

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

April 2, 2023 at 10 am

"Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble. . . ." (Zechariah 9:9)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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HYMN #89: "HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA"

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.

From Olivet they followed
'Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving,
And chanting clear and loud;
The Lord of earth and heaven
Ride 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (unison)

O Lord Christ,
Remembering the events of Jesus' last week
helps us see ourselves for what we are:
sinners in need of a Savior,
a Savior—praise God—we have in Christ.
In honesty and hope, we confess our sins to God.

* *Please stand if you are able*

As you once entered Jerusalem,
enter our hearts this day afresh.

As you once set your face toward death on a cross,
help us this day to walk with you to victory.

As the children once cried "Hosanna" to bless you,
enable us to confess you openly as Lord and Savior.

Grant us your presence by the power of your Spirit,
that our worship and our lives may truly honor you.

Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN #88: "ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR"

*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. (Refrain)

The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayers and anthems
Before Thee we present. [Refrain]

To Thee, before Thy passion,
They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise. (Refrain)

Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King! [Refrain]

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"WE WILL GLORIFY"

We will glorify the King of kings;
We will glorify the Lamb.
We will glorify the Lord of lords,
Who is the great I Am.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty;
We will bow before His throne.
We will worship Him in righteousness,
We will worship Him alone.

He is Lord of heaven Lord of earth;
He is Lord of all who live.
He is Lord above the universe;
All praise to Him we give.
Hallelujah to the King of kings;
Hallelujah to the Lamb.
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords,
Who is the great I Am.

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THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Sermon: *"Your King Is Coming"*

Matthew 21:1-11

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵ "Say to Daughter Zion,
'See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"
"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"
"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹⁰ When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"

¹¹ The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice, O people of Zion!
Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem!
Look, your king is coming to you.
He is righteous and victorious,
yet he is humble, riding on a donkey—
riding on a donkey's colt.

¹⁰ I will remove the battle chariots from Israel
and the warhorses from Jerusalem.
I will destroy all the weapons used in battle,
and your king will bring peace to the nations.

His realm will stretch from sea to sea
and from the Euphrates River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ Because of the covenant I made with you,
sealed with blood,
I will free your prisoners
from death in a waterless dungeon.

¹² Come back to the place of safety,
all you prisoners who still have hope!
I promise this very day
that I will repay two blessings for each of your troubles.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE WITH OUR OFFERINGS

*The metal basket in the offering plate is for gifts to support
our deacons' provision of care, support, and financial assistance to those in need.*

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DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Our practice is to eat the bread individually as it is distributed,
and to hold onto the cup until all have received it, and partake of it in unison.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Passing the Peace: "May the peace of Christ be with you"

Communion

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 sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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HYMN #371: "LIFT HIGH THE CROSS"

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.*

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
The Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. [Refrain]

Each newborn servant of the Crucified
Bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died. [Refrain]

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
Your death has brought us life eternally. [Refrain]

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory. [Refrain]

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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CALENDAR

- TODAY** Membership class in parlor (after the service)
Youth Group (4:30 pm)
- Tuesday, April 4** Worship at Channel Point (10:30)
- Thurs, April 6** **Maundy Thursday Service** (Supper at 6:00 pm; Service at 6:30 pm)
- Friday, April 7** **Good Friday:** The church sanctuary will be open for prayer and reflection
- Sunday, April 9** **Easter Service: Rejoicing in our Risen Lord!**
- Sunday, April 16** Potluck (after our morning worship service)