



ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DENTON, TEXAS

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

March 28, 2021

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

Sarah Barnett, Rhys Blosser, Cici Chavira, Elizabeth Gibson, Noah Gibson, Lowery Strowe, and Soren Trachsel

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lisa Patterson

Who is this unlikely king?

Hosanna! His name is Jesus!

Why does he ride into the city?

Hosanna! He comes to save us!

Let us wave our palms, throw down our cloaks,

Let us follow Christ toward the cross.

OPENING PRAYER

INTROIT

Hosanna to the Son of David

Kimberling

HYMN 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lamb of God, we know the exhilaration of celebrating Christ's entry into our lives, even as we confess our betrayal of him. We know the truth of who Christ is, but in the stresses and challenges of our lives we begin to doubt. We know you as a God who weeps with and for us, but remain unmoved by your tears, believing ourselves to be alone in our pain. Remind us, O God, of your steadfast faithfulness that calls us to life, follows us to our death, and then leads us to new life. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen (Time of silent confession).

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

CALL TO FAITHFULNESS

(John 13: 34-35)

Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

SUNG RESPONSE

Hymn 443, There Is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son; precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son, and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		C.J. Prater
FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!	Mark 11: 1-11	See Insert
ANTHEM	The Palms Christopher Curcuruto, bass-baritone and Stephen Carey, piano	G.B. Faure
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES		Ron Harris, puppeteer
SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!	Philippians 2: 5-11	See Insert
SERMON	<i>Postcards from the Wilderness: Final Steps</i>	Richard B. Culp

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN 199	Filled with Excitement	HOSANNA
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)		<i>(The Study Catechism)</i>
What do you believe when you confess your faith in Jesus Christ as "God's only Son"?		
That Jesus Christ is a unique person who was sent to do a unique work.		
How do you understand the uniqueness of Jesus Christ?		
No one else will ever be God incarnate. No one else will ever die for the sins of the world. Only Jesus Christ is such a person, only he could do such a work, and he in fact has done it.		
What is the significance of affirming that Jesus is truly God?		
Only God can properly deserve worship. Only God can reveal to us who God is. And only God can save us from our sins. Being truly God, Jesus meets these conditions. He is the proper object of our worship, the self-revelation of God, and the Savior of the world.		
What is the significance of affirming that Jesus is also truly a human being?		
Being truly human, Jesus entered fully into our fallen situation and overcame it from within. By his pure obedience, he lived a life of unbroken unity with God, even to the point of accepting a violent death. As sinners at war with grace, this is precisely the kind of life we fail to live. When we accept him by faith, he removes our disobedience and clothes us with his perfect righteousness. Amen.		

LENTEN MOMENT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

During Lent, we will be using a Bidding Prayer. When the leader says, "your kingdom come," the congregation responds by praying, " your will be done."

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

Hymn 608, *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

LITANY OF PALM AND PASSIONS

The crowds wave their palm branches as Jesus rides through the streets of Jerusalem. They shout, "Hosanna, blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

We share their enthusiasm, wave our palm branches, and shout, "Hosanna, blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

Then the parade ends; life goes on; and Jesus becomes more a memory than a partner in life.

We know the challenge of keeping our focus on Jesus.

Too soon, the crowds forget the palm branches and "hosannas," and turn against Christ, angrily calling for his death, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

We remember with dismay in our own lives how the joy of proclaiming Christ as Lord and Savior turns to denial of who he is.

Palms and passion.

Palms and passion.

HYMN 220

Go to Dark Gethsemane

REDHEAD 76

(While we sing, the Chancel will be stripped as we move from palms to passion)

BENEDICTION

(Worshippers are invited to exit in a socially-distanced manner following the Benediction)

POSTLUDE

WELCOME!

We proclaim that ALL people are created in the image of God and affirm that each person is a beloved child of God, worthy of God's love and grace. We welcome all, celebrating our differences while finding unity in Christ. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Prayer Concerns

Gini Samuelson
Sue Rose
Kim Warner
Catherine Mitchell

Twila Kimbrough
Harriet Laney
Andrea Godwin-Stremmer
Steve Shirley

Helen Harrison
Scott Hendrix
Suzanne Baroody

Kim Hundley Owens, niece of Barbara Sims
Steve Hill, son of Doug and Carol Hill
Jaime Hines, sister of David Hines
Madelon Clark, daughter of Joy Wright
Molly Hook, daughter of Marcia Merritt
James Earp, friend of Paden Neeley
Mary Earp, friend of Paden Neeley
Graham Coleman, family member of Lisa Haddad
Gavin Griffin, nephew of Pat Reinke
Alberto Canas, friend of Alison and Kevin McStravick
Sandy and Woody Franks, friends of Stephen Carey
Ray Hundley, brother of Barbara Sims
Howard Shaw, friend of Susan Conn
Danelle Smith, daughter-in-law of Chuck Smith
Rosie McIntyre, daughter-in-law of Linda and Jim McIntyre
Sandi Parker, friend of the Campbells
Gino Curcuruto, uncle of Chris Curcuruto

Don Samuelson, husband of Gini Samuelson
Barbara Smith, sister of Linda Heilig
Shirley Graham, mother of Natalie Garcia
Drennan Fuller and Family, friends of Caitlyn Coyner
Steven Purser, brother of John Purser
John Pierce, father of Bekah Barnett
Lee Speir, brother of Ray Speir
Sally Kyser, friend of Belle and Ray Speir
Alice Condry, mother of Berniece Condry
Sharon and Johnny Miller, cousins of Barbara Sims
Kathy Torneo Whatley, cousin of Barbara Sims
Darryl Speigel, brother of Sandy Speigel
Ouida Henderson, mother of Joyce Kain
Matthew McIntyre, son of Linda and Jim McIntyre
John Murphy, faculty member at UNT
Charlie Leavell, grandfather of Shannon Konkle

197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang.
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.

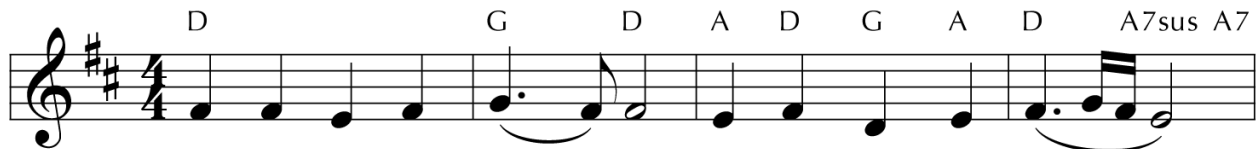
To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
 the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.

There Is a Redeemer

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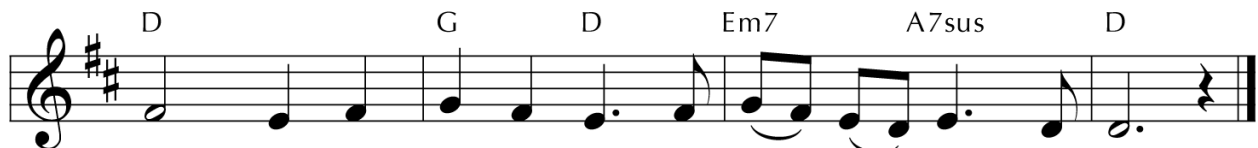
1 There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son;
 2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names,
 3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see his face;



pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - ly One.
 pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, hope for sin - ners slain.
 there I'll serve my King for - ev - er in that ho - ly place.



Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us your Son, and



leav - ing your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

Although the refrain of this piece names all three Persons of the Trinity, the stanzas emphasize references to Jesus Christ under various titles. There is also a shift in tone between the stanzas and the refrain: the former speak about God and the latter speaks to God.

199 Filled with Excitement

Mantos y palmas



1 Filled with ex-cite-ment, all the hap-py throng spread cloaks and
 2 As in that en-trance to Je-ru-sa-lem, ho-san-nas
 1 *Man-tos y pal-mas es-par-cien-do va el pue-blo a-*
 2 *Co-mo en la en-tra-da de Je-ru-sa-lén, to-dos can-*



branch-es on the cit-y streets. There in the dis-tance they be-
 we will sing to Je-sus Christ, to our Re-deem-er who still
le-gre de Je-ru-sa-lén. A-llá lo le-jos se vis-
ta-mos a Je-sús el rey, al Cris-to vi-vo que nos



gin to see, there on a don-key comes the Sav-ior Christ.
 calls to-day, asks us to fol-low with our love and faith.
lum-bra ya en un po-lli-ño al Sal-va-dor Je-sús.
lla-ma hoy pa-ra se-guir-le con a-mor y fe.

Refrain / Estribillo



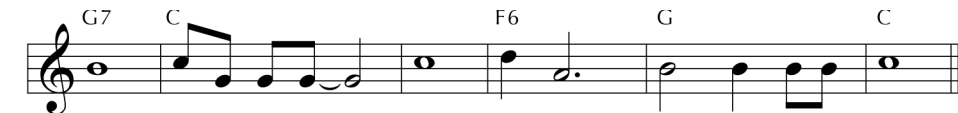
From ev-ery cor-ner a thou-sand voic-es sing praise to the One who comes
Mien-tras mil vo-ces re-sue-nan por do-quier; ho-sa-na al que vie-ne en el



in the name of God. Our ac-cla-ma-tion breaks forth in shouts of
nom-bre de Dios. Con un a-lien-to de gran ex-cla-ma-



praise, our tri-um-phant song of joy: "Ho-san-na,
ción ¡ pro-rrum-pen con voz triun-fal: ¡Ho-sa-na!



ho-san-na to Christ! Ho-san-na, ho-san-na to Christ!"
¡Ho-sa-na al rey!" ¡Ho-sa-na! ¡Ho-sa-na al rey!"

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

608

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff has a G chord above the first measure, C above the second, Am7 above the third, Dsus above the fourth, D above the fifth, and G above the sixth. The second staff has D above the first, Am7 above the second, Dsus above the third, D above the fourth, Am7 above the fifth, D above the sixth, G above the seventh, and Am7 above the eighth. The third staff has G above the first, C above the second, Am7 above the third, G above the fourth, Am7 above the fifth, D above the sixth, and G above the seventh. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit ever - more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore."

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all
peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er -
more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988
MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 2008
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Music © 2008 Hal H. Hopson

PRAISE GOD (Hopson)
LM

220 Go to Dark Gethsemane

1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, all who feel the
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of
 3 Cal - vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his

tempt - er's power; your Re - deem - er's con - flict see;
 life ar - raign'd; O the worm - wood and the gall!
 at his feet, mark that mir - a - cle of time,
 breath - less clay: all is sol - i - tude and gloom.

watch with him one bit - ter hour; turn not from his
 O the pangs his soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - fering,
 God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete; "It is fin - ished!"
 Who has tak - en him a - way? Christ is risen! He

griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
 shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
 hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
 meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

The composer intended this tune for "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" (no. 438), but its solemn tone and small range make it an effective setting for this series of somber vignettes portraying what Christians can learn from Christ: to pray, to bear the cross, to die, and to rise.

Scripture Lessons

Mark 11: 1-11

11 When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ² 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. ³ If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵ some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶ They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷ Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹¹ 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.

Philippians 2: 5-11

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was ^[a] in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Super Wednesday Meal

Wednesday, March 31

Meal will be prepared by Liz Whitaker and can be purchased below for Super Wednesday prices. \$5/Adults; \$2/Children; College/Free; Family Maximum/\$10

Menu: Roast Pork Loin, Wild and White Rice Pilaf, Green Salad, Bread Pudding

Deadline: Sunday, March 28 at midnight

Pickup: Wednesday, March 31 at 5:00pm at St. Andrew parking lot

Super Wednesday Classes

Children

Puppet Ministry and
Children's Time
6:00pm

Youth

Youth Group
7:30pm

Adults

The Wave
(College Group)
6:30pm

Jeff Snider and Soloists' Song and Conversation

Rachel Nyetam
6:30pm

Mother's Day Gift Bags

Once again, we are approaching that time of year when we have an opportunity to donate Mother's Day Gift Bags to give encouragement and hopefully bring a bright spot into the lives of some of the homeless and less fortunate moms in our community through Grace Like Rain, Inc. We are requesting help from the congregation in the form of donations of bath bombs, bath salts, lotions, nail products, candles, etc. The moms could especially use gift cards to Walmart and Target. Please place your donations in the church office from now until April 11. Thank you!

Join us in creating awesome Mother's Day Gift bags for these moms!

18" Gardening Containers Free!

Need some containers for gardening? The church has over 250 to share. A vendor sent us the wrong container and instead of returning them, we were directed to share them at no cost. If you need a container or two or 25-50, let us know. We would like to give these away for spring planting. Questions? Ask Lisa Patterson at lisa@standrewdenton.com.

The Children's Place Registration

Fall 2021 registration for The Children's Place, the preschool mission of St. Andrew, is now open to church members until April 5! The play-based enrichment program is open to children aged 1 to 5 years, including Kindergarten. Please visit our website at thechildrensplacedenton.com for a registration packet. Email the office at thechildrensplacedenton@gmail.com with questions!

Ask the Gardening Experts your Question!

Super Wednesday, April 14 at 6:30pm

St. Andrew's Master Gardeners will be on Zoom to answer questions and give guidance for common gardening challenges. Clarice Luce, Gay Campbell, Debby Ishee, and Sherry Van Atta, certified Master Gardeners, will answer common questions. Do you have a question? Email it to Debby Ishee, debbyishee@hotmail.com, for your question to be submitted to the group.

Men's Book Study

The St. Andrew Men's Book Study Group is meeting again Wednesdays at 8:00am at the Great Egg on Loop 288. If you choose not to attend in person, you may choose to meet virtually via Zoom. Email Jim White, acewalton1965@gmail.com, for more information.

School Supply Drive for Denton Christian Preschool

The Diaconate is collecting for the Denton Christian Preschool! Their greatest needs right now are construction paper and glue sticks. Items can be dropped off in the church office. If you want to make financial contributions for supplies, please make checks out to "Preschool Supply Drive". You can also give online through Realm. For any questions, please contact Natalie Green, nataliegreen@yahoo.com.

Holy Week Worship Services

Monday-Wednesday

Devotional Services
Streaming Online

Maundy Thursday

April 1
6:00pm
Streaming Online
Reservation on St. Andrew Connect

Service of Tenebrae

April 2
7:30pm
Streaming Online
Reservation on St. Andrew Connect

Easter Vigil

April 3
Streaming Online

Easter Worship Services

Sunrise Service

7am
Drive-in Worship Service
No reservation required

Worship Service

10:45am
Streaming Online
Reservation on St. Andrew Connect

Worship Service

8:30am
Reservation on St. Andrew Connect

Easter Music and Flowers

To make your donation this Lenten season, please email Lou Korom, lou@standrewdenton.com, with the people that you would like to memorialize or honor with your gift. Names will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Then, please submit your payment through the Give page, standrewdenton.com/give. Be sure to choose the fund Easter Music and Flowers. The deadline for donations is Monday, March 29.

Giving

St. Andrew was blessed by strong giving last year and pledging for 2021 despite the pandemic. As we begin 2021, however, we find ourselves with a growing deficit. The Interpretation and Stewardship Committee hopes that the members of St. Andrew are finding the economic situation in 2021 such that we are all able to support the vital ministries we have budgeted for in 2021. If you are able to keep your pledge up to date in this first quarter of 2021, it would be greatly appreciated.

By the Numbers: As of 2/28/20

Income (pledges + other income)	\$118,132
Expenses	\$135,912
Difference	-\$17,780

Give online at: standrewdenton.com/give



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