

MAKING
ROOM

PREPARE THE WAY FOR TRANSFORMATION

PaIm Sunday
March 28, 2021

Contemporary Service - 9:30 am

Scripture for Meditation

“Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!” (Psalm 118:26)

Prelude Music

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
People: Hosanna in the highest!
Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
People: Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Leader: Lo, your king comes to you,
People: Triumphant and victorious is he,
Leader: Humble and riding on a donkey,
People: On a colt, the foal of a donkey.
Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.
People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Opening Song

Our God

Music by Matt Redman, Jonas Myrin, Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves
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Prayer of Confession

Jesus

Music by Chris Tomlin and Ed Cash
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Kids' Time

Announcements

Scripture Reading

Matthew 21:1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord;
All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Making Room for the Kingdom of God

6th in the Series “Making Room: Prepare the Way for Transformation”

Offering

Jesus Friend of Sinners

Music by Mark Hall and Matthew West
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Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

At the Cross (Love Ran Red)

Music by Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jonas Myrin, Matt Armstrong and Matt Redman;
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Blessing

Postlude

Traditional Service - 11:00 am

Scriptures for Meditation

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Prelude

Lift Up your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Helmut Walcha

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Introit

All Glory, Laud and Honor

arr. Kevin McChesney

Psalm Response

Psalm 118:1; 19-29

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

**Open for me the gates of the righteous;
I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.**

This is the gate of the LORD
through which the righteous may enter.

**I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.**

The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;

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

The LORD has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.

**LORD, save us!
LORD, grant us success!**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.
From the house of the LORD we bless you.

**The LORD is God,
and he has made his light shine on us.**

With boughs in hand,
join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

**You are my God,
and I will praise you;**

You are my God,
and I will exalt you.
**Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.**

Opening Hymn **Rejoice, O Zion’s Daughter** **#151**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Loving God, you rode a donkey and came in peace, humbled yourself and gave yourself for us. We confess our lack of humility. As you entered Jerusalem, the crowds shouted “Hosanna: ‘Save us now!’” On Good Friday they shouted “Crucify!” We confess our praise is also often empty. As the crowd laid their palms in front of you, you took no glory for yourself. We confess that we want to be accepted and take the easy way. We do not stay true to your will. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to follow in the way of obedience.

(All may offer their personal prayers of confession silently.)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

Response **Glory Be to the Father** **#961**

Announcements

Anthem

The Palms
(Jean-Baptiste Faure)

Scripture Reading **Matthew 21:1-11**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord;

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Making Room for the Kingdom of God
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Offering

Wondrous Love
Nick Strimple

Response **The Doxology** **#965**

Prayers of the People

The 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 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.

Closing Hymn

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

#149

Benediction

Postlude

Ride On in Majesty

Dorothy Wells

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome & Sermon	Rev. Greg Buell
Scripture & Prayer	Rich Blue
Scripture Readers (11:00)	Ron Mantegna
Worship Band Vocalists	Matt Parks, Erik Sealund
Introit Music	Chancel Bell Choir
Soloist	Erin Carney (11:00)
Director of Music	Ruth G. Heald
Pianist (9:30)	Jim Peterson
Organist (11:00)	Sharon Peterson
Audio Visual Team	Ed Burton and Kyle Johnston

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Questions for Discussion

Making Room for the Kingdom of God - Matthew 21:1-11

Opening Discussion:

- What is the biggest public celebration you've ever been part of? What was being celebrated? How did people participate?

Digging Deeper:

- Read Matthew 21:1-11 which describes another great public celebration and is filled with messianic imagery.
- As Jesus and the disciples made their way to Jerusalem, what instructions did he give to two of them?
- How does Matthew explain why Jesus wanted to enter Jerusalem on a donkey? (See Matthew 21:4-5, and Zechariah 9:9ff.)
- In verse 8 what did the crowd do as Jesus entered the city? Why did they do it?
- What did the crowd shout in verse 9? What is the significance of the title "Son of David"? (See also Matthew 1:1; 17; 2 Samuel 7:12-16.)
- Psalm 118 is a great psalm of thanksgiving, praising God for saving his people. What connections can you find between this psalm and the account of Jesus entering Jerusalem, as well as other events in Holy Week? (See especially verses 22-27.)
- Read Matthew 21:1-11 once more, this time noting all the ways that Jesus is being portrayed as the Messiah.

Life Application:

- Jesus came to establish the Kingdom of God. How would you describe the nature of this Kingdom? How is it different from the worldly kingdoms we see around us today?
- What does it mean to you to proclaim Jesus as Lord over your life? Is it more about following a set of rules; or embodying a way of life? How would you describe that life?
- In what ways does your life embody the Kingdom of God; in what ways do you fall short?
- Are there other powers in this world that get in the way of your allegiance to Jesus?

Suggestions for Prayer:

- Pray that Jesus would be King over every part of your life.
- Pray for more of Christ's presence in your life, that you might better display the Kingdom of God through your words and actions.