

March 16, 2008 8:30am, 11:00am

Palm Sunday

Greeting

Call to Worship

Matthew 21:1-11

Christ's Triumphal Entry

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

"Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'See, your King comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of Him and those that followed shouted,

"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!"

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"

The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

Hymn of Adoration

All Glory, Laud, and Honor (Hymn #235)
(Redeemer Children's Choir sings v.1)

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise

Hosanna (Children's Choir)

Let Us Adore

The heavens declare
The glory of God
And all of the world
Will join the praise
His wonders proclaim

Eternity's King
Is coming again
Though all of the earth
Will fade away
His truth will remain (chorus)

The oceans and skies
Lift up their voice
And all He has made
Will rise to bless
The King of all kings (chorus)

Hallelujah
Hallelujah
You are worthy of all praise

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chorus: *Let us adore Him
Let us adore Him
Jesus Christ is the Lord
Come and behold Him
Bow down before Him
Jesus Christ is the Lord*

Responsive Reading

Psalms 24

Hymnal, p. 791

Confession of Sin

Assurance of the Gospel

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand
The shadow of a mighty rock
within a weary land
A home within the wilderness
a rest upon the way
from the burning of the noontide heat
and the burden of the day

I take, O cross, thy shadow
for my abiding place
I ask no other sunshine than
the sunshine of His face
Content to let the world go by,
to know no gain or loss
My sinful self, my only shame;
my glory all the cross.

Words: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1872
Music: Christopher Miner, 1997

Upon that cross of Jesus
my eyes at times can see
The very dying from of One
Who suffered there for me
And from my smitten heart with tears
two wonders I confess
The wonders of redeeming love
and my unworthiness

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Pastoral Prayer

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness.
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
All Your purposes, for Your glory.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

Text and music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend
2005 Kingsway Music

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

[children ages 4-8 are dismissed for Children's Church]

Scripture Reading

John 1:14-18

Sermon

"The Fullness of His Grace"

-Mike Sharrett

Hymn of Fellowship

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

(Hymn #168)

Dismissal

Minister: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: THANKS BE TO GOD!

Benediction

Postlude

John 1:14-18

¹⁴And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵John testified about Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.'"

¹⁶For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.

¹⁷For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.

¹⁸No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.