

## **Welcome and Announcements:**

Maundy Thursday Worship – 7 p.m. on Zoom, be prepared with elements for communion at home. What you have on hand will be fine. (If you are joining by computer, you will need to download the free version of Zoom as an app. If you are joining by phone – you will get a phone number and password – and you will hear people/but not see them. Smart phones have an option to do both using your camera. No need to download Zoom to call in. This will be sent out by email/text.) Pastor Kerra plans to post the recording to our facebook page after the service.

Easter Sunday – same as Palm Sunday – Austin and Kerra on Zoom, Live to Facebook at 9 a.m., recording can be watched any time after.

After Easter – what would you like most for times of prayer and worship? Stick with Facebook? If you like Zoom, would you like a Zoom class or time of fellowship?

My priorities right now (Kerra) – are continuing to have weekly online worship (hearing the Word and offering prayer), to find ways to share music with the congregation (Austin), to connect with person to person phone calls (me and Session members), and to keep up regular communication through email and One Call Now. What else are do you need from your church? What else should we be doing AS a church? (Right now, maintaining is OK – there will be much work to do when we are back together as well.)

## **Prelude:** Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

*\*Into the city I'd follow the children's band,*

*Waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;*

*One of His heralds, yes, I would sing*

*Loudest hosannas, "Jesus is King!"*

## **Prayer:**

Gracious and glorious God, blessed is the one who comes in your name. Lead us now on the road to the cross. May we follow with faithfulness and joy, shouting hosanna in the highest heaven; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **Opening Hymn: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor***

### *Refrain*

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 is the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One. (Refrain)
2. The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went;  
Our praise and prayers and anthems before Thee we present. (Refrain)
3. To Thee before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. (Refrain)
4. Thou didst accept their praises; accept the praise we bring,  
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King! (Refrain)

## **Scripture Readings:**

Psalm 118: 1-4; 21-29

<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>3</sup> Let the house of Aaron say,

“His steadfast love endures forever.”

<sup>4</sup> Let those who fear the LORD say,

“His steadfast love endures forever.”

<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>[c]</sup>

<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.<sup>[d]</sup>

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>[e]</sup>

<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.

Matthew 21:1-11

**21** When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.<sup>[a]</sup>” <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup> “Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup> they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd<sup>[b]</sup> spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>10</sup> When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup> The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

## **Sermon: Blessed is the One Who Comes in the Name of the Lord**

Will be posted at [www.ashlandpresbyterian.org](http://www.ashlandpresbyterian.org) – and sent out via email.

### **Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer:**

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.

### **Closing Hymn: *Ride on! Ride on in Majesty!***

1. Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
Hark all the tribes Hosanna cry;  
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road  
With palms and scattered garments strowed.

2. Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
The wing-ed squadrons of the sky  
Look down with sad and wondering eyes  
To see the approaching sacrifice.

### **Sending Us out to be God's Word in the World:**

Every hand that we don't shake must become a phone call that we place. Every embrace that we avoid must become a verbal expression of warmth and concern. Every inch and every foot that we physically place between ourselves and another, must become a thought as to how we might be of help to that other, should that need arise. –*Rabbi Yosef Kanevsky of Los Angeles*

### **Benediction Response: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna***

*"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 soul and voice,  
And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice.*

### **Blessing:**

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord be kind and gracious to you. May the Lord look on you with favor and bring you peace. May you walk humbly in the name of the Lord. Amen.

**Postlude:** Behold, the King of Zion Rides

*Behold, the King of Zion rides,  
But not in vain array;  
The people wave their goodly palms,  
With garments strew the way;  
And loud hosannas fill the air  
From crowds that, surging, throng;  
'Tis meet to honour Him who rides  
With cheer, and shout, and song.*

*O Zion, hail your mighty King,  
Your palms around Him wave,  
And strew your garments in the way  
Of Him who rides to save;  
And when He mounts His regal throne,  
By bloody conflict won,  
Give homage to the King of Heaven,  
God's One Eternal Son.*

God Most High, gracious and glorious, blessed is the one who comes in your name. Lead us now on the road to the cross. May we follow with faithfulness and joy, shouting hosanna in the highest heaven; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord