

THE PROCESSION OF PALMS SUNDAY

MARCH 25, 2018

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Preparing for Worship: Hosanna, Lord, hosanna! We welcome you! Set your face toward us and come again for our salvation. May we humble ourselves in your presence, following your example of voluntary submission, obedient even unto death.

Gathering Music & Prelude “The Palms” **Jan Mauck**

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time **Brice Smith**

***Song** “All Glory, Laud and Honor” **265**
“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” **267**

***Call to Worship:**

Tell the Lord how thankful you are, because God is kind and always merciful.

Let Israel shout, “God is always merciful!”

Open the gates of justice! I will enter and tell the Lord how thankful I am.

Here is the gate of the Lord! Everyone who does right may enter this gate.

I praise the Lord for answering my prayers and saving me.

The stone that the builders tossed aside has now become the most important stone.

The Lord has done this, and it is amazing to us.

This day belongs to the Lord! Let’s celebrate and be glad today.

We’ll ask the Lord to save us! We’ll sincerely ask the Lord to let us win.

God bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord! We praise you from here in the house of the Lord.

The Lord is our God, and he has given us light!

Start the celebration! March with palm branches all the way to the altar.

The Lord is my God! I will praise him and tell him how thankful I am.

Tell the Lord how thankful you are, because he is kind and always merciful.

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (Contemporary English Version)

***Invocational Prayer**

Song of Faith “Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates” 176

Community and Congregational 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and glory, forever.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

A Reading from the Old Testament **Isaiah 50:4-9a**

A Reading from the New Testament **Philippians 2:5-11**

***A Reading from the Gospel** **Mark 11:1-11**

The Light of Life **An Easter Musical**

Words and Music by James Goodnow

His Coming **BLESSED IS HE**

Invitation & Dedication of Our Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings

Narrator: **Marty Rosa** His Anointing **THE GIFT**

Narrator: **Rexanne Greuter**
Christ Rejected **CORNERSTONE**

Narrator: **Nancy Cottril**
Christ Denied **THE GENTLE FACE OF LOVE**

Narrator: **Jan Mauck** His Judgment **BEHOLD THE MAN**

Narrator: **Colleen Smith**
His Crucifixion

FATHER, FORGIVE THEM
Brice Smith, soloist

Meditation

AT CALVARY
Rexanne Greuter, soloist

His Resurrection

DEATH, WHERE IS THY VICTORY?

Narrator: Brice Smith

Our Response

ENTER HIS PRESENCE

Many thanks to Nyla Suffron for being the accompanist for the cantata. Nyla is the Music Director at Wakarusa Presbyterian Church and a long-time friend of Janet Nyfeler. And grateful thanks to the WSBC choir for all their hard work and dedication to providing great music to enhance our worship.

***Invitation to Christian Faith and Discipleship** – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God’s forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to follow Christ in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

***Song** **“Lift High the Cross”** **287**

***Spoken Benediction**

***Postlude** **“The King in Triumph ”** *by Ross Anderson*

**Please stand if able*

PALM SUNDAY - Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent and the beginning of Holy Week. It commemorates the triumphant arrival of Jesus Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified.



MISSION: The vision of West Side Baptist Church shall be that we commit ourselves to continual personal growth, reaching out to win and nurture others in the love of Jesus Christ

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