

CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP – IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021

To those joining in person: thank you for remaining masked, and keeping distance.

If you choose to sing, do so softly, and masked. Thank you.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

INVITATION TO WORSHIP AND HOPE

CALL TO WORSHIP

inspired by Isaiah 50:4-9a

Come. Come seeking words. **Come to let your tongue give praise.**

Come. Come to find your voice. **Come to hear the response.**

Come. Come to open your ears. **Come to listen.**

Come. Come to be healed by the silence. **Come to be together, even as we are apart.**

Come. Come to approach what words cannot describe. **Come to find God.**

OPENING HYMN

What Wondrous Love is This, vs 1

#292

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

inspired by Psalm 31:9-16

O Holy One, we are too distressed to notice that you join us in the parade. We are too deeply grieved to be aware that you sit beside us as we gather. We are too busy sighing. We are too busy talking. We have insisted upon our own answers. We proclaimed our own knowledge about why bad things happen, about why the rich get richer, about why the world feels so broken. We have assured ourselves that this is the way that things must be, but this life is in your hands. Our lives are in your hands.

O Holy One, speak to us. Fill our silences. Comfort us with your love so that we may find your understanding. Trust us to find your answers when we finally tire from our own. Save us, O Holy One, with your steadfast love. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God opens your ears. God speaks when you are silent. God approaches you in the parade, in your chairs, at your table, in your denial and your praise to be your help. Now and always. Amen.

THE PALM PARADE

Mark 11:1-11

HYMN *Filled With Excitement Mantos y Ramos* #279

Filled with excitement, all the happy throng
spread cloaks and branches on the city streets.
There in the distance they began to see,
riding on a donkey comes the Son of God.

Refrain:

From every corner a thousand voices sing
praises to him who comes in the name of God.
With one great shout of acclamation loud
triumphant song breaks forth:
“Hosanna to the King!”*

2. As in that entrance to Jerusalem
We sing hosannas to the Christ, our King.
to the living Savior who still calls today,
Asking us to follow him with love and faith

Refrain:

REFLECTION We come... and we are reminded of all that is this Holy Week story.

THE ANOINTING Mark 14:1-9

Come. In your mind, kneel beside her. Do not speak but remember what your hands have done to
proclaim the good news. *Silence*

THE LAST SUPPER Mark 14:10-25

Come, you who need answers, you who came looking for peace. *Silence*

THE GARDEN Mark 14:32-40

Come. Rest in the garden, you who are weary, you who don't have any answers. *Silence*

HYMN *Go to Dark Gethsemane, vs 1* #290

Go to dark Gethsemane, you that feel the tempter's power;
your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with him one bitter hour.
Turn not from his griefs away; learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

BETRAYAL Mark 14:43-50

Come. Run into your fears, you who need answers, you who came looking for peace. *Silence*

THE ARREST Mark 14:53-65

Come. Listen to what God might be saying. Listen to what God might be doing that doesn't fit with
everything that you have been taught about this world. Listen for God to speak. *Silence*

THE DENIAL Mark 14:66-72

Come. Join those who wander through courtyards, court rooms, streets and gardens. Join the crowds
who have come looking for answers, looking for peace.

1. I want Jesus to walk with me.
I want Jesus to walk with me.
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

2. In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
When my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

3. When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me.
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me.
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

BLESSING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS.

BENEDICTION

Go into the world to find your voice
Listening to what God will do.
Go into the world to find each other
Reaching out when we need support.
Go into the world be amazed
Knowing that God is always with us.

POSTLUDE AND CARRYING OUT THE LIGHT

Services coming up:

Maundy Thursday, 6pm on Facebook

Good Friday, 6pm on Facebook

Easter Sunrise service, 6:45 am on Facebook

Easter Worship, 10am, in person and Facebook

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Thanks to Elsa Anders Cook for the original liturgy this service was adapted from. Her blog, *Cooking with Elsa*, provides inspiration and "recipes" for worship. Her focus of this Lenten season has been *hope* as we live in this pandemic time.