

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Order of Worship*

APRIL 5, 2020

*Palm Sunday*

## WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Romans 11:33, 36; Revelation 7:12*

Minister: Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever.

**All: Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever.**

## HYMN

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*  
*Jenna Smith*

ELLACOMBE

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;  
Through pillared court and temple the lovely 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 INVOCATION

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*a responsive reading from Psalm 118.22-26*

Minister: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

**All: The LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Minister: This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**All: O LORD, save us; O LORD, grant us success. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.**

O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart.  
 Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r.  
 Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war.  
 You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice  
 Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.  
 Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me  
 Through the gospel of Your Son gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace.  
 Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.  
 You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.  
 O great God of highest heav'n, glorify Your Name through me.

**PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN***adapted from The Valley of Vision*

Minister: Let us confess our sins before our righteous and holy God.

**All: O my Savior, help me. I am slow to learn and quick to forget. I am pained by my graceless heart, my prayerless days, and my sullied conscience. I am blind while your grace shines around me: take the scales from my eyes and help me to repent of my unbelief. Make it my highest joy to study thee, meditate on thee, and gaze on thee. Enable me, by your Spirit, to grow in grace so that there may be more fervor in my devotion and more constancy in my zeal. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

**PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN****ASSURANCE OF PARDON***Ephesians 2:8-9*

Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ: For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast.

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER***Ruling Elder, Mr. Joshua Kipp*

## SCRIPTURE READING

### *Matthew 11.1-13*

<sup>1</sup> Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup> “Say to the daughter of Zion,  
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” <sup>10</sup> And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup> And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

<sup>12</sup> And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. <sup>13</sup> He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ but you make it a den of robbers.”

### *Zechariah 14.4*

<sup>4</sup> On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley, so that one half of the Mount shall move northward, and the other half southward.

## SERMON

*D-Day*

*Rev. Dave Clelland*

## BENEDICTION

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you from this time forth and forevermore.

## SERMON OUTLINE

Lead Question: What was happening on Palm Sunday?

I. History was waiting.

A. Prophecy was being fulfilled.

B. Providence had made preparation.

C. The time had come.

II. The King was coming.

A. He was coming to His city.

B. He was coming in humility.

C. He was coming to save.

III. The King was coming to conquer.

A. By reclaiming Mount Zion.

B. By reclaiming His house.

C. By beginning the battle for final victory.

Answer: It was the beginning of Christ's final victory over sin and death. It was D-Day.