

Palm Sunday

March 28, 2021 at 10:30 AM

*We welcome you to worship today. It is a privilege to have you as our guest.
As you join us today, begin to worship quietly with personal prayer.
Please turn off your cell phone and turn your hearts and minds toward God.*

We prepare for worship

Take a moment and meditate on this as you prepare for worship...

*Say to the Daughter of Zion, "See your **king** comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."* **Zechariah 9:9 (ESV)**

Prelude

Mrs. Wendy Wickham

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

Pastor Ceselsky

We praise our great God

Call to Worship (**responsive**)

Psalm 24:7-10 (**ESV**)

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Hymn No. 235

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

St. Theodulph

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!

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present;
To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!
All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

- ¹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!
- ² **Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”**
- ³ Let the house of Aaron say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”
- ⁴ **Let those who fear the LORD say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”**
- ⁵ Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free.
- ⁶ **The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?**
- ⁷ The LORD is on my side as my helper;
I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.
- ⁸ It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.
- ⁹ **It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.**
- ¹⁰ All nations surrounded me; in the name of the LORD I cut them off!
- ¹¹ **They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side; in the name of the LORD I cut them off!**
- ¹² They surrounded me like bees; they went out like a fire among thorns;
in the name of the LORD I cut them off!
- ¹³ I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, but the LORD helped me.
- ¹⁴ **The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.**
- ¹⁵ Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,
- ¹⁶ the right hand of the LORD exalts,
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!”
- ¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.
- ¹⁸ **The LORD has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over to death.**
- ¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.
- ²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.
- ²¹ **I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**
- ²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
- ²³ **This is the LORD’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**
- ²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- ²⁵ Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!
- ²⁶ **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.**
- ²⁷ The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!
- ²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.
- ²⁹ **Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!**

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, heard of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, “Behold your God!” Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

How does Christ execute the office of a king? **Christ executes the office of a king, in subduing us to Himself, in ruling and defending us, and in conquering all His and our enemies.**

Hymn

Worthy of Worship

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Worthy of worship, worthy of praise, worthy of honor and glory;
Worthy of all the glad songs we can sing, worthy of all of the off'ings we bring.

***You are worthy, Father, Creator. You are worthy, Savior, Sustainer,
You are worthy, worthy and wonderful; Worthy of worship and praise.***

Worthy of rev'rence, worthy of fear, worthy of love and devotion;
Worthy of bowing and bending of knees, worthy of all this and added to these...

Almighty Father, Master and Lord, King of all kings and Redeemer,
Wonderful Counselor, Comforter, Friend, Savior and Source of our life without end.

The Prayers of God's People and the Lord's Prayer (**in unison**)

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

The Doxology (Hymnal, pg. 731) and Prayer of Dedication

We hear God speak

Scripture Reading

Luke 19:28-44 (ESV)

²⁸ And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" ³² So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³ And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ And they said, "The Lord has need of it." ³⁵ And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" ³⁹ And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

⁴¹ And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴² saying, "Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side ⁴⁴ and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

Sermon

"The King Has Come!"

Pastor Bell

We respond to God's grace

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet.

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up to their eternal home.

Benediction and Three-Fold Amen (**Hymnal, pg 740**)

Danish

Postlude

We Welcome and Thank Mrs. Wendy Wickham for providing the musical accompaniment today.

We will have a Maundy Thursday Communion Service this Thursday, April 1st at 7:00 PM here at Aisquith. The people from Loch Raven Presbyterian will be joining us, and invite our congregation to join them on Good Friday, April 2nd at 7:00 PM.

We will not celebrate the Lord's Supper on Easter Sunday, but will do so the following Sunday, April 11th.

Our special Easter Offering will go to the PCA Mission to the World Compassion Ministries. Your gift enables our denomination to respond quickly to urgent needs around the world: providing food and shelter for displaced victims of natural disasters, rebuilding homes and churches, and demonstrating the love of Jesus to a world in desperate need of his mercy and grace.

A Congregational Work Day is planned for Saturday, May 1st from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Mark your calendar and join us!

The congregation is invited to a luncheon following the worship service on April 25. We will be celebrating the baptism of covenant child Daniella Andrade that day. **YOU MUST RSVP** for this luncheon. Please text or call Angela at 240-274-0914.