

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH @ SOUTH PARK

A PLACE OF GRACE WITH A CALL FOR ALL TO CONTINUE THE WORK OF JESUS

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PRELUDE

Awake My Soul!

Toccata

TLC Handbells

by Kevin MCChesney

by Page Long

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Matthew 21: 1-11

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying 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. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately."

⁴This 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."

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

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

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

PROCESSION

P: Let us go forth in peace.

C: In the name of Christ. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Verse 1, Sung by the children

Hosanna, loud Hosanna, the little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple, the joyful anthem rang;
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

Verse 2, All

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 His bidding wait.

Verse 3, All

"Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heav'n our King.
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,
And in His blissful presence, eternally rejoice!

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50: 4-9a

A reading from Isaiah.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out
the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to
shame;

⁸he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

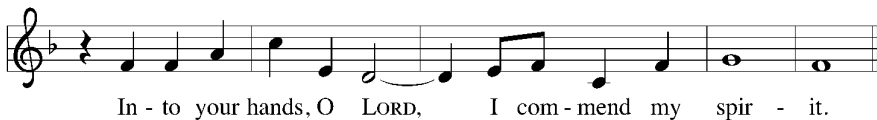
P: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 31: 9-16

(First time through, organ; second time through, cantor; third time through, congregation)

Refrain:



Psalm 31:5

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Tone:



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⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat^l and my belly.

¹⁰For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing;

my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones¹ are consumed.

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to ¹my acquaintances; when they see me in the street ¹they avoid me.

¹²Like the dead I am forgotten, I out of mind;

I am as useless as a broken pot. R

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;

they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

¹⁴But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O LORD.

I have said, "You are my God.

¹⁵My times are in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶Let your face shine up- | on your servant;

save me in your | steadfast love." R

SECOND READING: Philippians 2: 5-11

A reading from Philippians.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of

death—

even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name

that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess

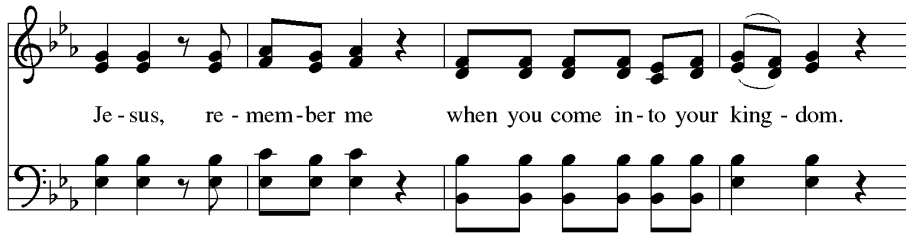
that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

P: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW p. 142



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.



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Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community

Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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(The Congregation remains seated)

GOSPEL: Mark 15: 1-39

P: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

For the Gospel reading, follow the guide below.

J-Jesus, spoken by Ryan Devlin

N-Narrator, spoken by Pr. Jeff

P-Pilate or Individual Speaker, spoken by Kirsten Elson

C-Crowd, spoken by the Congregation

N: As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him,

P: Are you the King of the Jews?

N: Jesus answered him,

J: You say so.

N: Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again,

P: Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.

N: But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them,

P: Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?

N: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

P: Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?

N: They shouted back,

C: Crucify him!

N: Pilate asked them,

P: Why, what evil has he done?

N: But they shouted all the more,

C: Crucify him!

N: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

P: Hail, King of the Jews!

N: They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

C: Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!

N: In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

P: He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.

N: Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

J: Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?

N: which means,

J: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

N: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

C: Listen, he is calling for Elijah.

N: And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

P: Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.

N: Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

P: Truly this man was God's Son!

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty ELW 858

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
if with his love he befriend you.
- 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: ...Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: ...through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

MUSICAL OFFERING

Lift Up Your Heads, O Gates

arr. Hal H. Hopson

Lift up your heads, O gates, and be lifted up, O portals

That the King may now enter to save us.

Who is the king who now enters, who enters to save us?

He is the Lord, strong and mighty. He is victorious,

Strong and mighty, Lord and King forever.

Sing Hosanna in the highest.

Sing Hosanna to the Son of David.

OFFERING

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ELW p. 144

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also, with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ELW p. 144

A musical score for the hymn 'Holy, Holy, Holy' in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.'

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
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THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

LAMB OF GOD ELW p. 146

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION

You may commune where you are seated with the elements you brought with you, or you may come forward from the center aisle and Pastor will place, in your open hand, a gluten-free wafer which you may then dip into the chalice of wine held by the assisting minister. After you have dipped the bread into the chalice of wine, you may return to your seat by the side aisle, or walk up to the altar and kneel for more prayer and reflection.

SENDING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor ELW 344

Refrain

*All glory, laud, and honor
to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

1 You are the king of Israel
and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
our King and Blessed One. *Refrain*

2 The company of angels
are praising you on high;
creation and all mortals
in chorus make reply. *Refrain*

3 The multitude of pilgrims
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present. *Refrain*

4 To you, before your passion,
they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. *Refrain*

5 Their praises you accepted;
accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness,
O good and gracious King. *Refrain*

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, 760-821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

DISMISSAL ELW p. 145

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

arr. Mark Thallander & Bruce Wilkin

Readings and Psalm: Sunday, March 31, 2024

Acts 10: 34-43

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Mark 16: 1-8



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