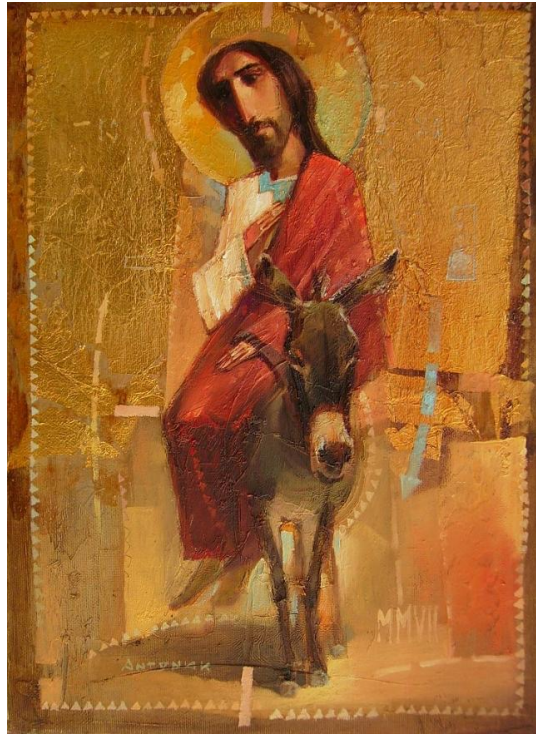


PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

March 24, 2024 | First Presbyterian Church, Petaluma CA



"Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple..."

Mark 11:11

PRELUDE

Enrique Rojas, Jane Shelly

PROCESSION OF THE PALMS *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

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.

All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present.

All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.

All glory, Laud, and honor to thee, redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor John

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLES (at FPC and in our homes) Pam Sommer

We light these candles to remind ourselves of God's presence,
not only in this place, but in all places. Amen.

LITANY OF THE PALMS

Pam Sommer

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your King comes to you.
Triumphant and victorious is He;
Humble and riding on a donkey.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

PRAYER AND SILENT LISTENING TO GOD

God in highest heaven, how humbly you enter our world to reign: in Christ Jesus, on a dusty road, riding a donkey. Help us to pave the way for your eternal realm with our prayer and praise, with our service and love, until the very stones cry out at the coming of your new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. In silence now, prepare our hearts for worship.

DISCOVERY TIME

Pastor John

THE OFFERING

Pastor John

DOXOLOGY *(or in your preferred version)*

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(or in your preferred version)*

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.

CHOIR ANTHEM *The Palms*

GOSPEL Mark 11:1-11; Mark 15:1-15

Pam Sommer

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring

it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'"

They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.



Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve....

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had

committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom.

Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" They shouted back, "Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTING ON THE WORD

Pastor John

LITANY OF THE PASSION

Pilate spoke to them:
Who do you want me to release for you,
the criminal Barabbas
or Jesus, called Christ?

Barabbas!

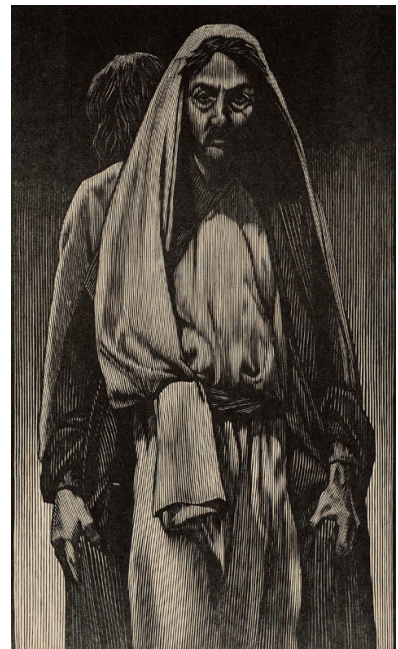
Then what should I do with Jesus?

Crucify Him!

Why? What evil has he done?

Let him be crucified!

And their voices prevailed.



CONFESSION AND PARDON

Pastor John

Let us face this day of palms and Jesus' passion with honesty, confessing our sin before God.

Lamb of God, we confess that we have sinned, and although we would like to deny it, we have forsaken you. We are horrified by the suffering we cause – to You, ourselves, and the world you have created. Open the gates of your forgiveness and restore us in your love, for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Silence, a time for personal confession.

Amen. People of God, hear the Good News:
Your God has come to you,
humble, in the form of a slave,
to free you from the weight of sin and death.
Jesus' obedient suffering has released you.
In the name of Christ, our Savior and Lord,
your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gains I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

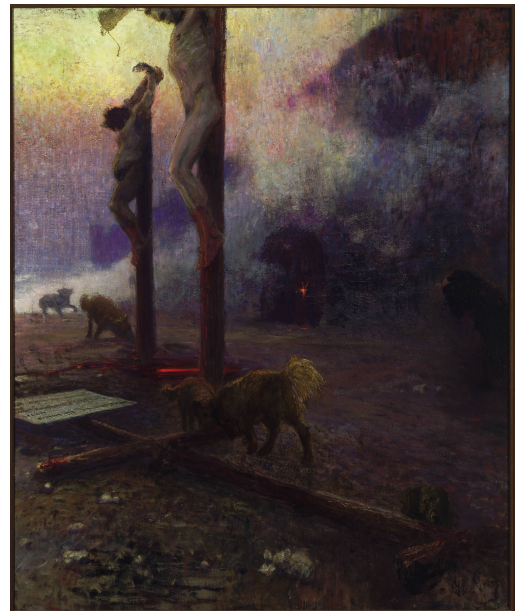
CHARGE

CLOSING RESPONSE

Holy Lamb of God,
We tell your story
We follow in your footsteps
Lead us into Holy Week.

We walk towards the city
We wait in the garden
Lead us onto holy ground.

We journey towards death
We hope for resurrection
Lead us into holy joy.



BLESSING

CLOSING SONG *Go Now In Peace*

Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you, each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,
Know he will guide you in all you do.

Preaching Today: Pastor John Chase

Music Director: Jane Shelly

Discovery Time: Pastor John

Ministers: You who are touched by God's grace, being healed by God's love

Leading Worship: Pam Sommer

Organist/Pianist: Jenny Smith

AVL Technician: Enrique Rojas

Credits

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