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Palm Sunday

8:00 & 10:30 AM

## ***Hold Fast: Even the Stones Cry Out***<sup>1</sup>

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**POEM**<sup>1</sup> (read by Deb Herlocker & Vanessa Bicher)

*Even the Stones Will Cry Out*

*The Pharisees found Jesus; they said,*

*“Order your disciples to stop.”*

*It's not the first time justice was almost*

*silenced. People stood on the*

*sidelines shouting hosanna*

*which means, “Save us,”*

*“Save me.”*

*It's not the first time we've heard that cry from the street. The Pharisees said*

*stop. They wanted the people quiet, but some things can't be*

*silenced.*

*Justice will bubble up, hope will raise its head, love will rise to the surface. Hate and fear will try to*

*drown them out, but you cannot silence what was here first, which was love, and it was good.*

*It was so good. So even the stones will cry out. Remember that at your parade.*

*Justice will bubble up, hope will raise its head,*

*love will rise to the surface. Amen.*

### **PRELUDE**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

by Mason & Woodbury

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** It is holy to gather.

**P:** It is holy to sing.

**L:** It is holy to be generous, to throw our coats on the road.

**P:** It is holy to celebrate justice when we see it.

**L:** It is holy to shout, “Hosanna!”

**P:** It is holy to remember.

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

L: It is holy to gather.

**P: It is holy to sing.**

L: Here and now, let us do all of these things.

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 213** (BH, see p. 4)

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

**\*TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: God of street parades and hosannas,

**P: we know that you are counting on us to speak out against oppression,**

L: to speak up for love and to speak hope to fear,

**P: but so often we are silent.**

L: We worry that we'll say the wrong thing,

**P: so we don't say anything at all.**

L: We worry that we'll offend,

**P: so we keep our convictions to ourselves.**

L: We worry that we'll speak up and won't be heard,

**P: so we stay silent.**

L: And meanwhile, the parade marches on.

**P: Unravel our fears. Spark conviction in us. Give us the courage to yell, "Hosanna!"**

L: Gratefully we pray, amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Friends, even when we are silent, even when we are scared, even when we miss the moment, even when we choose to speak and say the wrong thing—we belong to God. There is nothing said or unsaid, done or undone that can undo that, so rest in this good news:

**P: We are forgiven. We are known. We belong to God, every day and always. Amen.**

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 780 (BH, see p. 5)

*Doxology*

**ALL SING: Praise God from whom all blessing flow. Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above you heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE**

*1 Thessalonians 5: 19-22*

*Luke 19: 29-40*

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## MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 216 (BH, see p. 6)

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

L: Go to the village ahead of you, and you will find a colt tied there. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, say, “The Lord needs it.”

**P: We believe in a God of surprises. We believe in a God with a sense of humor. We believe that there are things we may never understand, but we believe that even in the mystery, God is there.**

L: They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt, and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

**P: We believe in giving what we have. We believe that actions of generosity change us. We dare to believe that these small acts can change the world.**

L: The whole crowd of disciples began joyfully praising God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen.

**P: We believe in a God who is a miracle-maker. We believe in a God of good news. We believe this good news is so good that we cannot help but sing.**

L: Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

**P: We believe there will be forces that try to silence what is just, good, hopeful, and generous. We do not believe those voices will have the last word.**

L: “I tell you,” Jesus replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

**P: We believe, at the end of the day, love will find a way. We believe. Help our unbelief. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

(8:00 AM) **MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

(10:30 AM) **WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM**

*Hosanna*

by Besig/Price

## JOYS & CONCERNS

HYMN NO. 2215 (FWS, see p. 7)

*Cares Chorus*

**ALL SING: I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of my burdens down at your feet, and anytime that I don’t know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

**ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.**

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**REFLECTIVE MOMENT**

OFFERING OF STONES

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERING

**\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 198** (UM Hymnal, see p. 7)

*Lift High the Cross*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Hosanna to the King*

*by Clarke*

Thank you to the worship team for planning the Lent services and decorating the sanctuary. The Lent team members are Lana Fritz, Cindy Hogentogler, Vanessa Bicher, Elaine Bevivino, Jim Shiffer, Deb Herlocker, Pastor Amy, Travis Pinci, & Denny Daugherty. Thank you to John Kollasch, Jack & Deb Herlocker, and John Schriver for serving on the tech teams. Thank you to Brenda Beyer, Tom Bair, & Debbie Butcher for singing in the worship choir and leading the hymns. Thank you to Scott Kiefer, Deb & Terry Barnes, Elaine Bevivino, Lana Fritz, and John & Connie Wolfe for serving on the welcome teams.

<sup>1</sup>Liturgy and Poetry by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

<http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/year-c/p/pentecost-ordinary-time-9.html> and accessed on 2/14/2022

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# Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Jennette Threlfall, 1873

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**Piano** 

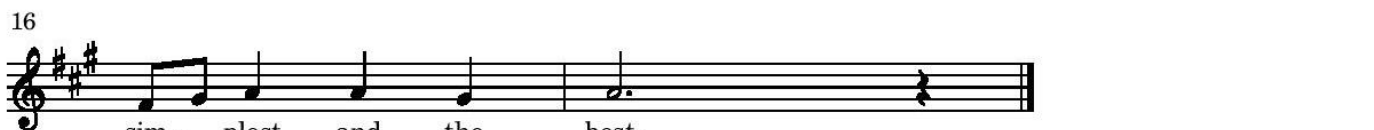
1. Ho - san-na, loud ho - sa - na," the lit - tle chil-dren sang; through  
2. From O - li - vet they fol - lowed a - mid a cheer-ing crowd, the  
3. "Ho - san-na in the high - est!" That an eient song is ours. We

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pil-lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang; To Je - sus, who had  
vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant ing clear and loud. The one whom an - gels  
hail our great Re - deem - er and sing with all our powers: "Ho - san - na, Christ, we

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blessed them close fold - ed to his breast, the chil-dren sang their prais - es, the  
wor - ship rode on in low - ly state, and glad to see the chil - dren, slowed  
praise you with heart and life and voice. Ho - san-na! in your pres - ence for -

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sim - plest and the best.  
down the don - key's gait.  
- ev - er we'll re - joice!

## Doxology

Thomas Ken, 1674

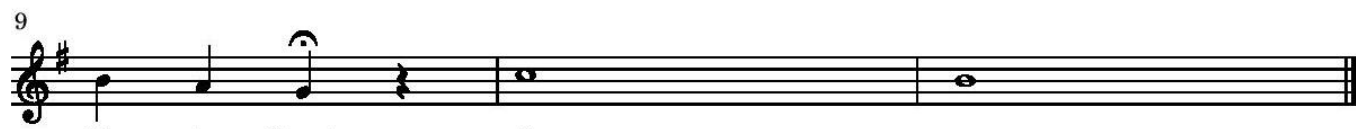
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**Piano** 

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God, all crea - tures

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here be - low; Praise God a - bove, you heaven - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and

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Ho - ly Ghost. A - - men.

# All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Theodulph of Orleans

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Piano 

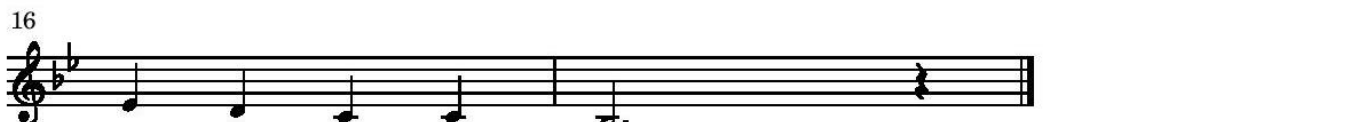
1. All glo - ry laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing, to  
2. O Prom-ised One of Is - rael, of Da-vid's roy - al line, the  
3. As you re-ceived their praise - es, re - ceive our prayers to - day, whose

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whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san-nas ring! The peo-ple of the  
one called "God's be - lov - ed," of flesh and yet di - vine, To you, be - fore your  
jus - tice and whose mer - cy and sov-ereign-ty hold sway All glo-ry, laud, and

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He - brews with palms a - dorned your way; our praise and prayer and an - thems we  
pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise; to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our  
hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing, to whom the lips of chil - dren made

16 

of - fer you this day.  
mel - o - dy we raise.  
sweet ho - san - nas ring.

## Cares Chorus

Piano 

I cast all my cares up-on you, I lay all of my

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bur-dens down at your feet, and an-y-time that I don't know what to

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do, I will cast all my cares up-on you.

# Lift High the Cross

Piano  $\text{♩} = 80$

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim; Let

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all a - dore and praise that sa - cred name.

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1. Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod, the  
2. Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied bears  
3. O Christ, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree, your  
4. Set up your throne, that earth's de - spair may cease, be -  
5. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be: praise

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Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ the Child of God.  
on the brow the seal of Christ who died.  
death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.  
- neath the shad - ow of its heal - ing peace.  
to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.