

Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023  
Order of Worship

Prelude

*All Glory, Laud and Honor*  
Arr. By Mary McDonald  
Suk Choi

Welcome

Pastor Jim

Processional Hymn

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna  
Jeannette Threlfall  
LNPC Chancel Choir  
#203 (vv. 1, 2, 3)

*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.*

*From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,  
The victory 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.*

*"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!*

Call to Worship

Pastor Jim

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

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

Leader: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People:** *Hosanna in the highest heaven!*

Leader: The Lord is our God, and has given us light;

**People:** *Great is our God, and we give thanks to the Lord.*

Leader: Hosanna to the Son of David!

**People:** *Hosanna! Save Us, O God. Hosanna!*

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

## Opening Prayer

Pastor Jim

Merciful Savior, it is our privilege and delight to be in your presence and to bring our praises and worship to you. We celebrate your arrival in Jerusalem; we anticipate the agony that is before you; we await your victory over death. But, O Lord, let us not move too quickly. Grant that we might walk this Holy Week journey alongside you as faithful disciples, rather than as participants of the fickle crowd. Amen.

## Hymns of Praise

*Hosanna (Praise is Rising)*

**Baloche and Brown**

**Logan Altman, Worship Leader**

**Jimmy Perez, Electric Bass & Sho Fujieda, Drums**

*Praise is rising  
Eyes are turning to You  
We turn to You  
Hope is stirring  
Hearts are yearning for You  
We long for You*

*'Cause when we see You  
We find strength to face the day  
In Your presence  
All our fears are washed away  
(Washed away)*

*Hosanna hosanna  
You are the God who saves us  
Worthy of all our praises  
Hosanna hosanna  
Come have Your way among us  
We welcome You here Lord Jesus*

*Hear the sound of  
Hearts returning to You  
We turn to You In Your Kingdom  
Broken lives are made new  
You make us new*

*'Cause when we see You  
We find strength to face the day  
In Your presence  
All our fears are washed away  
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*Hosanna hosanna  
Hosanna hosanna*

***Only King Forever***  
**Brock, Furtick, Brown, and Joye**

***Our God and firm foundation  
Our Rock the only solid ground  
The nations rise and fall***

***Kingdoms once strong now shaken  
We trust forever in Your name  
The name of Jesus  
We trust in the name of Jesus***

***You are the only King forever  
Almighty God we lift You higher  
You are the only King forever  
Forevermore You are victorious***

***Unmatched in all Your wisdom  
In love and justice You will reign  
And ev'ry knee will bow***

***We bring our expectations  
Our hope is anchored in Your name  
The name of Jesus  
Oh we trust the name of Jesus***

***You are the only King forever  
Almighty God we lift You higher  
You are the only King forever  
Forevermore You are victorious***

***We lift our banner high  
We lift the name of Jesus  
From age to age You reign  
Your kingdom has no end***

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**Invitation to the Prayer of Confession**

**Lani Colley**

Knowing that we are not all we should be, but confident of God's love and mercy, let us confess our sins before God and one another. Let us pray, using the words of the Prayer of Confession as printed in our Order of Worship.

## Prayer of Confession

Lani Colley

*Hold us close, patient God, for we know how hard this week can be. We see our own failures mirrored in the Passion story. We know we betray the trust given to us. We let our children down. We avoid the eyes of the homeless. We treat your creation with indifference and abuse. We deny your love by covering up our talents, hiding behind low self-esteem, looking to others to lead the way. We are frightened by the costliness of following you and fear that we will be found fleeing the scene or joining in with the accusing crowd. Loving God, hold us close so we may move through the shadows, confront the darkness and rejoice in the surprising triumph of your stronger-than-death love. Hold us close, as we confess in the silence of our hearts the brokenness that made this week necessary.*

Silent Prayer.

Amen.

## Declaration of Forgiveness

Lani Colley

Out of the depths of God's eternal love for us, God hears our prayers, forgives our sins and sets us free to live and work for God's glory. We are loved. We are forgiven. We are free! Thanks be to God. Amen.

## Response of Thanksgiving

*Gloria Patri*  
LNPC Chancel Choir

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.*

## Passing of the Joy & Peace of Christ

Pastor Anette

## Musical Anthem

**Comes the King**  
**Arr. By Dave Williamson**  
**LNPC Chancel Choir**

Today in the city of Jerusalem  
Comes the King, comes the King.  
Today in the city of Jerusalem  
Comes the King of kings.

Sing loud hosannas,  
Worship with your praise.  
Spread the news of his great glory  
On this joyous day.  
For today in the city  
Comes the King,  
Comes the King of kings.

Have you heard the news?  
Have you heard the news?  
Have you seen the light?  
Have you seen the light?

God's own Son is here with us  
To bring us all new life.  
Look and see the One who sets us free.

Today in the city of Jerusalem  
Comes the King, comes the King.  
Today in the city of Jerusalem,  
Comes the King of kings.

Sing loud hosannas,  
Worship with your praise.  
Spread the news of his great glory  
On this joyous day.  
For today in the city  
Comes the King,  
Comes the King of kings.

We sing "Gloria"  
We sing "Gloria"  
As we lift him up.  
As we lift him up.

He has worked great miracles  
To show his pow'r and love.

Blessed is the One who comes to us.  
Today in the city of Jerusalem  
Comes the King, comes the King.  
Today in the city of Jerusalem  
Comes the King of kings.

Sing loud hosannas,  
Worship with your praise,  
Spread the news of his great glory  
On this joyous day.

For today in the city comes the King.  
For today in the city comes the King.  
For today in the city comes the King.

Comes the King of kings,  
Comes the King of kings!

Prayer Song

*God is always near me,  
God will always hear me,  
When I pray.*

First Lesson

John 12: 20 - 26

Mason Courtney  
Pew Bible p. 106

<sup>20</sup> Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."  
<sup>22</sup> Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup> Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

Hymn of Preparation

*All Glory, Laud and Honor*  
Theodulph of Orleans  
LNPC Chancel Choir  
#204 (vv. 1, 3)

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

*Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,  
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One!  
All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

*The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present:  
All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

<sup>1</sup> When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup> and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this: ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’ ” <sup>4</sup> They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup> some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” <sup>6</sup> They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup> Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup> Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup> Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup> Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” <sup>11</sup> Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple, and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

**Sermon****Are We Fans or Followers?****Pastor Jim****Time of Reflection****Blessing of Tithes, Offerings, and One Great Hour Sharing****Pastor Anette**

## Offertory

***O Come to the Altar***  
**Brock, Furtick, Brown, and Joye**  
**Logan Altman, Soloist**

Are you hurting and broken within  
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin  
Jesus is calling  
Have you come to the end of yourself  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well  
Jesus is calling

O come to the altar  
The Father's arms are open wide  
Forgiveness was bought with  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes  
Come today there's no reason to wait  
Jesus is calling  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy  
From the ashes a new life is born  
Jesus is calling

O come to the altar  
The Father's arms are open wide  
Forgiveness was bought with  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Oh what a Savior  
Isn't he wonderful  
Sing alleluia Christ is risen  
Bow down before him  
For he is Lord of all  
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

O come to the altar  
The Father's arms are open wide  
Forgiveness was bought with  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

## Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

**Pastor Anette**

***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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen***

**Closing Hymn**

***Christ Be My Leader***  
**Timothy Dudley-Smith**  
**LNPC Chancel Choir**  
**#107 (vv. 1, 3)**

***Christ be my leader by night as by day,  
Safe through the darkness, for he is the Way.  
Gladly I follow, my future his care,  
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.***

***Christ be my Saviour in calm as in strife;  
Death cannot hold me, for he is the Life.  
Nor darkness, nor doubting, nor sin and its stain  
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.***

**Charge and Benediction**

**Pastor Jim**

**Choral Response**

*(Please remain seated during the Chorale Response.)*

***Prayer for the Road***  
**LNPC Chancel Choir**

***May we be blessed as we go on our way.  
May we be kept in safety and love.  
May grace and compassion find their way to every soul,  
May this be our blessing, Amen.  
Amen, Amen.  
May this be our blessing, Amen  
Amen, Amen.  
May this be our blessing, Amen.***

**Postlude**

***Praise Him! Praise Him!***  
**Chester Allen**  
**Suk Choi**