Palm Sunday March 28, 2021

Welcome Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Mark 11:9-10

"Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest!"

Hymn: All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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Invocation

The Law of Christ: Matt. 5:46-48

Pastor: Our blessed Lord Jesus summarized the moral law of God by saying:

Congregation: If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Pastor: Beloved we have not done this as we ought; therefore let us corporately confess our sin:

Corporate Confession of sin:

Lord, our desires are so often foremost in our thinking. Not having put to death all of the aspects of our old nature, we confess that we regularly commit idolatry. Anger that does not conform to your righteousness, because it stems from our heart demands, is a daily occurrence. You would be just in condemning us both for sins committed and the sin of our nature inherited from Adam.

We thank you that there is glorious forgiveness in your Son the Lord Jesus. Thank you for his suffering and death for us. Thank you for his active obedience imputed to us. Renew us so that our lives will reflect the great grace we have received from you, and may we grant similar grace to others as well, through Christ our only Savior. Amen

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: 1 Jn 1:8-9

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Congregation: We give praise to God for although he was angry with us his anger has been turned away and by faith in Christ our sins are forgiven.

Pastor: How far has he separated your sins from you?

Congregation: As far as the East is from the West, and he has replaced them with the righteousness of Christ

All: Praise and glory be to God our Father and to his Son Jesus our only Savior!

Response:

Minister: It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night. (Ps 92:1)

Congregation: For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD; I sing for joy at the works of your hands. How great are your works, O LORD, how profound your thoughts! (Ps 92:4-5)

Hymn: When His Salvation Bringing #236

Confession of Faith: Apostles Creed p845

Song: Jesus Is King

Jesus is King, let all the earth be glad. He sits enthroned, He is exalted on high. Behold your God; behold your God! He is surrounded with glory. He is surrounded with glory.

Jesus is King, let all the earth rejoice. He moves in power, He reigns in majesty. Behold your God; behold your God! He is surrounded with glory. He is surrounded with glory.

As we draw near, we see His glory shine. We see the pain, yet we see triumph in His eyes. Behold your God; behold your God! We are surrounded with glory. We are surrounded with glory.

Children's song

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Pastoral Prayer

OT Reading: Zech 9:9-17

Psalter: Ps 118 This Is the Day the Lord Has Made #389

NT Responsive Reading: Matt 21:4-16

This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

"Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them.

They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them.

Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?"

And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee." But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant, and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?"

And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, "'Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise'?"

Sermon: Sabbath Rest Hebrews 4:1-13

Lord's Supper

Bread: Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

Cup: He Will Hold Me Fast

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When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast. I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path; For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast. He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast; For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast; Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last; Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast; For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast 'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last! He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast; For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Offering: Doxology:

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

Prayer

Closing Song: May the Grace of Christ Our Savior

May the grace of Christ our Savior And the Father's boundless love, With the Holy Spirit's favor, Rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union With each other and the Lord, And possess, in sweet communion, Joys, which earth cannot afford.

Benediction

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