

**COLUMBIA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
**PALM SUNDAY**  
**MARCH 28, 2021**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

**THE PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME**

**THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: From the mountainside, from the seaside, from the homes of the rich

**People: Jesus is coming!**

Leader: From the company of the poor, from the bedside of those who are sick,

**People: Jesus is coming!**

Leader: From along dusty roads, with a ragged band of travelers,

**People: Jesus comes to Jerusalem,**

**ALL: Jesus comes to worship. We welcome him with Hosannas!**

**HYMN OF PRAISE # 213 NCH "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"**

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang,  
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang:  
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

2. From Olivet they followed amid a cheering crowd,  
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.  
The one whom angels worship rode on the lowly state.  
and glad to see the children slowed down the donkey's gait.

3. "Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song is ours.  
We hail our great Redeemer and sing with all our powers:  
"Hosanna, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice.  
Hosanna! In your presence forever we'll re-joice!"

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER (sins)**

With great joy we welcome You, Jesus to come into our hearts and our lives. Humbly, patiently, encourage us to learn and grow, to embark on journeys of hope and healing. Open our hearts today to hear Your words, as we sing and pray to You. Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the Name of the Lord! United as a Body of Christ we offer the prayer of our Redeemer...

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. 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.

## **BLESSING OF THE PALMS**

## **MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

### **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**OLD TESTAMENT:** Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29 -Dixie Silvestri

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! <sup>2</sup> Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." <sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. <sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. <sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. <sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. <sup>23</sup> This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. <sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. <sup>25</sup> Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success! <sup>26</sup> Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD. <sup>27</sup> The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. <sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. <sup>29</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

**NEW TESTAMENT:** Philippians 2: 5-11 Dixie Silvestri

<sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father

**SERMON      Rev. MaryAnn Purtil**

**HYMN - # 304 NCH “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” vs 1,3,4**

1 All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels' prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Christ servant of all.  
Attend the Savior's sovereign claim, and crown Christ servant of all.

3 All heirs of Israel's chosen race, now ransomed from the fall,  
Proclaim the wonders of God's grace, and crown Christ healer of all.  
Proclaim the wonders of God's grace and crown Christ healer of all.

4 Before the cross, with heaven's throng, we on our knees shall fall;  
We'll join the ever-lasting song, and crown Christ savior of all.  
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## **WE RESPOND TO GOD**

**THE CHURCH AT PRAYER**

**PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER**

**SUFFICIENTLY BLESSED LET US BE A BLESSING IN  
RETURN**

**OFFERTORY**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**A SILENT PROMISE OF OFFERING**

## **DOXOLOGY**

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

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)**

Gracious God, we discovered, in this year of pandemic, that we have more than we ever imagined, and we discovered we have opportunities never before seen that allow us to be Your grace, Your hope, Your love to those around us. May our gifts make it so, Amen.

## **WE PREPARE TO GO TO THE WORLD**

### **HYMN# 216 NCH “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”**

1. All glory, laud, and honor to you, O Christ, we sing,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!  
The people of the Hebrews with palms adorned your way; our praise and prayer  
and anthems we offer you this day.

2. O Promised One of Israel, of David's royal line,  
the one called “God's beloved,” of flesh and yet divine,  
To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

3. As you received their praises, receive our prayers today,  
whose justice and whose mercy and sovereignty hold sway.  
All glory, laud and honor to you, O Christ, we sing,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

## **BENEDICTION**

## **WE CARRY THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD**

## **THE POSTLUDE**

**The end of worship is the beginning of our service to God.  
Go forth and serve God gladly.**