

# VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 5, 2020 ✠ 10:00 AM

*Bold Text is spoken by everyone*

PASTOR: Rev. Jeff Binder

MUSICIANS: Bob Hinson, Aaron Lange

LITURGIST: Karen Sandberg

AUDIO/VISUAL: Bob Rasmussen, Greg Russell

## GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

### GATHERING MUSIC

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE AND ELEMENTS

#### WORDS OF PRAISE (Psalm 118 selected verses)

O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;

**God's steadfast love endures forever!**

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

**This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**

We thank you that you have answered us and have become our salvation.

**The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

**The LORD is God, and he has given us light.**

Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

**You are our God, and we will give thanks to you; you are our God, we will extol you.**

O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good,

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

#### HYMN No. 196 (All Glory, Laud, and Honor)

Refrain: *All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!*

Verse 1: *Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One.* Refrain

Verse 2: *The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present.* Refrain

Verse 3: *To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.* Refrain

Verse 4: *Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!* Refrain

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

CONFESSIOAL RESPONSE No. 203 (Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love)

Refrain: *Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.*

Verse 4: *Loving puts us on our knees, willing to wash others' feet; this is the way we should live like you.*

Refrain: *Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.*

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 658 (God Is So Good)

Verse 1: *God is so good; God is so good; God is so good; God's so good to me.*

Verse 3: *God loves me so; God loves me so; God loves me so; God's so good to me.*

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE (Matthew 21:1-11)

MESSAGE (Parades by Rev. Jeff Binder)

## RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Iona Abbey Worship Book*)

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, riding on a donkey, the word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence with palms and praises, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone.**

OFFERTORY (Offerings can be mailed into the church office or made online by visiting our website: [www.valleycommunity.org](http://www.valleycommunity.org))

## DOXOLOGY

*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.*

# SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## INVITATION

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; let those who have no money come and eat.

**God will satisfy our souls with a rich feast, and we will bless the Lord as long as we live.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS No. 559 (Holy, Holy, Holy)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Cantor, Aaron Lange) Malotte

*Please join in singing as you are able*

SHARING OF THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

## SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

CLOSING HYMN No. 197 (Hosanna, Loud Hosanna)

Verse 1: ***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: ***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.***

Verse 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.***

## CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, remain with us always.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Amen.**

## POSTLUDE