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PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021
9:30 AM AND 5:30 PM

#Prelude: *“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”*

Haley Reasoner, violin; Maria Currey, piano

arr. Jeremy L. Strong

#Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Desch

CALL TO WORSHIP

“The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. 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!’ ” John 12:12–13 (ESV)

ADORATION

#*Opening Hymn: *“All Glory Laud and Honor”*

Hymn 173

All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring:
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David’s royal Son,
Who in the Lord’s name comest, the King and blessed One!

The company of angels are praising Thee on high,
And mortal men and all things created make reply:
The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present.

To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise:
Thou didst accept their praises—accept the praise we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!

TEXT: Theodulph of Orleans, MUSIC: Melchior Teschner
Taken from *The Hymnal for Worship and Celebration*. CCLI #541575.

Ushers will seat you at these times.

* As the congregation stands, please feel free to remain seated as needed.

*Apostles' Creed

Pastor Desch

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost (Spirit), born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick (living) and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church*; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

*holy catholic church: "The worldwide fellowship of believing people whose Head is Christ.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Pastor Desch

RESPONSE

*Hymn: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Joachim Neander / arr. Cottrell

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,

Shelters thee under His wings, yes, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;

Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with his love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.

Let the Amen sound from His people again: gladly for aye we adore Him.

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OFFERTORY

*Doxology

Hymn 625

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Desch

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

CANTATA

Behold the Lamb of God

Part 2: The Word Exalted

Presented by NEPC Music

Behold, the Lamb of God

Fanny Crosby

arr. Craig Courtney

Behold the Lamb of God, the Lamb for sinners slain;
A perfect sacrifice for all, He died, but lives again.
Behold the Lamb of God, behold His hands, His side.
The Son of God, the sinless Lamb, for me was crucified.

He lives, let Heaven rejoice, and earth her honors bring
To Him, the everlasting God, the great, eternal King.
Behold the Lamb of God, behold His hands, His side.
The Son of God, the sinless Lamb, for me was crucified.

Oh, strike your harps of gold, ye ransomed host above.
Praise Him who bought you with His blood, and saved you by His love.
Behold the Lamb of God, behold His hands, His side.
The Son of God, the sinless Lamb, for me was crucified!

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When You Prayed Beneath the Trees

Christopher Idle

Lloyd Larson

When You prayed beneath the trees, it was for me, O Lord;
When You cried upon Your knees, how could it be, O Lord?
When in blood and sweat and tears, You dismissed Your final fears,
When You faced the soldiers' spears, You stood for me, O Lord.

When their triumph looked complete, it was for me, O Lord,
When it seemed like Your defeat, they could not see, O Lord!
When You faced the mob alone, You were silent as a stone,
And a tree became Your throne; You came for me, O Lord.

When You stumbled up the road, You walked for me, O Lord,
When You took Your deadly load, that heavy tree, O Lord;
When they lifted You on high, and they nailed You up to die,
And when darkness filled the sky, it was for me, O Lord.

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Via Dolorosa

Niles Borop and Billy Sprague

arr. Tom Fettke

Down the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem that day,
The soldiers tried to clear the narrow street,
But the crowd pressed in to see the man condemned to die on Calvary.
He was bleeding from a beating, there were stripes upon His back,
And He wore a crown of thorns upon His head.
And He bore with ev'ry step the scorn of those who cried out for His death.

Down the Via Dolorosa, called "The Way of Suffering"
Like a lamb came the Messiah, Christ the King.
And He chose to walk that road out of His love for you and me.
Down the Via Dolorosa all the way to Calvary.
The blood that would cleanse the souls of all men
Made its way through the heart of Jerusalem.
Down the Via Dolorosa

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Were You There?

African American Spiritual

arr. Jay Rouse

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

Were you there when He rose up from the dead?
Were you there when He rose up from the dead?
Oh! Sometimes I feel like shouting glory, glory, glory!
Were you there when He rose up from the dead?

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Arise My Love

Eddie Carswell

arr. Bradley Knight

Trio: Billy Bishop, Kerri Roberts, Julia Beck

Not a word was heard at the tomb that day,
Just shuffling of soldiers feet as they guarded the grave.
One day, two days, three days had passed;
Could it be that Jesus had breathed his last?

Could it be that his Father had forsaken him?
Turned his back on His Son, despising our sin?
All hell seemed to whisper, "Just forget Him, He's dead."
Then the Father looked down to His Son and he said . . .

Chorus:

Arise, my Love. Arise, my Love. The grave no longer has a hold on you
No more death's sting, no more suffering
Arise . . . arise . . . my Love.

The Earth trembled and the tomb began to shake,
And like lightning from Heaven, the stone was rolled away.
And as dead men, the guards, they all stood there in fright,
As the power of love displayed its might.
And suddenly a melody filled the air
Riding wings of wind, it was everywhere.
The words all creation had been longing to hear;
The sweet sound of victory, so loud and clear.

Chorus

Sin, where are your shackles? Death, where is your sting?
Hell has been defeated. The grave could not hold the King.

Chorus

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Is He Worthy?

Ben Shive and Andrew Peterson

Jeff Moore and Dan Galbraith

Do you feel the world is broken? *We do.* Do you feel the shadows deepen? *We do.*
But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? *We do.*
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? *We do.*

Is all creation groaning? *It is.* Is a new creation coming? *It is.*
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? *It is.*
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? *It is.*

Is anyone worthy, is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this? *He is.*

Does the Father truly love us? *He does.* Does the Spirit move among us? *He does.*
And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those He loves? *He does.*
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? *He does.*

Is anyone worthy, is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
From ev'ry people and tribe, every nation and tongue,
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son.
Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this?

He is! He is! He is! He is! He is worthy!
He is worthy of all blessing and honor and glory! He is worthy of this! He is.

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*Benediction

Pastor Desch

*Postlude: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

John Innes

Dr. Robert Jones, organist



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HOLY WEEK AT NEPC



MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION, April 1
 6:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP, April 2
 6:30 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4
 Resurrection Celebration
 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.