

Virtual Worship for March 28, 2021

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

We raise our voices and wave with joyful hope
the palms of deliverance of God's people. Let us cry:

Hosanna! Hosanna to the God who saves us!

Our hearts are filled with expectation
as we welcome the coming king. Let us cry:

Hosanna! Hosanna to the God who saves us!

We receive into the crowded streets of our lives
the one who is Savior, not only of us, but of all the earth. Let us cry:

Hosanna! Hosanna to the God who saves us!

PRELUDE – Abide with Me, trad.

Wally West, saxophone; Chuck Burns, electric guitar

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Kate Guthrie

Jesus, our Lord, we shout hosannas to praise you. With eager hands, we place our cloaks and palms on the path before you. Yet, Lord, we confess that the mouths that seek to praise you often deny or defy you. And we confess that the hands that seek to serve you often become fists. Lord, hear us as we confess. **[Silence]**

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

**For Christ came into the world not to condemn the world,
but that the world through him should be saved.**

Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children.

**And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,
a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.**

Hosanna! Amen!

—From Worship Sourcebook, p.587, based on Matthew 21:8-9; John 3:17;
Ephesians 5:1-2

HYMN – All Glory, Laud and Honor, Hymn 196

Starmount Ensemble

Refrain:

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)

SCRIPTURE READING – Mark 11:1-11

Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples 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. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

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 – Announcing a New Kingdom
Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

ANTHEM – Hosanna, Loud Hosanna, Jennette Threlfall
Starmount Ensemble

Hosanna, in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna to the King of Kings.

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had held them close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed amid the shouting crowd,
the victor palm branch waving and chanting clear and loud;
Messiah, God's anointed, rode there in humble state,
'Hosanna, in the highest!' rang out their praises great.

'Hosanna in the highest!' that ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.
Oh may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in God's joyful presence eternally rejoice!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & BENEDICTION
Rev. Dr. Kate Guthrie