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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday

11:00AM

PRELUDE

“Mantos y palmas” .

Rubén Ruíz Ávila

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please 'like' us or leave a comment on Facebook to let us know you worshipped with us.

THE PROCESSION OF PALMS: Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² 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. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵ “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.”

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ 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!”

¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹ The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

SONG

A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd 200



1 A cheer - ing, chant - ing, diz - zy crowd had
2 They laid their gar - ments in the road and
3 When day dimmed down to deep - ening dark the
4 Lest we be fooled be - cause our hearts have
5 In - stead of palms, a wind - ing sheet will



stripped the green trees bare, and hail - ing Christ as
spread his path with palms and vows of last - ing
crowd be - gan to fade till on - ly tram - pled
surged with pass - ing praise, re - mind us, God, as
have to be un - rolled, a car - pet much more



king a - loud, waved branch - es in the air.
love be - stowed with roy - al hymns and psalms.
leaves and bark were left from the pa - rade.
this week starts where Christ has fixed his gaze.
fit to greet the king a cross will hold.

This Palm Sunday hymn recreates the contrasting sounds of Holy Week, moving from the noisy public acclaim of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to the solitary silence of his body being prepared for burial. It gently reminds us that self-giving is the mark of Christ's true sovereignty.

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SERMON

Our Need for Salvation

Rev. David Lewicki

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father [Mother] in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.**

PRAYER RESPONSE #564

“Amen”

Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

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Make a habit of giving something each week -
a small bill or loose change or an intention of service to God and neighbor.
This month our loose change offering will go to the **RIP Medical Debt** to remove the burden
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A little bit of giving by a lot of people: It's worth the effort.*

*You can donate online today by visiting ndpc.org and clicking on the top right corner of the
webpage where it says “Donate.”*

ANOINTING AT BETHANY: Mark 14:1,3-7

It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and to kill him. While Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard and she broke open the jar and poured out the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger, “Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor. And they scolded her. But Jesus said, “Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.

ANOINTING

As we prepare to close this service, we look to the week ahead. There will be no benediction today, for our journey continues on Thursday evening.

As we enter with Jesus into the valley of the shadow of death, we know that the path that has been chosen by Jesus and for us is not easy. Before we go, we anoint. Anointing is a sacramental seal upon all of our human passages, through the trials that would threaten to harm

us or separate us. These passages draw us more deeply toward the heart of the one who loves us.

Today we will mark the anointing with lotion. Following the reflection you will be invited to put lotion on your hands—a blessing for your the journey in the coming week and beyond. You may choose to use water or oil to simply make the sign of a cross on your hands on your hand or head. Whether you choose to put lotion on your hands or make the sign of the cross you are invited to say “remember the blessing of Christ.”

Wherever the good news of God’s abiding love is proclaimed, in the whole world, we remember the gift of the woman who anointed Jesus. We receive that gift for ourselves.

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