

*The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent,
personal preparation for the worship of God.*

✱ *Liturgy of the Palms* ✱

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

- Hosanna Hector Berlioz; arr. Craig Garner
A Stately Processional Eric DeLamarter
If with All Your Hearts from *Elijah* Felix Mendelssohn
arr. Richard Nagel
Fanfare Antonio Soler; arr. E. Power Biggs
Canzona per sonare No. 18. Floriano Canali; arr. Robert King

Introit

“Hosanna to the Son of David” Jody W. Lindh

*Doxology (*sung*) The Hymnal, 606

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

*Call to Worship

Leader: *Humble and riding on a colt,*

People: **we greet you.**

Leader: *Acclaimed by crowds and caroled by children,*

People: **we cheer you.**

Leader: *Moving from the peace of the countryside to the corridors of power,*

People: **we salute you, Christ our Lord.**

Leader: *You are giving the beasts of burden a new dignity;*

you are giving majesty a new face;

you are giving those who long for redemption a new song to sing.

People: **With them, with heart and voice, we shout “Hosanna!”**

*Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem

Mark 11:1-11 New Testament, page 44

**Stand as you are able.*

*Hymn 196 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Palm Sunday Children’s Message

Prayer of Lenten Confession (*unison*)

Loving God, just when we think we know you,
just when we’re sure where it is you’re sending us,
just when we are comfortable in the pew,
just then is when you do something new and entirely unexpected.
O, Expected One, you are never the one we expect.
Have mercy on us, for we confess
we have been afraid of where you might lead us.
We confess we make excuses for not following you
into broken hearts, broken lives, broken bonds,
broken homes, broken communities, broken nations, this broken world.
O God, we confess the brokenness of your church.
Give us life once more in the light of your Word!
And hear us now in the silence as we speak the burdens of our hearts.
(Please hold silence.)

Extinguishing the Sixth Lenten Candle

Kyrie Franz Schubert
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Hosanna to the Son of David” Thomas Weelkes
*Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed be the King that cometh in the name
of the Lord. Thou that sittest in the highest heavens. Hosanna in excelsis Deo.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29 Old Testament, page 534

*Gloria Patri (*sung*) The Hymnal, 581
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.

Scripture Lesson

Mark 14:3–9 New Testament, page 48
Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*
People: Thanks be to God.

Lenten Sermon Series: Following Jesus in the Gospel of Mark
“Final Things” Shannon J. Kershner

✻ *Liturgy of the Passion* ✻

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 209 “My Song Is Love Unknown”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) from A Brief Statement of Faith

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain,
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

Responsive Prayer on Christ’s Passion

Leader: *Our Redeemer suffered death, was buried, and rose again for our sake.
With love let us adore him, aware of our needs. Let us pray.
Christ our teacher, for us you were obedient, even to death.*

People: Teach us to obey God’s will in all things.

Leader: *Christ our life, by dying on the cross
you destroyed the power of evil and death.*

People: Enable us to die with you and to rise with you in glory.

Leader: *Christ our strength, you were despised
and humiliated as a condemned criminal.*

People: Teach us the humility by which you saved the world.

Leader: *Christ our salvation, you gave your life out of love for us.*

People: **Help us to love one another.**

Leader: *Christ our Savior, on the cross you embraced all time
with your outstretched arms.*

People: **Gather all the scattered children of God into your realm.**

Leader: *Jesus, Lamb of God,*

People: **have mercy on us.**

Leader: *Jesus, bearer of our sins,*

People: **have mercy on us.**

Leader: *Jesus, redeemer of the world,*

People: **grant us peace.**

Leader: *Indeed, O God, grant us peace . . .*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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.

Prayer Response

“Amen” Johann Sebastian Bach

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Song of the Passion” George Oldroyd

When I think on Jesu's blood that he shed upon the rood, I let tears smart.

Who of us can be unkind if Christ's blood we have in mind, entirely in our hearts?

Sweet Jesu Christ, what is thy guilt, that thou for me art split, flower of unlothfulness?

I a thief am, but thou diest; I am guilty, but thou abuyest all my wickedness.

Why gavest thou so much for thine? What winnest thou for thy hard pine rich

in bliss above? Love thy heart so deep has sought, that pain of death doth let

thee nought of man to win the love. Sweet Jesu Christ.

*Offering Response

For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in Christ made known,
 with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your own:
 here we of - fer, Lord, our prai - ses; heart and mind and strength we bring.
 Give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

God of all good gifts,
 we thank you for the gift of generosity and life.
 May these gifts lead to good meals around our church tables
 for any who are hungry.
 May these gifts help to find shelter and relief
 for those who have no place to rest.
 May these gifts keep the lights on,
 so that music students and tutoring students
 have the chance to learn and grow.
 May these gifts be used to proclaim your gospel
 of welcome, justice, and peace.
 Give us grateful hearts, O God,
 and teach us to respond. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 224 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Toccata Aurelio Bonelli
 arr. R. King

Worship Leaders

9:30 Matt Helms, Janet Love, Lucy Forster-Smith, Shannon J. Kershner

11:30 Matt Helms, Lisa Stracks, Lucy Forster-Smith, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

Morning Choir; Tower Brass

Cherub Choir; Children's Choir; Youth Choir

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Matthew Comerford, Artistic Director of Tower Brass

Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth

Hsing-Huei Huang, Pianist

Worship Notes

EACH SUNDAY DURING LENT we are extinguishing a candle at the front of the Sanctuary. Just as we lit candles on the Advent wreath to symbolize the light coming into the world through the birth of Christ, so now our extinguishing of candles points to the Lenten progression from light to the shadows of Good Friday and the crucifixion.

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