



First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

April 2, 2023

PRELUDE - Hani

Andantino in A flat Major
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WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Give thanks to God for God is good;
People: God's steadfast love endures forever! Hosanna!
Leader: We give thanks to God who answers us, for God is our saving help!
People: The stone the builders rejected is now the cornerstone! Hosanna!
Leader: Our salvation is at hand!
People: It is marvelous to behold! Hosanna!
Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!
People: Let us rejoice and be glad! Hosanna!
Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
People: Come save us, Lord! Hosanna!
Leader: Give thanks to God for God is good;
People: God's steadfast love endures forever! Hosanna!

(Adapted from Psalm 118: 1, 19-29 in the NRSV, Discipleship Ministries)

PALM PROCESSIONAL

OPENING HYMN #160 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* (v. 1, 5)

1. Rejoice, ye pure in heart;
rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your glorious banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

Rejoice, rejoice,
rejoice, give thanks and sing.

5. Praise God who reigns on high,
the Lord whom we adore,
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
one God forevermore.

Refrain**Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart (Marion)**

Arthur Henry Messiter | Edward Hayes Plumptre

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PASTOR'S TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**HOLY COMMUNION, The United Methodist Hymnal, page 15**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...The pastor concludes:

And so,
with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

...The pastor concludes:

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

The pastor concludes:

All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.
now and for ever.

Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS / PASTORAL PRAYER / 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING

For those who are called and able, gifts and tithes can still be made through [online giving](#), by mailing them in, and by dropping them off to the church office through the secure mail slot to the left of the double door entry to the church hallway.

OFFERTORY MUSIC - Hani

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
Arr. Gersangbuch der Herzogl
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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.

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow (Old 100th)
Louis Bourgeois | Thomas Ken
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy God, sovereign over power and pain, glorious triumph and deep disappointment, we enter this Holy Week bringing our tithes and offerings to your altar and leaving them here in the hope you will use them to make the world a more loving and compassionate place. We are reminded through the scripture that you sent two of your disciples out to make the world ready for your coming: "Go into the village... find the donkey... tell them the lord has need." Remind us that your kingdom breaks into the world not as a spectacle for us to witness but as a parade where we are called to make a working contribution. We pray in the name of the one who comes not just for the parade, but for the cross at the end of it. Amen.

(Matthew 21:1-11)

SCRIPTURE John 12:12-19 (NRSV)

12 The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. 13 So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—
the King of Israel!”

14 Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

15 “Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, 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 of him and had been done to him. 17 So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify.^a 18 It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. 19 The Pharisees then said to one another, “You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!”

Anthem - Chancel Choir

With the Waving of Palms

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SERMON - Rev. Jacob Lee

Not Becoming A King; He Is the King!

CLOSING HYMN # *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* (v. 1, 2, 5)

1. Lord, you give the great commission:

“Heal the sick and preach the word.”

Lest the church neglect its mission,
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity.

Refrain

With the Spirit’s gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

2. Lord, you call us to your service:
“In my name baptize and teach.”
That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us
closer in community.

Refrain

5. Lord, you bless with words assuring:
“I am with you to the end.”
Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity.

Refrain

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