

Palm Sunday
March 28, 2021

Prelude

"In the Name of the Lord"

Christopher A. McCroskey

Centering Words:

O, give thanks to our God, whose goodness and mercy endure forever. Who answers our cries. Who sustains the weary with a word. Who takes human form to stand with us. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord, and blessed are we when we stand with him.

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Hymn:

(While this hymn is sung by the soloist, those who are able and willing will march around the sanctuary waving their leafy branches. At home you can march around the room or wave your leafy branches in your chair.)

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.
2. 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 on his bidding wait.
3. " Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

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Opening Prayer:

Holy Brother, you have come in God's name and for our sake. You have entered our souls in moments of shouted hosannas and waving cloaks, And you have come just the same to our late nights and our confused hearts. Come to us again, Dear One, and let us follow you. Let your name be on our tongues and in our hearts as we pray the prayer you taught us:

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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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick 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.

Prayer of Illumination:

Open our ears that we may hear and our hearts and minds that we may receive your word O Lord our rock and redeemer.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 50: 4-9a
Special Music *"From An Upper Room"* Dan Greshel

Psalms Reading Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29
Special Music *"Gethsemane"* Dan Greshel

New Testament Reading Philippians 2: 5-11
Special Music *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"* Christopher A. McCroskey

Gospel Reading Mark 11: 1-11
Sermon *The Savior Comes!*

Hymn:

Mantos y Palmas (Filled with Excitement)

1. Filled with excitement, all the happy throng spread cloaks and branches on the city streets.
There in the distance they begin to see, riding on a donkey, comes the Son of God.

Refrain:

From every corner a thousand voices sing praises to him who comes in the name of God.
With one great shout of acclamation loud triumphant song breaks forth:
Hosanna, hosanna to the king! Hosanna, hosanna to the king!"

2. As in that entrance to Jerusalem, we sing hosannas to the Christ, our King,
to the living Savior who still calls today, asking us to follow him with love and faith.

Refrain

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Benediction:

Let us go forth to follow him with faith and love through this Holy Week and throughout our lives. Amen.

Leading in Worship Today

Pastor: *John D. Jordan* AV Assistant: *K. C. Warble*
Choir Director: *Christopher A. McCroskey* Soloist: *Dan Greshel*
Church Musician

Lynn Martin Oren Edwards Patsy Shuler Dean Frye
Steve White Latson Lewis George Taylor Steve Aiello

Shut-Ins: Shirley Butler; Esther Carter; Carolyn Hardee; Francis & Gillett Hipp; June Hutto; Georgeann Pace;
Shirley Padgett; Jean Raynor; Claudia Sineath; Wayne Tallon; Irvin Wells

Family and Friends: *Lisa Baghdady (a friend of Edwa Meek); Joyce Richards (wife of Boots Morgan's cousin); Chip Hooker (Wayne Hooker's father); Robert Bradley (Business Associate of Simon Ross); Mildred Hart (mother of Dee Senn); Dave Burrell (Business Associate of Tommy Gleaton); Gene Odom (grandfather of Mark Branham); Gary Becton (friend of Mark Branham); Audrey Cassidy (sister-in-law of Mary Louise Robinson); Rusty Browning (friend of Erin Derrick); Monnie Tiller, Mrs. Miles, Jerry Fowler (friends of Chris Derrick); Donna Walker (coworker of Jack Stevens); Kelly Knapp (wife of Laurie Knapp's nephew); Paul Kidney (son-in-law of Charles & Jackie McNeill); Ruby Pennington (friend of Laurie Knapp); Sara Krisnow (niece of Marty Johnson); Rick Baldwin (nephew of Tommy Johnson); Judy Bauer (cousin of Marty Johnson); Iris Turlington (aunt of John Zeigler); Betty Jean Newton (sister-in-law of Mary Kamoroff); ; Tonya Spires (friend of the Derricks); Vivian Almendinger (great-niece of Christopher McCroskey); J. B. & Stephanie Martindale (cousins of Christopher McCroskey); Linda Hargett (stepmom of Christopher McCroskey); Ollie Shelly (friend of the Derricks); Brenlee Carnes; Danielle Spotts (co-worker of Kathy White); Vickie Edwards (neighbor of Kathy White); George Duke, Vicki Beatty, Connie Mason, Brenda Grier (friends of Lynn Martin); Heather Stevens, Diane Kelsey, Erma Ruff, David Price & Family, Mark Leonhart, Ty Moore, George Dorn (friends of Kay Jordan); Teddy Derrick (uncle of Arvan Derrick); Haidee Baehr (friends of Ruth Frady); Dianne Schmotzer (sister-in-law of Gale Frady); Dan Connor, Denise Paul (cousin of Gale Frady); Billy Johnson. Max Johnson (friends of Gale Frady); Ray Culbreth's Group House; Nellie Gantt (mother of friend of Ray Culbreth); Amelia Zinski (great-niece of Linda Maloch); Wayne Blair (son of Dot Johnson); Xavier Crane (grandnephew of John Ballentine); Janet Beck (friend of Jo Ann Heiting); Vera Von Glahn (sister-in-law of Jo Ann Heiting); Michael Carter (son of Esther Carter); Adam Lavender (son of Phil Lavender)*

If you have a friend or family member on the Prayer List, we ask you to please keep us updated. If no word is received, we will trust that our prayers have been answered and remove the name. To update us, please call the office or e-mail us at trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com.

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In-Person Attendance 03/21 Worship: 17

OUR GIFTS ...

General Fund 03/21 \$ 3,923.00

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“In the Name of the Lord”

Lyrics:

Crowds have lined the narrow street
To see this man from Galilee
Just a carpenter some say, leading fools astray
Yet many kneel to give Him praise

And in His eyes, they glimpse the power
That sees the heart of all men
And He knows His Father's mind
He speaks His Father's words
For He comes in the name of the Lord

There is strength in the name of the Lord
There is power in the name of the Lord
There is hope in the name of the Lord
Blessed is He, who comes in the name of the Lord

When my plans have fallen through
And when my strength is nearly gone
When there's nothing left to do but just depend on You
And the power of Your name

And as we call upon Your name
Your strength through weakness to show
We can know the masters plan extend the masters hand
When we come in the name of the Lord

There is strength in the name of the Lord
There is power in the name of the Lord
There is hope in the name of the Lord
Blessed is He, who comes in the name of the Lord

His name will be worshiped forever
Creator, Redeemer and King

There is strength in the name of the Lord
There is power in the name of the Lord
And there is hope in the name of the Lord
Blessed is He, who comes, blessed is He, who comes
Blessed is He, who comes in the name of the Lord
In the name of the Lord, in the name of the Lord



Flowers for the Cross

Don't forget to bring flowers next Sunday to decorate the cross on Gunter Circle.



Holy Week Devotionals

We have journeyed through Lent and now come to Holy Week. We will journey through this week with daily devotionals live streamed at noon each day. Join us as we journey from Palm Sunday to the cross.

The Savior Comes!

3/28/2021

Mark 11: 1-11

Palm Sunday

Hosanna!

Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming Kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

This is what the crowd shouted as Jesus rode into Jerusalem. They cut leafy branches and spread them and their cloaks on the road. These were the actions of a crowd that was welcoming a victorious king or general into their city. All of this was to honor the entrance of the king.

Though the shout of hosanna is a shout of praise, its original meaning in Hebrew was that of a prayer. The literal meaning is “save, we pray.” Save, we pray. The shout would be for the king coming to save them. Now they were shouting for Jesus, whose Hebrew name, *Yeshua*, means he who saves, to save them.

They shouted hosanna, save us, because Israel was in need of saving. Israel had been ruled by foreign powers for over 500 years. First the Babylonians defeated and destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple in 587. Then Babylon was conquered by the Persians and while Jerusalem and the temple were rebuilt, Persia still maintained control. Then the Persians were defeated by Alexander the Great and Israel fell under Greek rule. After the death of Alexander, Israel was ruled by the Ptolemaic Dynasty from Egypt. Then the Seleucids from Damascus defeated the Ptolemies. The Seleucids placed an altar to Zeus in the temple, forced worship of Greek gods, forbade Torah worship and destroyed Torah scrolls. This led to the Maccabean revolt and though the Seleucids were defeated and the Temple restored, there remained a 100-year period of in-fighting and civil war. So, in 63 BCE Rome was invited to intervene in order to restore and maintain “peace”.

Rome kept the “peace” by violence and oppression. Whenever there was opposition, the Roman army simply destroyed it. Troublemakers were tortured and executed. For the privilege of having Rome “protect” them, the populace was heavily taxed, not only by Rome but also the puppet government that Rome installed in Judea.

After over 500 years of foreign rule, oppression, political unrest, and civil war the people wanted someone to save them. There had been other messiahs before but Jesus seemed to be the real deal, Jesus was going to save them.

We are in need of saving. We shout save us. While we may not be oppressed by foreign powers, we are oppressed by the hatred and anger that seem to permeate our society. Hate and anger that led to the deaths of eight people in Atlanta, six being Asian Americans, and ten killed in Boulder, Colorado less than a week later. This anger and hate is such that people are getting killed for doing their jobs or going to the grocery store.

We are oppressed by the prejudices and racism that has reared its ugly head. We see it manifested in attacks on African Americans, Asian Americans, the LGBTQ community, Hispanics and other marginalized groups. We, as white Americans, are oppressed by the fear that leads to our prejudices.

We are oppressed by media that spreads opinions, many misleading, and call them facts. We have become so oppressed by the amount of “information” we receive that we often do not bother to check the reality of the information. We simply accept what we are told. If it’s on the internet it must be true.

We are oppressed by the uncertainty of life in and beyond this pandemic. We do not know the long-range effects of this virus. We do not know what other mutations and strains may develop and how effective our vaccines may be in the long run. We do not know what life is going to be like a year from now, six months from now, or even a month from now. We are uncertain about our future.

Then there is the oppression of our individual sins, such as the thoughts, attitudes and actions that lead us to be oppressed by guilt, shame, and resentment keeping us from loving ourselves and our neighbor.

We need a savior. Each and every one of us needs a savior. Our society needs a savior. Our world needs a savior just as the world needed one 2,000 years ago. We need a savior just as the people of Israel needed a savior.

The people of Israel were looking for a savior. And the savior came. Jesus, the one who saves, came into Jerusalem on a donkey to save Israel. At the right moment Jesus came to Jerusalem. Jesus left the relatively safe confines of Galilee and came to the seat of oppression, Jerusalem. Jesus came to confront the oppressive powers.

Jesus comes to us today. Jesus comes to save us. Jesus leaves the confines of heaven to save us. Jesus comes to save us from the oppression of our guilt, shame, resentments and other thoughts, attitudes and actions that keep us from loving ourselves and neighbor. Jesus comes to save us from our uncertainties. Jesus comes to save us by showing the truth. Jesus comes to save us from our prejudices and racism. Jesus comes to free us from all oppression that keeps us from loving God, neighbor and ourselves.

They shouted hosanna when Jesus came into Jerusalem. They shouted save, we pray.

Let us shout hosanna as Jesus comes to us. Let us shout save, we pray, to the one who does save.