

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A SERVICE FOR IN-HOME WORSHIP

April 5, 2020

The Sunday of the Passion

Palm Sunday

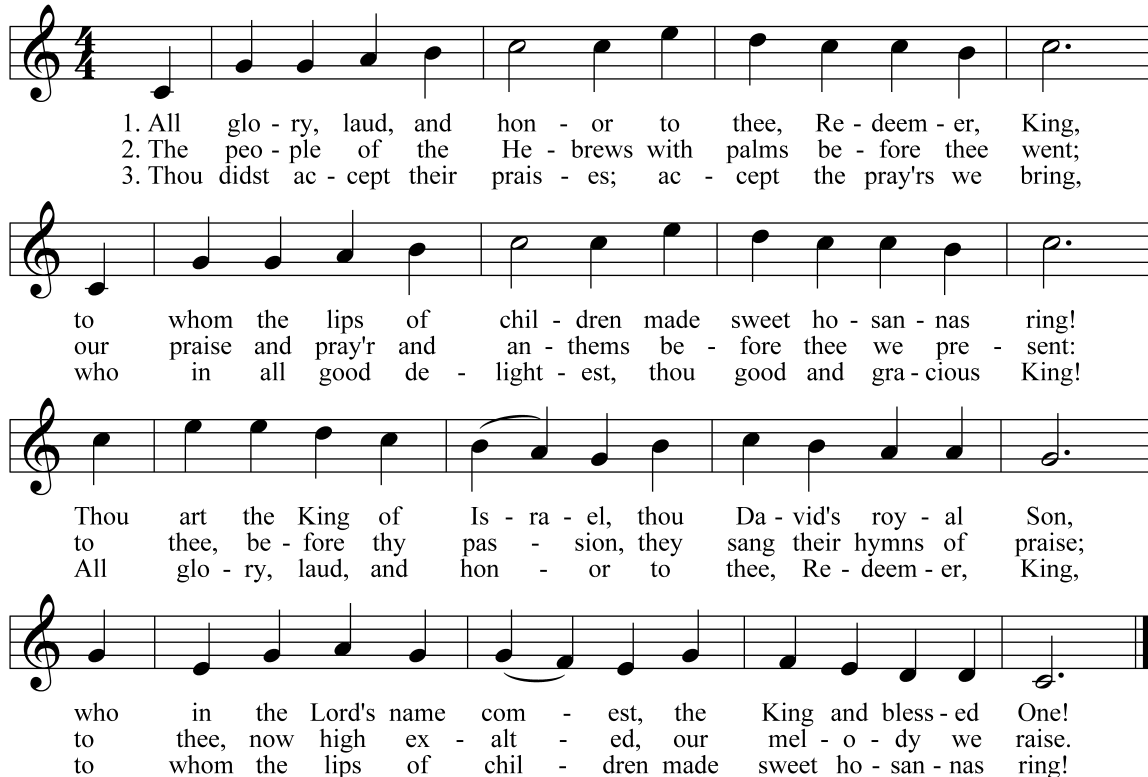
The Service of Entrance

THE HYMN OF INVOCATION

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Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820

Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635



1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,
2. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the pray'rs we bring,
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
our praise and pray'r and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent:
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!
Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
to thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,
who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One!
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

Leader: Lift up your heads, O ye gates;

People: **Be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.**

Leader: Who is this King of glory?

People: **The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.**

Leader: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of his great humility and patience and be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Let us then confess our sins to God our Father, saying: Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. Whoever believes in him is not condemned. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Amen.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

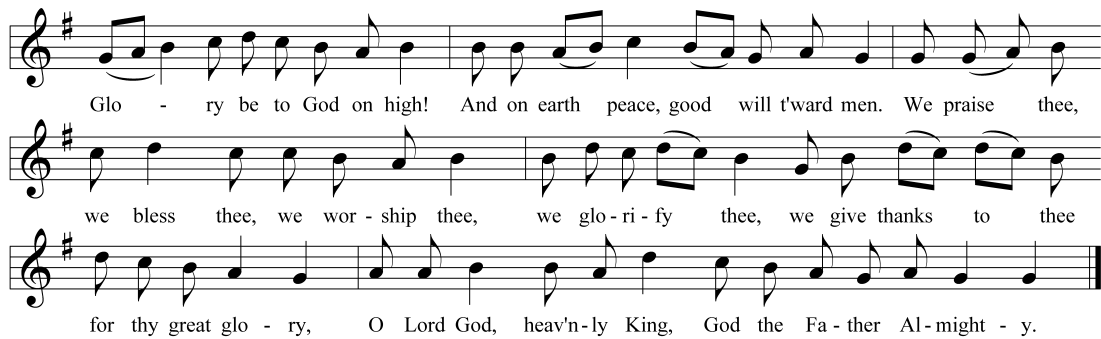
People: the Maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

People: and our mouth will declare your praise.

GLORIA AND HYMN OF GRATITUDE

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Glo - ry be to God on high! And on earth peace, good will t'ward men. We praise thee,
we bless thee, we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give thanks to thee
for thy great glo - ry, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - might - y.

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1. Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and pow'r,
2. Sound - eth the heav'n of the heav'ns with his name;
3. Ev - er as - cend - eth the song and the joy;
4. Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb;
wis - dom and rich - es and strength ev - er - more
ring - eth the earth with his glo - ry and fame;
ev - er de - scend - eth the love from on high;
take we the robe and the harp and the palm;
give ye to him who our bat - tle hath won,
o - cean and moun - tain, stream, for - est, and flow'r
bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and praise -
sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,
whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne.
ech - o his prais - es and tell of his pow'r.
this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.
dy - ing in weak - ness, but ris - ing to reign.

The Service of the Word

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALTER LESSON

from Psalm 118

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The Book of Psalms for Singing, 1973

Leonard R. Payton, 1998



1. That stone is made head cor - ner - stone which the build - ers did de - spise.
2. O bless - ed be the one who comes, comes in Je - ho - vah's name;
3. Thou art my God; I'll give thee thanks. My God, I'll wor - ship thee.



This is the do - ing of the Lord, and
the bless - ing from Je - ho - vah's house up -
O thank the Lord, for he is good; his



won - drous in our eyes, and won - drous in our eyes.
on you we pro - claim, up - on you we pro - claim.
grace will end - less be, his grace will end - less be.



This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and sing.
The Lord is God, and he to us has made the light a - rise;



Ho - san - na, Lord, O give suc - cess! O Lord, sal - va - tion bring!
O bind ye to the al - tar's horns with cords the sac - ri - fice.

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

OUR RESPONSE

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Caroline M. Noel, 1870

Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925



1. At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow,
 2. *At his voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight,*
 3. Hum - bled for a sea - son to re - ceive a name
 4. *Bore it up tri - um - phant with its hu - man light,*
 5. Name him, broth - ers, name him, Love as strong as death,



ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now.
all the an - gel fac - es, all the hosts of light,
 from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,
through all ranks of crea - tures to the cen - tral height,
 but with awe and won - der, and with bat - ed breath;



'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,
thrones and dom - i - na - tions, stars up - on their way,
 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast,
 he is God the Sav - ior, he is Christ the Lord,



who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
all the heav'n - ly or - ders in their great ar - ray.
 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed.
filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
 ev - er to be wor - shipped, trust - ed, and a - dored.

6. In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
 All that is not holy, all that is not true:
 Crown him as your captain in temptation's hour;
 Let his will enfold you in its light and power.

7. Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
 With his Father's glory, with his angel train;
 For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
 And our hearts confess him King of glory now.

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CORPORATE PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

After each petition, there is an ellipsis. Use this to pause for silent prayer or to invite others in your group to add their own petitions.

Leader: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying,

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord...

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God around the world, and for our missionaries, let us pray to the Lord...

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For our pastors, elders, deacons, and people, let us pray to the Lord...

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord...

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For Greater Austin, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord...

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord...

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the poor and oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord...

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord...

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

All: To thee, O Lord our God. 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.

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GOSPEL LESSON

John 12:12-19

¹² The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵ "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷ The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost, of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

DEPARTING HYMN

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Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838-1898

Edinburgh Psalter, 1635



1. O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you prayed and kept the fast;
2. You strove with Sa - tan and you won; your faith - ful - ness en - dured;
3. Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and fixed your mind a - bove;
4. Be with us through this sea-son, Lord, and all our earth - ly days,



in - spire re - pen - tance for our sin, and free us from our past.
lend us your nerve, your skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal Word.
so teach us to de - ny our - selves since we have known God's love.
that when the fin - al Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

This worship guide does not include a section for Communion. That is intentional because we believe that Communion can only be administered during the gathered worship of God's people. While we miss the regular partaking of the Lord's Supper, we do not miss the grace conveyed to the church (the "benefits of his mediation," as the Westminster Larger Catechism Q/A154 puts it) as long as we are also diligently attending to the Word and prayer. As you worship—either as an individual, family, or with other friends—in the coming weeks, you can be confident that Christ is in your midst and that you are being spiritually strengthened.

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