

March 28, 2021
Palm Sunday/ Passion Sunday
Grace Presbyterian Church,
Midland, Texas
Cheryl Homsher, Pastor
Laura Holleman, Director of Music
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GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION: REFLECTION MINISTRIES

CALL TO WORSHIP "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (Glory to God #197) *(mute and sing)*

"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!

THE STORY OF JESUS' ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM (Mark 11:1-10)

Reader: ... When Jesus and his disciples were approaching Jerusalem...

Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting:

Congregation: 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!"

HYMN: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (Glory to God #196) *(mute and sing)*

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

Thou art are the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One. *Refrain*

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present. *Refrain*

Thou didst accept their praises, Accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King! *Refrain*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sins to God, whose steadfast love endures forever. Let us pray:

Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you entered Jerusalem to die for our sins. We confess we have not hailed you as king or gone before you in the world with praise. For brief faith that fades in trouble, for enthusiasms that fizzle out, for hopes we parade but do not pursue, have mercy on us. Forgive us, God of steadfast love, and teach us how to be steadfast. Give us such trust in your power that in every place, we may live for justice and tell your loving kindness; for the sake of our savior, the Lord, Jesus Christ.

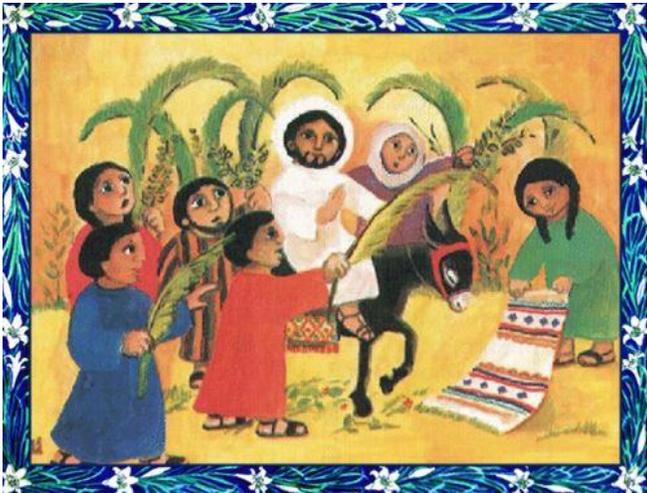
Silent Prayer

Laying aside judgment, God offers us redemption; setting aside anger, God embraces us with love;

letting go of grief, God pours living water upon us.

This is the good news, my friends: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God! Amen.



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Mark 14:53-64

SERMON

"Were you There: Caiaphas Speaks"*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(from Philippians 2:5-11)*

Christ Jesus, 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 to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

ANTHEM

"Lamb of God" (Twila Paris)

Avery Scott, vocalist

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

(you may use the Zoom "chat" feature, or wave to be called on to share your prayers.)

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.

HYMN: "Ride on! Ride on in Majesty! (Glory to God #198) *(mute and sing)*

Ride on! ride on in majesty! Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;
thy humble beast pursues its road with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on! ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on! ride on in majesty! The hosts of angels in the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain, then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

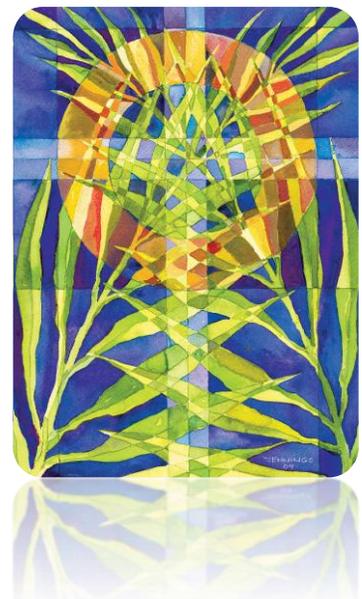
CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Oh How He Loves You and Me - arr. Mark Hayes

Our Lenten cross will be in the parking lot by the labyrinth today. You are invited to come by the church anytime today to place a palm on the cross, as a way of showing love and honor to Jesus.

**written by David Steele (Presbyterian pastor); edited*



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The people of Grace Presbyterian Church gather to seek and to worship God, and disperse, sharing and celebrating through love and service, the grace of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>NO Sunday School</u>	<u>3/28</u>	
<u>Worship</u>	<u>3/28</u>	<u>11:00 am ZOOM</u>
<u>Celebration! Handbell Choir Rehearsal</u>	<u>3/30</u>	<u>7:00 pm Sanctuary</u>
<u>Bulletin Information Due</u>	<u>3/31</u>	
<u>Soul Sisters</u>	<u>3/31</u>	<u>2:00 pm</u>
<u>Youth Fellowship</u>	<u>3/31</u>	<u>6:00 pm Fellowship Hall</u>
<u>Maundy Thursday</u>	<u>4/1</u>	<u>6:30 meal / 7:00 pm Worship & the Lord's Supper ZOOM</u>
<u>Good Friday Tenebrae Service</u>	<u>4/2</u>	<u>7:00 pm ZOOM</u>
<u>NO Sunday School</u>	<u>4/4</u>	
<u>Easter Sunrise Service (with Holy Communion)</u>	<u>4/4</u>	<u>7:30am Parking Lot</u>

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to you as you worship with us today! You honor us by your presence and we give thanks for you. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to make your church home with us. For more information about uniting with this church, please contact Pastor Cheryl Homsher through the church office (684-6542) or Assisting Elder, Ralph Truskowski.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

One Great Hour of Sharing is one of the few special collections we offer every year. The money raised through this special collection goes to three endeavors in approximately equal proportions—Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP) and Self-Development of People (SDOP). During the month of March, we will be focusing on several areas where Grace is involved in the Self Development of People. All of this will lead up to our contribution Sunday on or around Easter Sunday. Please be in prayer as you contemplate how much you wish to donate to this ministry.

BLESSING BOX

Our parking lot Blessing Box is being well-used by neighbors in need of food. Please bring donations of non-perishable food items to the church - or put them directly in the blessing box: canned meat, canned vegetables/fruit, juices, crackers, peanut butter, dried fruits, ramen noodles, granola bars, instant oatmeal, cereal, canned pasta sauce, canned pasta, toiletries...

LOOKING AHEAD: HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

March 28 – Palm Sunday. Worship at 11:00 am by Zoom.

Come by the church anytime and put palms on the outdoor cross.

April 1 – Maundy Thursday. By Zoom. 6:30 – bring your meal and we will eat and fellowship over Zoom. 7:00 Worship with the Lord's Supper

April 2 – Good Friday. By Zoom. 7:00 Worship

April 4 – Easter. 7:30 am Parking Lot Easter Sunrise Service with The Lord's Supper.