

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Nacogdoches, Texas

The Service for the Lord's Day



Palm/Passion Sunday

March 28, 2021 11:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLING IN SPIRIT VIA INTERNET

Facebook.com/westpresnac or www.westpreschurch.com

PRELUDE

Dr. James Pitts, organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

All: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Leader: Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,

All: humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Leader: Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

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 peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
- 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
- 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra-cious King!

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. I am the light of the world. I am the door of the sheep. I am the resurrection and the life. I am the good shepherd. I am the way, the truth, and the life. I am the true vine.” If these be true, we dare with full confidence to bring our sinful selves in humble confession before the throne of grace. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you. First we greet you with praise, then we abandon you in peril. We have also betrayed others of your children today. First we welcome you with songs, then we forsake you in suffering. We have also forsaken others of your suffering people today. Forgive us, by your steadfast love. Create a clean heart within us, teach us your holy way, lead us to make amends for our failings, and restore the joy of salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Continue in silent prayer...)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Beyond all earthly reason our Savior and Lord Jesus pursued his royal path to peace through his suffering on our behalf, for our sins and transgressions. In him and his innocent death, beyond all earthly reason, we find peace in him who died for us. The Good News is that in Christ, we are forgiven and free. Let us show our gratitude with love and mercy for all people. Amen!

All: God’s Word in Jesus Christ gives us new life through his mercy! Let us give thanks and live freely in Christ. Amen.

OFFERING REFLECTIONS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

DOXOLOGY

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

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HEARING GOD’S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 11:1-10

SOLO

The Holy City
Nathan Ponder, tenor

by Stephen Adams

Last night I lay asleeping
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
Methought the voice of Angels
From Heaven in answer rang
"Jerusalem, Jerusalem!
Lift up your gates and sing,
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna to your King!"
And then methought my dream
was chang'd
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!
Hark! How the Angels sing,
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna to your King!"
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 open wide
And all who would might enter
And no one was denied
No need of moon or stars by
night
Or sun to shine by day
It was the new Jerusalem
That would not pass away
"Jerusalem! Jerusalem
Sing for the night is o'er
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna for evermore!"

SERMON

“What Is Right with this Picture?”

Rev. Howard Reed

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

(Ecumenical version)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will 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.

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

HYMN

JESUS CHRIST: PASSION AND DEATH

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! 198

1 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the
 2 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
 3 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of
 4 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly

tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur -
 pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs
 an - gels in the sky look down with sad and
 pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to

sues its road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
 now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 won - dering eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 mor - tal pain; then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

This 19th-century Palm Sunday text is better understood as the reflections of someone standing outside the event rather than as coming from those participating in the actual procession. This poignant text is set to a tune written especially for it later in the same century.

19th-century Hart Millman, 1827, alt.
 19th-century John Bacchus Dykes, 1862

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WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

As always, we are grateful to James Pitts, Kevin Helmer, and Whitney Frazier for faithfully sharing worship with many others via the internet.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL CONGREGATION HYMN SING, SATURDAY, APRIL 3, IN PARKING LOT

Our congregation (and friends!—invite others!) will celebrate new life in Christ because of his resurrection, with an outdoor congregational hymn sing in the church parking lot on Saturday afternoon, April 3, at 2:00 p.m. (Rain date will be the following day, Easter Sunday, at 4:00 pm.) This event is an expression of our thanks to God for the resurrection of Christ and for bringing us through the pandemic troubles of the past year.

Accompaniment for singing will be provided by Dr. James Pitts from the organ/piano inside the sanctuary and broadcast via our FM broadcast system to the parking lot, where our car radios will receive the music for singing. We will have instructions on your arrival for creating a large circle of car speakers and singers. Hymnals handed out on the day will provide words and music for singers.

All hymns will come from our hymnal, *Glory to God*. The congregation is invited to submit requests for singing and the staff will have a drawing for inclusion of about 20 hymns, in addition to some that staff members will choose. Please submit only one request per person by email or mail to the church office by Sunday, March 21, and please title or indicate in writing in email subject: "Hymn Sing." (Prior experience with similar events shows that very often several of any one person's favorite hymns will be chosen by others for inclusion, a happy circumstance.)

Dr. Dalton has suggested that she will try to organize the choir to sing several familiar choral pieces, too, probably *a capella*, due to the complicated logistics of having remote accompaniment from inside the sanctuary.

Since most of you do not have a hymnal in your home, please feel free to come and borrow a copy, or spend a few minutes at church perusing the hymnal to make your choice. Or, look back over the past year of Sunday worship to prompt your memory.

The hymn sing will be fully "programmed" in advance, just as music concerts are programmed, in order to provide Dr. Pitts a clear plan for the approximate one-hour of music. We will not be able to accommodate on the spot requests.

Our church staff is so grateful to the congregation for so much faithfulness and support through the pandemic. Let us all rejoice and lift up our voices on Saturday, April 3 at 2:00. **THE INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP at Westminster Church is always open to persons who wish to join us in witness and service to Jesus Christ. If you are interested in church membership or desire more information about this congregation, please indicate on the Friendship Pad or speak to the pastor, or one of the elders following the service.**

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

(PCUSA)

Westminster Presbyterian Church exists to declare God's love for all through Jesus Christ, to nurture and encourage spiritual growth, to maintain the integrity of divine worship, and to share the love and joy found in Christ by giving ourselves to our community and to the world.

THE SESSION

Class of 2021

Deborah Dalton
Charles Gavin
Kevin Helmer
Lynnae Perdue
Lisa Thompson

Class of 2022

Sue Johnson
Tony Thompson
Stephanie Petti
Bruce McNellie
Robin Moore

Class of 2023

Bobbie Ann Anderson
Jill Ivy
Vance Rogers
Ray Taylor
Katie Tracey

MINISTERS:

All the Members of the Congregation

CHURCH STAFF

Interim Pastor	Rev. Howard Reed
Director of Music	Deborah Dalton
Organist	James Pitts
Director of Christian Education	Whitney Frazier
Nursery Coordinator	Myra McNellie
Presbyterian Women Moderator	Lisa Thompson
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EASTER LILIES

If you would like to purchase an Easter lily to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please fill out the following information. The cost is \$30.00 each. The names will be listed on a bulletin insert, and you can take the flowers following the Easter service.

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In honor of

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