

SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP

April 5, 2020

Half past Ten O'Clock

Young worshippers are invited to gather leafy branches of green or flowers from your yard as we prepare to worship God.

PRELUDE

Andi Bentley

WELCOME AND NOTICES

OPENING PRAYER

We praise You, O God, for Your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ, who entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along His way. Let these branches we wave be signs of His victory, and grant that we who carry them may follow Him in the way of the cross, that, dying and rising with Him, we may enter into Your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Zechariah 9:9, Psalm 118:26

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

People: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Leader: Your king comes to you;

People: Triumphant and victorious is He, humble and riding on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: Hosanna in the highest!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Psalm 88

Leader: O Holy God we wave our palms in adoration and pleas for salvation in this disoriented season on contrite and worried hearts.

People: You have entered our hearts through an unexpected gate of need and fear. Just weeks ago we were so distracted by the priorities and pursuits of our daily lives: if we weren't too busy or too tired, if we didn't have prior obligations, if we were really feeling down, we would worship You. We expected You to be relevant and efficient in our lives. We selected only the inspiring and beautiful parts of Your story. As we lower our palms and turn toward the cross, we confess to missing the point.

Leader: Restore our families and communities, O Lord. Draw us together in discipline of faith and desire to order our lives according to Your will (*Silent Prayers. In what ways has this season of isolation revealed misguided priorities or a lack of faithfulness?*)

May those who sow in tears, reap with shouts of joy.

All: Restore us O Lord, that our mouths be filled with laughter and our tongues with shouts of Easter joy. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Phillippians 2:5-11

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

Congregation: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

HYMN

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"
Caroline Thompson, soprano

ELLACOMBE

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Kim Lee

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 21:1-11

SERMON

“Hosanna”

Lisa McLennan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (unison)

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.

TITHES AND OFFERING

ANTHEM

“Walk Together Children”
Ivey Cherry, baritone

arr. Moses Hogan

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**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.**

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION