

**PALM SUNDAY**

**PASSION SUNDAY**



**CAHILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
MARCH 28, 2010**

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Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday  
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Order of Worship**

**GATHERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

**GREETING**

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!***

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

We praise and bless you, ever-living God, for the acts of love by which you redeem the world through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***This day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed king by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way.***

Let these branches be for us signs of his victory; and grant that we who bear them may always acclaim Jesus Messiah by walking the way of his suffering and cross.

***that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom.  
Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.***

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

**"Tell Me The Stories of Jesus"**

Tell me the stories of Jesus, I love to hear;  
Things I would ask him to tell me if he were here;  
Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,  
Stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

First, let me hear how the children, stood round his knee;  
And I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;  
Words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,  
All in the lovelight of Jesus' face.

Into the city I'd follow, the children's band;  
Waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;  
One of his heralds, yes, I would sing;  
Loudest hosannas, "Jesus is King!"

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM**

**Scripture Reading:** **Luke 19:28-40**

Response: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

***Hosanna in the highest!***

**Scripture Reading:** **Psalm 24:7-10**

**SOLO** **"The King is Coming"** **Jack Morton**

### **CONFESSION**

***For all that we ought to have thought and have not thought,  
For all that we ought to have said and have not said,  
For all that we ought to have done, and have not done;  
For all that we ought not to have thought, and yet have thought,  
For all that we ought not to have spoken, and yet have spoken,  
For all that we ought not to have done, and yet have done,  
For thoughts, words, and works, pray we, O God, for forgiveness and  
repent with penance.***

Silent Prayer.....

**Scripture Reading:** **Isaiah 40:1-4**

### **SHARING OF BLESSINGS**

#### **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. Amen.***

### **PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE**

#### **THE LORD'S 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 trespasses as we forgive those who  
trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us  
from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.***

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

God, our Redeemer, you sent your Son to be born of a woman and to die for us on a cross;

***By your Holy Spirit, illumine our lives with your Word so, as the Scripture is read and proclaimed this day, we may be reconciled and won wholly to your will; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE PASSION STORY**

**The Passion Story  
(Matthew 27:11-54)**

**Scripture Reading:**

**John 1:29**

### **READER 1:**

Now Jesus stood before the governor and the governor questioned him, saying "Are you the King of the Jews?" And Jesus said to him, "It is as you say".

### **READER 2:**

And while he was being accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer.

### **READER 1:**

Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?"

### **READER 2:**

And he did not answer him with regard to even a single charge, so the governor was quite amazed.

### **READER 1:**

Now at the feast, the governor was accustomed to release for the people any one prisoner whom they wanted. At that time, they were holding a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when the people gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" For he knew that because of envy they had handed him over.

### **READER 2:**

While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent him a message, saying "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for last night I suffered greatly in a dream because of him." But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to put Jesus to death.

**READER 1:**

But the governor said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said,

**ALL:**     *"Barabbas!"*

**Solo Response 1:**

**"Ah, Holy Jesus"**

**Lynn Moore**

**READER 2:**

Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said,

**ALL:**     *"Crucify Him!"*

**Solo Response 2:**

**"Ah, Holy Jesus"**

**Lynn Moore**

**READER 1:**

And he said, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they kept shouting all the more, saying,

**ALL:**     *"Crucify Him!"*

**Solo Response 3:**

**"Ah, Holy Jesus"**

**Lynn Moore**

**READER 2:**

When Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that a riot was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to that yourselves." And all of the people said,

**ALL:**     *"His blood shall be on us and on our children!"*

**Solo:**

**"I Find No Fault in Him"**

**Roger Moore**

**READER 1:**

Then he released Barabbas for them; but after having Jesus scourged, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole Roman cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him. And after twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head, and a reed in his right hand; and they knelt down before him and mocked him, saying:

**ALL:**     *"Hail, King of the Jews!"*

**READER 2:**

They spat on him and took the reed and began to beat him on the head. After they had mocked him, they took the scarlet robe off him and put his own garments back on him, and led him away to crucify him. As they were coming out, they found a man of Cyrene named Simon, whom they pressed into service to bear his cross.

**Solo****"Via Dolorosa"****Cheryl Hillin****READER 1:**

And when they came to a place called Golgotha, which means Place of a Skull, they gave him wine to drink mixed with gall; and after tasting it, he was unwilling to drink.

**READER 2:**

And they crucified him.

**HYMN:****"Were You There?"**

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

*Oh.....sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,*

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

*Were you there when the sun refused to shine?*

*Were you there when the sun refused to shine?*

*Oh.....sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,*

*Were you there when the sun refused to shine?*

**READER 1:**

At that time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. And those passing by were hurling abuse at him, wagging their heads and saying,

**ALL:**     *"You who are going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."*

**READER 2:**

In the same way, the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking Him and saying,

**ALL:**     *"He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God rescue him now, if He delights in him; for He said, "I am the Son of God."*

**READER 1:**

The robbers who had been crucified with him were also insulting him with the same words. "All they that see him laugh him to scorn; they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying, 'He trusted in God that he would deliver him; let him deliver him, if he delight in him'."

**READER 2:**

Thy rebuke hath broken his heart; he is full of heaviness; he looked for some to have pity on him, but there was no man; neither found he any to comfort him. Behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto his sorrow.

**READER 1:**

Now from the sixth hour, darkness fell upon all the land until the ninth hour.

**READER 2:**

About the ninth hour, Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "ELI, ELI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?"; that is, "MY GOD, MY GOD. WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?"

**READER 1:**

And some of those who were standing there, when they heard it, began saying,

**ALL:**     *"This man is calling for Elijah."*

**READER 2:**

Immediately one of them ran, and taking a sponge, he filled it with sour wine and put it on a reed, and gave him a drink. But the rest of them said,

**ALL:**     *"Let us see whether Elijah will come to save him".*

**READER 1:**

And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

**DRAPING OF THE CROSS**

**Duet**

**"All He Did Was Love"**

**Cheryl Hillin and Lynn Moore**

**READER 2:**

And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom, and the earth shook and the rocks were split. The tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now the centurion, and those who were with him keeping guard over Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and the things that were happening, became very frightened and said,

**ALL:**     *"Truly this was the Son of God!"*

**READER 1:**

Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him....And with his stripes we are healed.

**READER 2:**

All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

**HYMN (please stand)****"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"**

*Beneath the cross of Jesus, I fain would take my stand,  
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,  
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.*

*I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place,  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face,  
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,  
My sinful self, my only shame, my glory all the cross.*

**BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE**



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