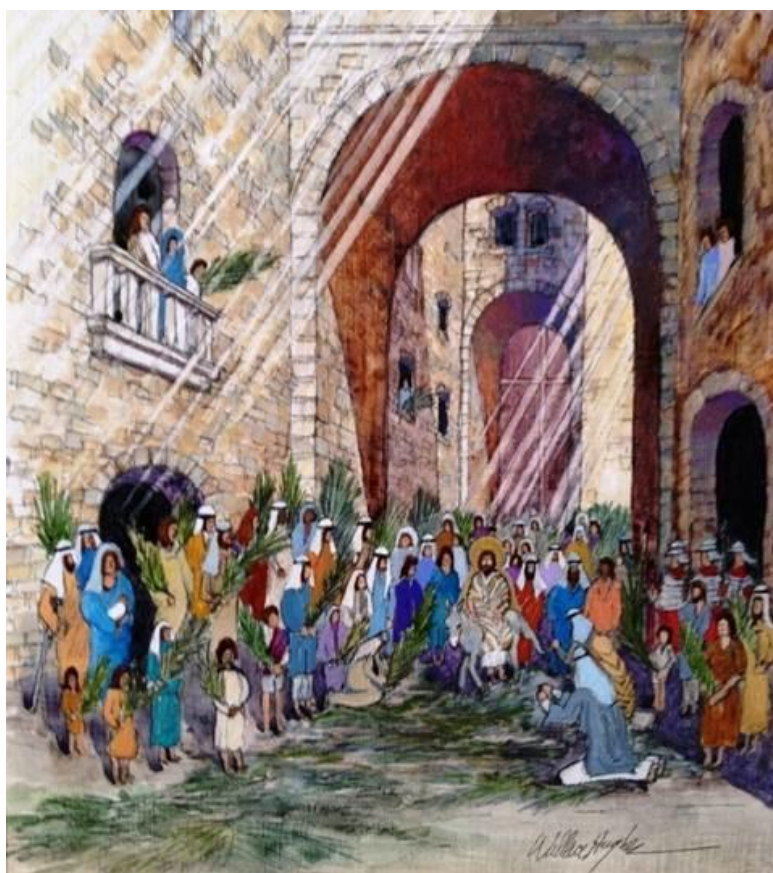


ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



Traveling Light: From Suffering to Salvation...

The Worship of God

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 5, 2020

10:55 A.M.

Welcome & Opportunities for Service

Tim Schaefer & Michael Gregg

Centering Words & Candle Lighting

Michael Gregg

On the back of a humble donkey, Christ looks beyond the shouts of “Hosanna in the highest.” He is traveling a slow journey to the cross—and he will pay the price of turning the tables on the money changers, upsetting the status quo, and living authentically before God. Will he travel that road alone?

Voluntary

David Weigle

Call to Worship

Harry Wooten

God of love and compassion, we celebrate your joyful and disruptive entry into Jerusalem.

Hosanna in the highest!

In the same way we anticipate, with expectant hearts, your presence in our lives.

Hosanna in the highest!

We come, knowing your love has arrived and is made manifest in Jesus the Christ.

Hosanna in the highest!

We come, prepared to be changed by the grace we receive in your love.

Hosanna in the highest!

We come with our whole being to prepare the way for the coming of love incarnate.

Hosanna in the highest!

Invocation

Harry Wooten

Blessed One, we are humbled by your example. You entered Jerusalem in lowly estate, riding on a donkey. You emptied yourself and came as a servant to all, forsaking the power to command. Son of David, come to us now and be our King, that we too may sing our hosanna! Amen.

Hymn [see insert]

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna — ELLACOMBE

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

Prayers of the People

Tim Schaefer

Let us pray to God, who alone makes us dwell in safety.
For all who are affected by coronavirus,
through illness or isolation or anxiety,
that they may find relief and recovery:

Lord graciously hear us.

For those who are guiding our nation at this time,
and shaping national policies,
that they may make wise decisions:

Lord, graciously hear us.

For doctors, nurses and medical researchers,
that through their skill and insights many will be restored to health:

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the vulnerable and the fearful,
for the gravely ill and the dying,
that they may know your comfort and peace:

Lord, graciously hear us.

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,
to the mercy and protection of God.

Silence Is Kept

Today we pray especially for those we name now silently or aloud, or place in the comment section of the livestream. . .

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God. Merciful God, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sung Response

Worshippers

Jesus, Remember Me — Taizé Community, Jacques Berthier

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when You come in - to Your King - dom.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when You come in - to Your King - dom.

The image shows a musical score for a sung response. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when You come in - to Your King - dom." The first system shows the vocal line with a fermata over the final note, and the piano accompaniment. The second system shows the vocal line with a fermata over the final note, and the piano accompaniment ending with a double bar line.

Scripture Lesson

Michael Gregg

Matthew 21:1-11 [see insert]

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word ... **Thanks be to God!**

Solo

Rita Nsumbu

Ride On, King Jesus! — arranged by Hall Johnson

Sermon

Michael Gregg

“ Giving up Power ”

Offertory Prayer

We cast these gifts before you, O God, as palms were cast before Jesus long ago. We lay them on your altar in praise, thanksgiving, and joy. Receive them back from our hands, that they may become a greater blessing in your hands. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Offertory

David Weigle

Invitation

For Holy Communion this morning
I invite you to lend Christ your table.

On the first day of Holy Week long ago,
people through Judea arrived at the dusty gates of Jerusalem,
primed with “Hosanna” in their hearts
and Jesus asked to borrow a donkey.

Lend Christ your table, your bread, your cup and your heart,
for, as the disciples told the person who loaned the donkey,
“The Lord has need of it.”

Prayer of Consecration

We are one bread, one body, one cup of blessing. Though this church
community is scattered, we are one in Christ. In your many kitchens and living
rooms rest your hands lightly upon these elements which we set aside today to be
a sacrament. Let us ask God’s blessing upon them.

Gentle Redeemer, there is no lockdown on your blessing and no quarantine on
grace. Send your Spirit of life and love, power and blessing upon every table
where your children shelter in place, that this Bread may be broken and gathered
in love and this Cup poured out to give hope to all.

Words of Remembering

We remember that Paul the apostle wrote letters to congregations through places
we now call Greece, Turkey and Macedonia, and they were the first “remote”
worship resources. Our online service has a long heritage. The Communion
words sent to the church at Corinth were these:

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus
on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread and when he had given
thanks, he broke it and said,

“This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying,

“This cup is the new covenant in my blood.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Sharing of the Elements

Let us in our many places receive the gift of God, the Bread of Heaven.

We are one in Christ in the bread we share.

Let us in our many places receive the gift of God, the Cup of Blessing.

We are one in Christ in the cup we share.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray in thanksgiving for the meal of grace. We have embodied the truth that Christ's love is not limited by buildings made with human hands, nor contained in human ceremonies, but blows as free as the Spirit in all places.

Let us pray:

Spirit of Christ, you have blessed our tables and our lives. May the eating of this Bread give us courage to speak faith and act love, not only in church sanctuaries, but in your precious world, and may the drinking of this Cup renew our hope even in the midst of pandemic. Wrap your hopeful presence around all whose bodies, spirits and hearts need healing, and let us become your compassion and save refuge. Amen.

—Rev. Maren C. Tirabassi

Sung Response [see insert]

Congregation

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross — HAMBURG

Sending Forth

Michael Gregg

How we love a parade!

**In a frenzy of celebration, we gladly focus on Jesus
and generously throw our coats and palms in his path.**

And we can shout praise loudly enough for all Jerusalem to hear!

It's after the parade that we don't do so well.

From Sunday to Sunday, we forget our hosannas.

Send us from Palm Sunday worship with echoes of hosanna in our hearts.

Amen.

Amen.

(adapted from "Between Parades," *Kneeling in Jerusalem*, Ann Weems)

Postlude

David Weigle

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Cover Art — *Hosanna* by Wallace Hughes

Artist Statement: "As Jesus enters Jerusalem he hears Hosanna, Hosanna, from the crowd we glimpse the future with the darkness of the cross and the light of the resurrection."

Hymn & Worship Notes

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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Holy Week

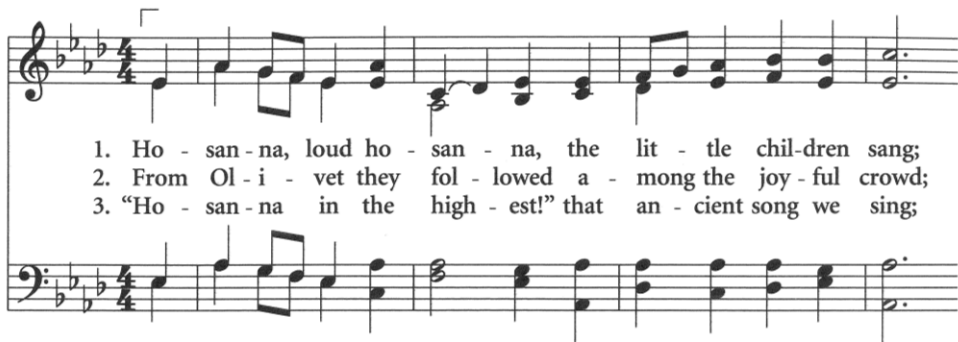


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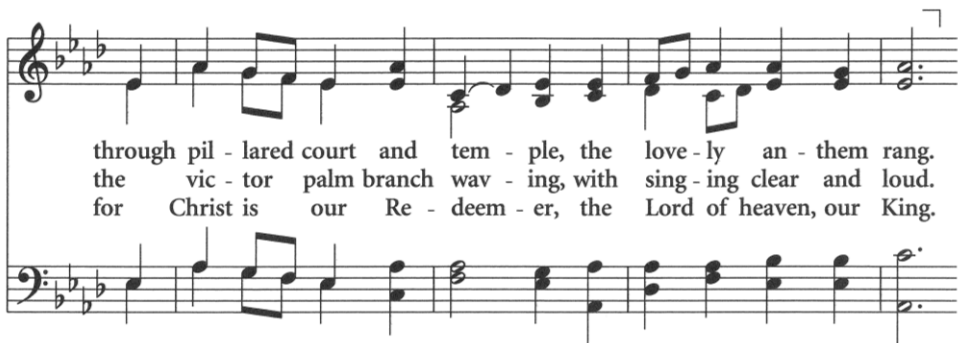
- Sunday** **April 5 – Palm/Passion Sunday**
10:55 am Morning Worship — Livestream, royallane.org
- Family Seder** **Closed Group**
Royal Lane children and their families will receive an invitation to join this group.
If your family does not receive an invitation, contact Laura Keller.
- Wednesday** **April 8**
6:30 pm Midweek Bible Study — ZOOM, Meeting ID 401030657
- Friday** **April 10 – Good Friday**
12:00 pm Praying the Seven Last Words of Christ — ZOOM, Meeting ID 550617830
Good Friday Service — royallane.org
- Sunday** **April 12 – Easter Sunday**
Flowered Cross — Front Lawn
You are invited to drive by to view the cross flowered for Easter.
Flowering of doors and windows of the homes of Royal Laners
10:55 am Morning Worship — Livestream, royallane.org
Testimony of Joy – Steve Sumter & Leonard Gresham
Guest Musicians – Suré Eloff, soprano; Classic Brass



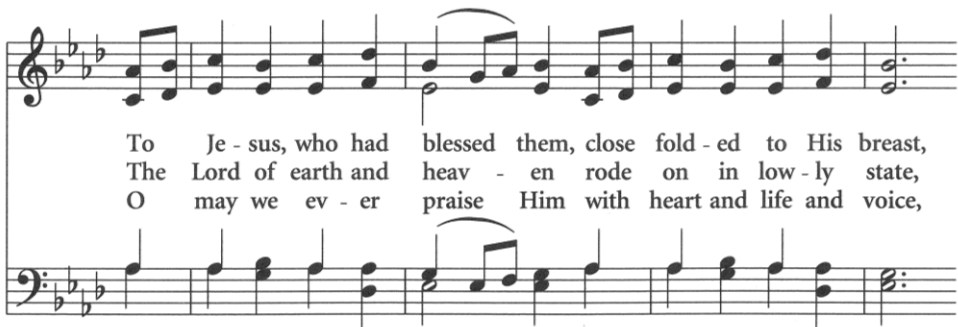
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



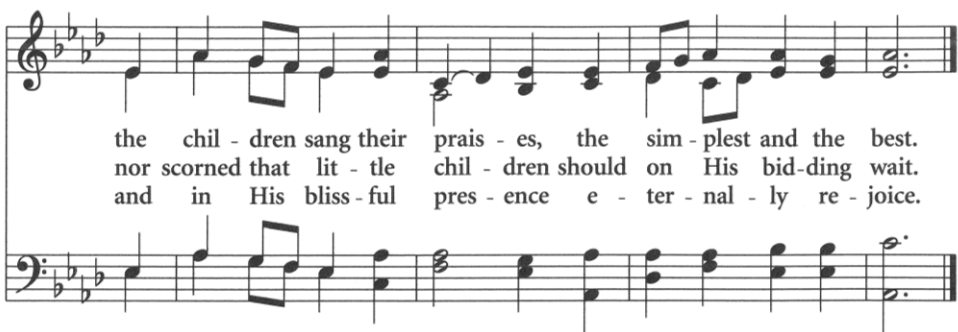
1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed a - mong the joy - ful crowd;
3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" that an - cient song we sing;



through pil - lared court and tem - ple, the love - ly an - them rang.
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, with sing - 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 - joyce.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross, on which the
2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sor - row and
4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

The first system of the hymn features a treble and bass clef with a 2/2 time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The music consists of several measures of chords and single notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are aligned with the notes.

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down; did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

The second system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are aligned with the notes. The music includes various chordal textures and melodic lines.

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

The third system concludes the hymn. The lyrics are aligned with the notes. The music includes various chordal textures and melodic lines, ending with a final cadence.

Schedule

All In-Person activities have been suspended until further notice.
See the website for information and resources.
royallane.org

Quarterly Church Conference will be held virtually on Zoom on
Wednesday, April 22, 2020.

Deacons on Call

Charlotte Sewell & Amy Ward-Meier

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The Scripture this morning is Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" ¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

(NRSV)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word... **Thanks be to God.**