you made your way to be with us sinners. You are King of kings, yet you humbled yourself to bear our flesh. You shine with heavenly glory, yet you lowered yourself into our darkness. You glow with moral purity, yet you absorbed all our evil into your holy being and did not pass evil back. We join our voices with the Palm Sunday crowd to say, "Hosanna! Save us!" Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: Lord Jesus Christ, we live in a frightening world, menaced by a tiny virus we cannot see and cannot see coming. Some of us are sick. Some of us have been sick. Some of us will be sick. All of us are afraid of being sick. Lord Jesus Christ, hosanna. Save us. Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: Lord Jesus Christ, you entered our world as a helpless babe. We pray today for the babies of the world who cannot do for themselves, for the elderly, who can now do so much less for themselves, for people with disabilities, for the unlettered, the unheard, the unmentioned, the unmentionable. Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: Lord Jesus Christ, you were a homeless man with no place to lay your head. We lift to you the exiled peoples of the world. Look in mercy on men and women in refugee camps today, dependent for life itself on blessed handouts. Look in mercy on their children, stung to see their parents ask strangers for help. Turn the strangers into friends, we pray, and the camps into havens of relief, all because your own people knew exile and because you are the one in whom our hearts find their true home. Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: Lord Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, come into our lives, we pray. Shine on us with everlasting light. Rain on us with unceasing bounty. Blow on us with life-giving love. Settle on us with refreshing dew. Shine on us, rain on us, blow on us, settle on us. O Lord Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, come into our lives today. We need you. Hosanna. Save us. **Amen.**

Offering *Create in Me a Clean Heart ELW #188*

Offering Prayer

Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places,
and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven.
Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life
with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Words of Institution & The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Jesus draws the whole world to himself. Come to this meal and be fed.

Prayer after Communion

God of steadfast love,
at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world.
Send us in the power of your Spirit,
that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

You are what God made you to be:
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor.
God bless you ✠ that you may be a blessing,
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity. **Amen.**

Music *See His Kingdom Come in Power* by Ken Bible (CCLI)

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.