

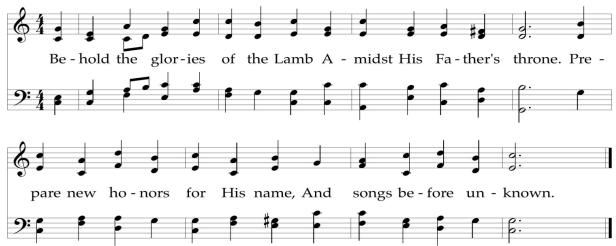
CORNERSTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sixth Sunday of Lent—Palm Sunday 05 April 2020

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE AND REVEALS HIMSELF

God calls His people to worship and come before Him. The Creator of all things reveals Himself through His Word and calls us into His presence.

Introit—Behold the Glories of the Lamb, Vs I



Text: Isaac Watts, 1688; Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678-1727

Call to Worship—John 12:13, Zechariah 9:9-12

Pastor: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

All: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD, the King of Israel!

Pastor: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

All: Behold, your king is coming to you. Pastor: He is righteous and bears salvation;

He is humble and mounted on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

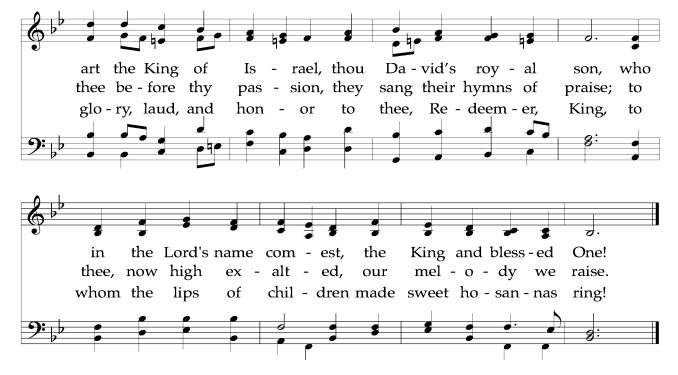
All: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Pastor: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD.

All: The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

Hymn of Praise—All Glory, Laud, and Honor





Text: Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 820, Tr. John Mason Neale, 1854; Music: ST. THEODULPH, Melchoir Teschner, ca. 1615.

New Testament Reading—Matthew 21:1-9

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

5 "Say to the daughter of Zion,
'Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE & RECONCILIATION

The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Sung Preparation—Come, O Redeemer, Come



Fa - ther en-throned on high, Ho - ly, Ho - ly: An - cient e - ter - nal light, hear our prayer. Look now up - on our need, Lord be, with us; heal us and make us free, from our sin.



Come, O Re-deem-er, come, grant us mer-cy. Come, O Re-deem-er, come, grant us peace.

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Corporate Confession of Sin—based on Psalm 37:3-5, 7-8, 39-40

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. You call us to trust in You and do good,

All: We have not delighted ourselves in You, Lord, and our hearts have not desired You.

Pastor: We have failed to commit our ways to You, nor have we trusted in You.

All: We are not still before You. We have not waited patiently for You, O Lord.

Pastor: Lord, teach us to refrain from anger and forsake wrath.

All: Turn our hearts from that which tends to evil.

Pastor: For the salvation of the righteous is from You, Lord,

You are our stronghold in times of trouble.

All: Deliver us, O Lord. May we always take refuge in You.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—from Psalm 13:1, 5-6

How long, O Lord? Will you forget us forever? How long will you hide your face from us? But we have trusted in your steadfast love; our hearts shall rejoice in your salvation. We will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with us.

Hymn of Praise—Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul



GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

The Reading of the Word—Philippians 2:14-30

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁵ that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶ holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷ Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸ Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

¹⁹ I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. ²⁰ For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. ²¹ For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. ²² But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel. ²³ I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me, ²⁴ and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also.

²⁵ I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need, ²⁶ for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. ²⁷ Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. ²⁸ I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious. ²⁹ So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men, ³⁰ for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

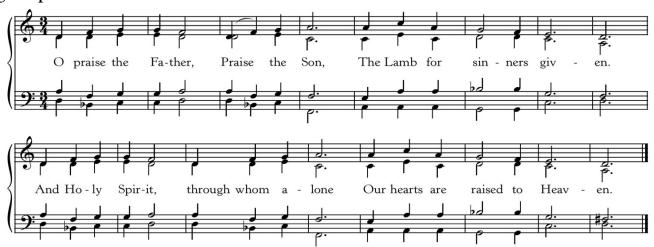
All: But the Word of our God will stand forever.

Sermon—Press on Toward the Goal: A Study of Philippians, Part 9

Holding Fast to the Word of Life

-Nate Shurden, Pastor

Sung Response—O Praise the Father



Text: John Mason, 1683; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2011.

Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into Heaven

and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church,

The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

^{* &}quot;Catholic" refers to the universal church of God's people throughout all time and from all places

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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 of Praise—Lift Up Your Heads



Text: Psalm 24, Georg Weissel, 1642, Tr by Catherine Winkworth, 1855; Music: TRURO, Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789.

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

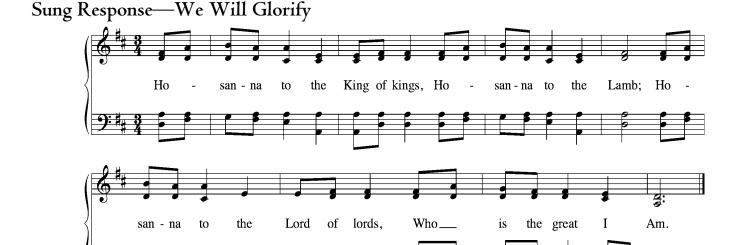
Benediction—Revelation 7:9-12

Pastor: "I looked, and behold, there was a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages. They were standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes. And they all had palm branches in their hands."

All: They cried out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

Pastor: And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God.

All: They said, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."



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