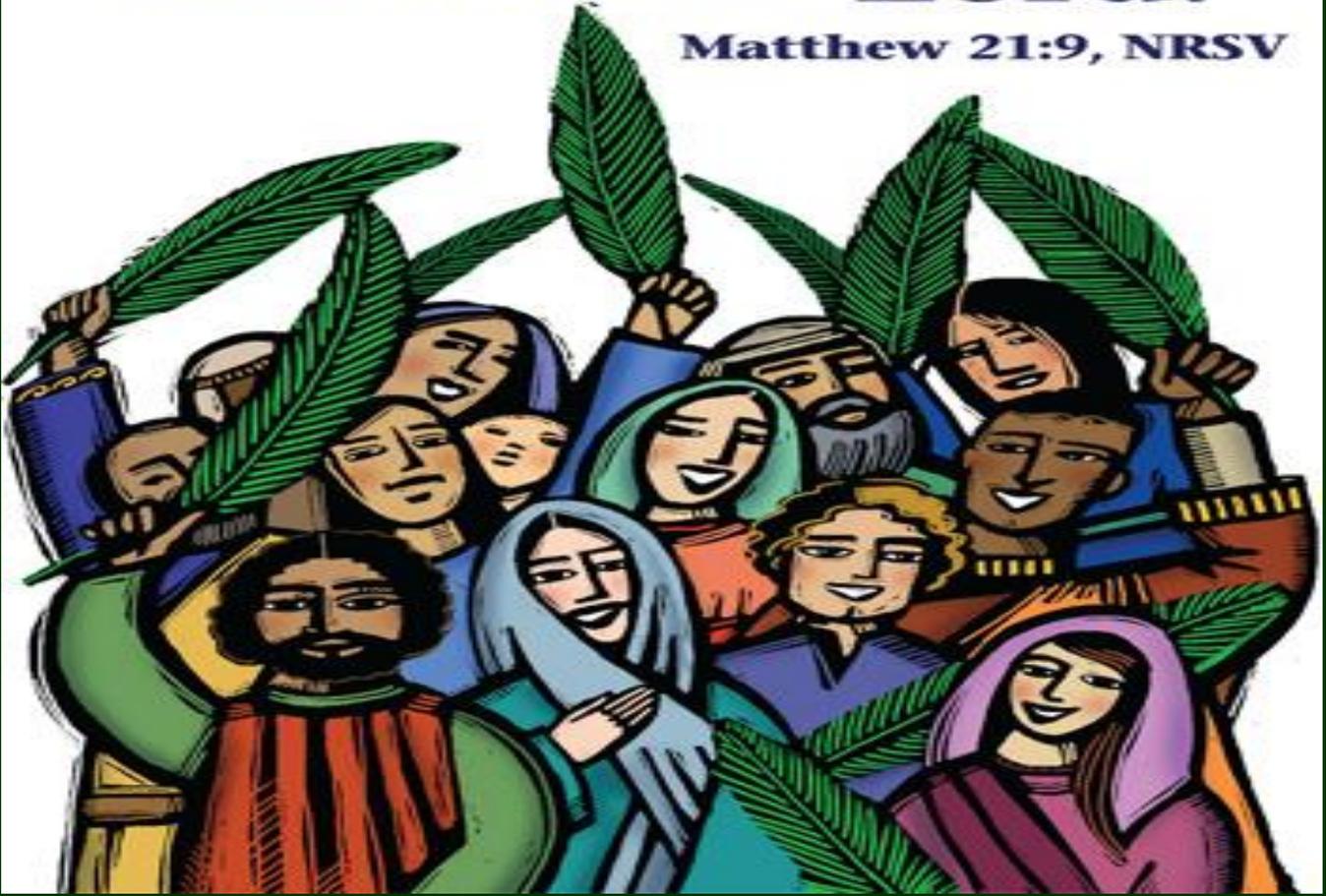


**Blessed is the one
who comes in the
name of the Lord!**

Matthew 21:9, NRSV



New Covenant Presbyterian Church

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10:00am Service



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The Worship of God

April 10, 2022 Palm Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Lay Leader:

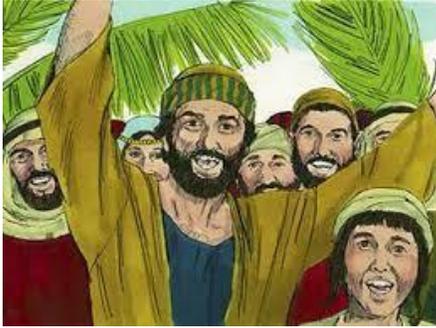
Sharing Our Vision

Introit

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

The Bell Choir

Preparing Ourselves for Worship During the Musical Prelude ...



The people who cheered for Jesus on Palm Sunday, like many people today, had little understanding of who he really was. Paul tells us that this Jesus was the eternal, living, only true God, echoing the message of Isaiah 45: 20-23, which contrasts the God of Israel with the gods of the nations. Those gods could neither hear nor save those who followed them, but the Lord was the only Savior, to whom all the ends of the earth should turn. In fact, every knee would one day bow to the Lord.

Jesus had been given that same name – the Lord – which is above every name. His humbling himself to death on the cross led to God’s exalting him to the very highest place. One day every knee in all of creation, whether of people of angels or principalities or powers, will bend in acknowledgement of who Jesus is.

Palm Sunday led to the cross, which led to the resurrection and exaltation of Jesus. Jesus is the only crucified, risen, exalted Savior. This Palm Sunday, may we all turn away from the false gods that are all around us, vying for our attention, and confess with all of creation “that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Preparing to Meet God

Call to Worship

Psalm 118: 19-29

Lay Leader:

The congregation and choir sings the refrain at (R)



All glo-ry, laud, and hon - or to Thee, Re-deem-er, King.

L: Let the doors of righteousness be opened.

P: I will go in and give thanks to the Lord. (R)

L: This is the gate of the Lord; it is opened for the righteous.

P: I will praise you, Lord, because you heard me, because you are my Savior. (R)

L: The stone which the builders rejected as worthless has become the cornerstone.

P: This is the work of the Lord; a marvel in our eyes. (R)

L: This day was made by the Lord; let us rejoice and be glad.

P: Send salvation, O Lord; Lord, grant us victory. Blessed be your name, O Lord. We bless you from your temple. (R)

L: Lord God, you have given us light; with waving branches, we march around the altar.

P: You are my God, I give you praise; I will proclaim your greatness. (R)

A: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God’s love endures forever.



Refrain: R
All glory, laud, and honor,
To thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children,
Made sweet hosannas ring.

1-Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and blessed One. **R**

3-To thee, before thy passion,
They sang their hymns of praise;
To thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise. **R**

2-The people of the Hebrews
With palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayers and anthems
Before thee we present. **R**

4-Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King! **R**

Prayer of Confession

God of grace and glory, we get so mired in the stuff of every day that we rarely grasp the vision of what you call us to be and do. We become so self-absorbed and preoccupied with our needs and wants that we are not thankful for all the ways you have already blessed us. Open our eyes and hearts that we might reorient our thinking and truly be your grateful people. And now, holy God, we turn to you in silent prayer to share our concerns and to seek your forgiveness.....Amen.

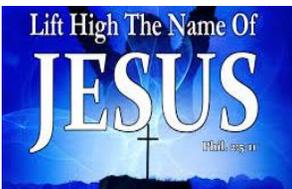
Assurance of Pardon

- L: Hear the Good News: As we have shown ourselves to be willing to come to Christ as his disciples,
- P: We will be forgiven and cleansed of all our sins, becoming new creations in Christ.**
- L: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel –
- P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

Meeting God in the Word

Children's Message/Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson *Philippians 2: 5-11 Exaltation of Christ by God* Lay Leader:



Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, 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.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father..

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

Majesty

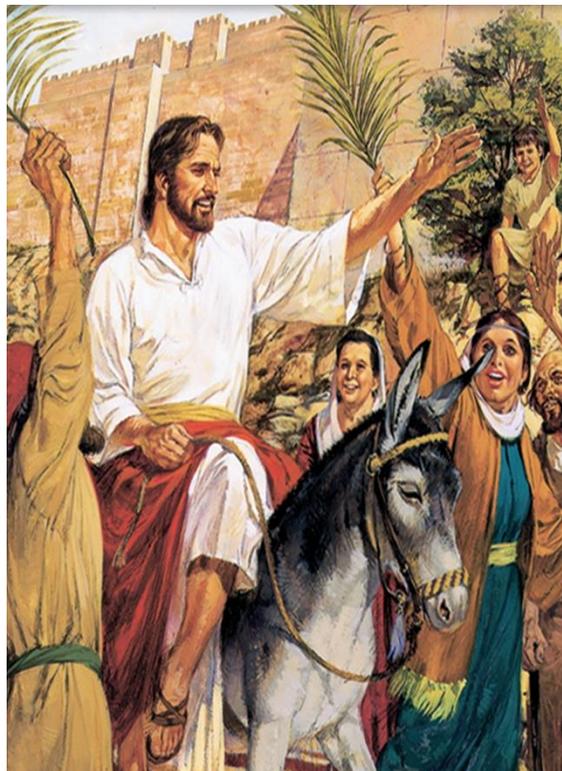
The Choir

Second Lesson

Luke 19: 28-40

Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

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After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it." So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!' Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

A New Kind of Victor

Responding to the Word

Hymn # 306

Fairest Lord Jesus

1-Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down,
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

2-Fair are the meadows,
Fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

3-Fair is the sunshine,
Fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

Litany of Faith

- L: He comes to you on a colt never ridden, and his face is set before you like flint.
- P: O God, you are our help! Tell us: Who is this carpenter-king whom we hail? What is this day that has swept us away?**
- L: Do you not recognize the Bethlehem baby, who arrived to the singing of anthems and slept in silence of awe?
- P: The baby who inspired the joy of the angels and kindled the hope of the peoples? Glory to you in the highest, and peace to all on earth!**
- L: Do you not recognize the temple youth, who questioned the answers of sages and answered the questions of teachers?
- P: The youth who amazed the minds of the elders and astonished the hearts of his parents? Glory to you in the highest, and peace to all on earth!**
- L: And do you not recognize the Nazareth prophet, who proclaimed release to the captives and demanded relief for the poor?
- P: The prophet who preached salvation for our foes and was thrown out of our city? Who is HE to be glorified? How can HE be the Chosen One?**
- L: And do you not recognize the Jewish messiah, who was anointed king by a woman's hand, who established the kingdom for servants and sinners?
- P: The Messiah who sleeps in the house of outcasts and feasts at the table of fools? Who is HE to be glorified? How can HE be the Chosen One? O God, tell us: How can we hail this carpenter-king or honor this day that has swept us away?**
- L: He comes to you on a colt that none has ever ridden. Tell me: How soon will you take him to the tomb where none has ever lain?

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Cares Chorus: *I cast all my cares upon you. I lay all of my burdens down at your feet. And anytime, I don't know what to do, I cast all my cares upon you.*

The Call to Celebrate Our Gifts

+Prayer of Dedication: *Loving and holy God, there is no way that we can repay you for your kindness and mercy in Jesus Christ. For this selfless gift, we give you thanks. Receive our offerings as a token of gratitude and enable us to use them to share the Good News with others in our community that more might come to know you. Through Christ we pray. Amen.*

Going Out to Serve

Hymn # 89

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1-Hosanna, loud hosanna,
The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple
The joyful 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
'Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving,
And chanting clear and loud,
The Lord of earth and heaven
Rode on in lowly state,
Nor scorned that little children
Should on his bidding wait.

3-*"Hosanna in the highest!"*
That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer,
The Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise him
With heart and life and voice,
And in his blissful presence
Eternally rejoice.

Blessing

L: Go forth from this place in joy,

P: *Praising God for his gift of enduring love.*

L: Lift high the palm branches of your faith,

P: *Waving them in thanksgiving for the steadfastness of a loving God,*

A: *Who is with us always, even as we travel our own roads to Jerusalem.*

L: And now may the blessings of God Almighty...

Response

He is Lord – He is Lord,. He has risen from the dead, and he is Lord.
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord.

