

OFFERTORY "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!"

C. S. Lang

*DOXOLOGY

Old 100th

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

PRAYERS FOR 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.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF SENDING #270 "O How He Loves You and Me"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #176 "Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates" (verse 3)

**Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to you: here, Lord, abide!
Let me your inner presence feel: your grace and love in me reveal.**

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "March Triumphant Into Jerusalem"

Robert W. Thygerson

HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA

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.

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.

"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!

Rev. Susan Bennett, Pastor
Dorothy Clark, Organist
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Linda Hodges, Office Manager
Nursery: Suzie Wharton and Allie Dunn

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

PALM SUNDAY

March 25, 2018

11:00 a.m.



PROCESSION OF THE PALMS

"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Mark 11:9b-10

PALM SUNDAY

March 25, 2018

(Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices during worship.)

* Those who are able, please stand.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

OPENING VOLUNTARY "Palm Sunday Glory" Sharon Elery Rogers

Handbell Choir

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Greg Lathrop

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Those who are able, please stand.

*CONGREGATION INTROIT #176 "Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates" (verse 1)

Lift up your heads, O mighty gates: behold, the King of glory waits!

The King of kings is drawing near, the Savior of the world is here.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 118)

Liturgist: Janna Szeto

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.

All: The Lord is God, and he has given us light.

Leader: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

All: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

PROCESSION OF THE PALMS

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #267 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" arr. John Carter
(verses 1 & 3 only, lyrics on back page)

Choirs & Congregation

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we doubt you, when our faith is shallow and we're too easily swayed. Forgive us when, for any reason, we turn our backs on you and allow the world to swallow us up. Help us to keep our hearts and minds focused on you, filled with your Spirit, so that we can hear your voice above all others. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Colossians 1:13-14)

Leader: God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Friends, rejoice again in the great good news of the kingdom of God:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

PROCLAIMING AND ENACTING THE WORD

*HYMN OF CONSECRATION #265 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Tami Pass

ANTHEM "Passion of the Palms" Emmans

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Page 534, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Mark 11:1-11

Page 45, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "A Moment of Clarity"

Rev. Susan Bennett

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

MINISTRY OF GIVING