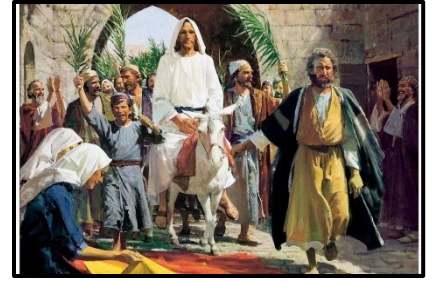




Sunday, March 28, 2021 Service Online
Faith Presbyterian Church
Sierra Vista, Arizona
Palm/Passion Sunday



PRELUDE *"Palms and Hosannas"* arr. Yocum

INTROIT *"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"*

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: The story of faith is a story of courage.

All: It took courage for John the Baptist to prepare the way.

One: It took courage for the disciples to drop their nets and follow Jesus.

All: It took courage for Peter to name Jesus as the Messiah.

One: It took courage for Mary to ask Jesus to turn water into wine.

All: It took courage for Nicodemus to visit Jesus.

One: It took courage for Jesus to enter Jerusalem on a donkey.

All: Faith has never been easy. It is a journey of courage.

One: Again and again, God, shows us the way.

All: Let us worship a brave and courageous God.

OPENING HYMN *"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"* #197

*Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.
To Jesus who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.*

*From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud;
the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.*

*"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God of palm branches and hallelujahs:

We confess—we love a good Palm Sunday celebration.

We love the sound of a joyful parade.

We love shouting, "hallelujah!"

We love that Palm Sunday means Easter is just around the corner.

We love good news.

However, if we slow down and pay attention,

We know that Palm Sunday was not a walk in the park for you.

There was risk. There were fears. There was the threat of violence.

**You were leading a peaceful protest against an unjust empire,
And the whole world knew it.
Forgive us for glossing over the courage this day took.
Remind us that the story of faith is a story of courage,
And even we can do hard things.
With hope we pray. Amen.**

(time for silent reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)

One: Family of faith, even when we gloss over the truth,
Even when our courage fails us, even when we doubt that we can do hard things,
God believes in us. God loves us. God forgives us.
Hear and believe this truth:

**All: We are known. We are loved. We are forgiven.
Again and again and again. Amen**

CHILDRENS TIME - Elder Richard Carter

CHOIR CANTATA

“Who Is This King?”

By Lloyd Larson & Joseph M. Martin

Those who witnessed the life and ministry of Jesus were consistently mixed in their verdicts about who he was. Many claimed him to be the long-awaited Messiah while others claimed him a fraud. Some accepted that he came bearing messages of peace and love while others were looking for a king who would conquer with power and might. Confusion surrounded even Christ's most devoted followers in his final days, when he was rejected and crucified.

1 - In the Beginning was the Word (Soloist: Fred Whitley)

2 - You are the Christ!

3 - The King of Glory

4 - Who Is This King?

5 - King of Tears

6 - Are You the One?

7 - Crucify This Man!

8 - Ah, Holy Jesus/O Love Devine

Director: Debi Godwin

Accompanist: Janis Wheat

Narrators: George and Ruth Van Otten

Singers: Heather Carter, Deb Koltveit, James Diekema, Fred Whitley, Ruth Van Otten, George Van Otten, Paul Lewis, George Wheat, Lisa Tuttle

RESPONSE

The Apostle's Creed

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, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. 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 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. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

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

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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

CLOSING HYMN "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" #212

*Alas! And did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die!
Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I!*

*Was it for sins that I have done he suffered on the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!*

*But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away; 'tis all that I can do.*

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Ah, Holy Jesus" #218

*Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted!*

POSTLUDE "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" - arr. Yocum

Participants:

Rev. Renée Rico – Pastor
Elders George and Ruth Van Otten - Worship Leaders
Elder Richard Carter – Children’s Time
Janis Wheat – Piano and Organ
Elder Paul Hay – Video-Tech
Elder Judy Mayhew - Photos

ZOOM COFFEE HOUR *Happens at 11:15 a.m.*

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