



# GRACE CHURCH IN PROVIDENCE

*Welcome to "Voices of Grace", our virtual worship experience that features parishioners leading worship from their own homes. We hope you join us from yours! Wherever you are, we pray for your health and well-being. God bless you!*

*Jonathan+*

**APRIL 5, 2020 ~ PALM SUNDAY**

Voices of Grace "Virtual" Worship

## THE LITURGY OF THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

### VOLUNTARY

Fantasia super Valet will ich dir geben, BWV 735

*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT

*Celebrant* Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.  
*People* **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

### THE BLESSING OVER THE BRANCHES

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

**I**T IS RIGHT to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way.

*All raise their green branches . . .*

Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
*People* **Hosanna in the highest.**

HYMN 154

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King!

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;  
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
 4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;  
 5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Repeat Refrain*

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.  
 2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.  
 3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
 4 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.  
 Music: Valet will ich dir geben, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \***

his mercy endures for ever.

**Let Israel now proclaim, \***

"His mercy endures for ever."

**Open for me the gates of righteousness; \***

I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

**"This is the gate of the Lord; \***

he who is righteous may enter."

**I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \***

and have become my salvation.

**The same stone which the builders rejected \***

has become the chief cornerstone.

**This is the Lord's doing, \***

and it is marvelous in our eyes.

**On this day the Lord has acted; \***

we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**Hosanna, Lord, hosanna! \***

Lord, send us now success.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; \***

we bless you from the house of the Lord.

**God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; \***

form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

**You are my God, and I will thank you; \***

you are my God, and I will exalt you."

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \***

his mercy endures for ever.

THE LESSON

*Matthew 21:1-11*

*Read by Charles Carroll*

**W**HEN Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

*Reader*  
*People*

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to the God.**

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Canon Jonathan Huyck, *Rector*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Led by Joseph Berryhill*

MUSICAL MEDITATION

LAST NIGHT, I LAY A-SLEEPING, there came a dream so fair I stood in old Jerusalem,  
beside the temple there. I heard the children singing and ever as they sang,  
me thought the voice of angels from heaven in answer rang.

*Jerusalem, Jerusalem, lift up your gates and sing, Hosanna, in the highest, Hosanna to the king!*

And then me thought my dream was changed, the streets no longer rang.

Hushed were the glad hosannas, the little children sang.

The sun grew dark with mystery, the morn was cold and chill,

as the shadow of a cross arose upon a lonely hill. *Jerusalem, Jerusalem . . .*

And once again the scene was changed new earth, there seemed to be. I saw the Holy City beside  
the tideless sea. The light of God was on its streets, the gates were opened wide and all who would  
might enter and no one was denied. No need of moon or stars by night, nor sun to shine by day.

It was a new Jerusalem that would not pass away. *Jerusalem, Jerusalem . . .*

*Words: F.E. Weatherly*

*Music: Stephen Adams (1841-1913)*

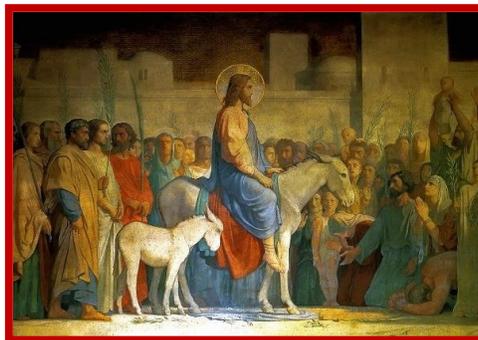
*Erin Preston, Soprano*

A PRAYER FOR HOLY WEEK

*The Rector*

### PRAYER LIST

This week, we pray for: *Judith Sutphen, Tim, Emily, Chris, Jo-Ann, James, Ricky Birkes, the Pierson family, Brenda, Horatious, Prosper, Kpadeh, Lauren, Pam, Maria Diamante, Bob Scanlan, Robert Cramer, Bob Nelson, Kenneth Scanlan, Jerry Clifford, and those serving in the military.* We also pray for those members of our church who are homebound.



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