

ONLINE WORSHIP – April 5, 2020
Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church

Opening Words

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Processional Hymn – “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

All glory, laud and honor
To Thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and blessed One. (Refrain)

2. The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayers and anthems
Before Thee we present. [Refrain]

3. To Thee, before Thy passion,
They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise. (Refrain)

4. Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King! [Refrain]

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Worship

You may not see it...
but the air is full of exciting energy!
You may not notice it...

but something is stirring that cannot be contained!
You may not recognize it...
but nestled deep within each one of us...
and within this community...
are life-changing seeds of renewal!
So let's sing, "Hosanna!...
and let us be transformed as we worship God, together!

Hymn – “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

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 and exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving, And chanting clear and loud;
The Lord of earth and haven 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.

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Covenant-making God, you enter into our lives in ways we could not have expected. Sometimes, we confess, we think you are making a fool of yourself and us. We cannot see how your way can work, or be right, because it is so contrary to all our ambition and understanding. Yet we shout our Hosannas and sing our praises. Forgive us for projecting all our narrow worldly views on you and expecting you to live up to our standards. Take our branches and our lives, that we may learn to lay them down in your service, following your way even when we cannot understand. We pray in the name of the One who made a parade with only a donkey and some children singing for your glory, Jesus the Christ.....(Silent Confession) Amen.

Words of Assurance

Special Music

“Amazing Grace”
Amy Kiley, Soprano

Prayer for Illumination

Reading Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately.^a" This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Homily "*Meeting the Challenge*"

Song – "Shout to the Lord"

My Jesus my Saviour
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love

My comfort my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath all that I am
Never cease to worship You

Shout to the Lord
All the earth let us sing
Power and majesty
Praise to the King
Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar

At the sound of Your name

I sing for joy
At the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You
Forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise
I have in You

Prayers of the People...concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song – “It Is Well with My Soul”

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
(Refrain)

3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
(Refrain)

4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
even so, it is well with my soul.
(Refrain)

Benediction