

Worship Outline – April 5, 2020 (Palm Sunday)

Prelude *How Beautiful* (Paris/Larson)

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* #197

Hosanna, loud hosana, 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

“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

Prayer of Confession

Suffering God, the way of the cross is a hard road. It is draining. It is demanding. It is fraught with danger. You ask us to stay by your side as you walk toward Calvary. But weariness and fear overtake us. Like the first disciples, we are quick to betray you, to deny you, to abandon you. Forgive us, God; and strengthen us for the journey ahead. Give us courage to face the pain and suffering of this world and to respond with compassion. As the darkness gathers, renew our faith, fill us with hope, and startle us with your grace. Amen.

Assurance of God’s Love

Passing of the Peace

During this time, we will pass the peace by texting one another. Choose a fellow church member, family member, friend, relative, or loved one, have their number ready to go, and send them a text that says, "May the peace of Christ be with you."

Hebrew Bible Reading – Psalm 118:1-2,19-29

Anthem

This Is My Song

(FINLANDIA – Sibelius/Stone)

Performed by *Cantus*

This is my song, O God of all the nations
A song of peace for lands afar and mine
This is my home, the country where my heart is
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine
But other lands have sunlight, too, and clover
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine
This is my song, O God of all the nations
A song of peace for their land and for mine

Gospel Reading – Matthew 21:1-11

Homily

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering Our Lives to God *Improvisation in Resignation* (arr. Martin)

Pastoral Prayer

Charge & Benediction

Postlude *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*