

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

April 14-Palm/Passion Sunday

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*In contradiction and paradox, you can find truth.*

~Denis Villeneuve

PRELUDE

*Open The Gates Of The Temple/Ellacombe*

Crosby

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

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INTROIT

*Antiphonal Hosanna*

G. Alan Smith  
Joyful Noise Choir

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

**People: Hosanna! Rejoice for the Lord is in our midst.**

Leader: He comes with joy and hope.

**People: He comes to set us free from fear.**

Leader: Hosanna!

**People: Hosanna! Glory to God in the Highest Heaven.**

\*HYMN

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Lord, we confess that when we started this journey, it seemed like a fun idea. Walk the road with Jesus, we thought. But the journey has had many difficult times when our spirits have been challenged and tried. We have come to the time of entrance into the Holy City, and suddenly we are afraid, we see that it will require more of us. We want everything to be wonderful and easy; for you to conquer all those things that threaten us and our peace. Forgive us, Lord, when we place our fears and personal comfort before your love. Help us to look again at the many ways in which we can be a blessing to others, through serving them and you. Release us from our panic and mistrust and help us to place our lives solely in your hands. For you have told us, when we let go, we gain real life.**

*(A time of silent confession)*

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Rejoice, the Lord has come! You are the beloved ones of God. Know that God walks with you always.

**People: We lift up our voices in joyful response to God's abundant goodness.**

\*RESPONSE

Live in Charity (*Ubi caritas*)  
Sing 2x in Latin, 1x in English

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**All: Ubi caritas et amor (Live in charity and steadfast love.)  
Ubi caritas Deus ibi est. (Live in charity; God will dwell with you.)**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: Hear the teaching of Christ: A new command I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you. The peace of Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another!

HEARING THE WORD

ANTHEM

*Hosanna To The King*

setting by Jack Schrader  
Joyful Noise and Adult Choir

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

\*HYMN

*Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Zechariah 9:9-10, pg. 884

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 21:1-17, pg. 23

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*Prelude in e minor*

J. S. Bach

\*All who are able please stand.

\*\*\*Latecomers seated

SERMON

“Out of the Mouths of Babes”

Rev. Abbie Huff

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Praise The One Who Breaks The Darkness*

Ananias Davisson’s supplement to the Kentucky Harmony 1820

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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All: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

All: **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.**

GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

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\*BENEDICTION