Worshipping Together this Sixth Sunday in Lent
Palm Sunday

Gathering Together in God’s Name – Wherever We May Be

Prelude
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna to the Son of David
Stephanie Coates, piano

Gathering & Greeting
Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer
The Lord be with you!
And also with you!
Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter, and give thanks to the Lord.
We will give You thanks, for You have answered us;
You have become our salvation.
The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord’s doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

arr. by Cindy Berry & Larry Shackley
The Rev. Erik P. Khoobyarian
Dave Doherty

Psalm 118:19-24
Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (first in silence and then in one voice)

Almighty God, you have created us to be people who love you and love one another. The more we try, the more we learn that these are both hard to do. It is hard to love when life is challenging. But we ask you again and anew today to help us to love more. May our eyes see people like you see them. May our actions reflect your love to others. Forgive us for the sin that draws us away from love and draw us to you. May our shouts of “Hosanna!” bring you glory and bring us peace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Passing the Peace of Christ
Palm Sunday Song of Celebration  Hosanna in the Highest!  Proclaiming the Word of God

Lesley Sharkey  Ruth Elaine Schram

**Palm Sunday**

**Song of Celebration**

*Hosanna in the Highest!*

Ruth Elaine Schram

**Proclaiming the Word of God**

**Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying 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. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

“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.”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The 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!”

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

**Sermon**

Our Shared Identity

The Rev. Erik P. Khoobyarian

**Song of Response**

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

Kami Booth

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.

My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

There in the ground His body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,
up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
sin’s curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me
From life’s first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.

No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I’ll stand.
Responding to God’s Word

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
It is truly right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.

In your wisdom, you made all things
and sustain them by your power.
You made us in your image,
setting us in your world to love and serve you
and to live in peace with your whole creation.

From generation to generation you have guided us,
sending prophets to turn us from wayward paths
into the way of righteousness.

Out of your great love for the world
you sent your only Son among us to redeem us
and to be the way to eternal life.

Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with the choirs of heaven
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

You are holy, O God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
As one of us, he knew our joys and sorrows,
and our struggles with temptation.

He was like us in every way except sin.
In him we see what you created us to be.
Though blameless,
he suffered willingly for our sin.
Though innocent,
he accepted death for the guilty.

On the cross he offered himself, a perfect sacrifice,
for the life of the world.
By his suffering and death,
he freed us from sin and death.
Risen from the grave,
he leads us to the joy of new life.

Gracious God,
pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,
that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ’s body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Lead us, O God, in the way of Christ.
Give us courage to take up our cross and, in full reliance upon your grace, to follow him.
Help us to love you above all else and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves, demonstrating that love in deed and word in the power of your Spirit.

Give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection, when, with the redeemed of all the ages, we will feast with you at your table in glory.

Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Amen.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

Words of Institution
Sharing the Bread & Cup
All are welcome. The Session has authorized the serving of communion remotely due to the inability of our congregation to gather in person. Our denomination has given permission for congregations to do so during this time. All are welcome to participate as we partake in communion as one body, united by Christ in the Holy Spirit. You are invited to use elements that you have in your home, some sort of bread and fruit of the vine.

Song During Communion
What Wondrous Love
Lesley Sharkey

Pastoral Prayer
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Go in God’s Name

Sending Hymn #218

Ah, Holy Jesus (verses 1-4)

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

1 Ah, ho-ly Je-sus, how hast thou of-fend-ed,
2 Who was the guilt-y? Who brought this up-on thee?
3 Lo, the Good Shep-herd for the sheep is of-fered;
4 For me, kind Je-sus, was thine in-car-na-tion,
5 There fore, kind Je-sus, since I can-not pay thee,

that we to judge thee have in hate pre-tend-ed? By foes de-
A-las, my trea-son, Je-sus, hath un-done thee. ’Twas I, Lord
the slave hath sin-ned, and the Son hath suf-fered; for our a-
thy mor-tal sor-row, and thy life’s ob-la-tion, thy death of
I do a-dore thee, and will ev-er pray thee, think on thy

rid-ed, by thine own re-ject-ed, O most af-flict-ed!
Je-sus, I it was de-nied thee; I cru-ci-fied thee.
tone-ment, while we noth-ing heed-ed, God in-ter-ced-ed.
an-guish and thy bit-ter pas-sion, for my sal-vation.
pit-y and thy love un-swerv-ing, not my de-serv-ing.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

What Wondrous Love is This

setting by John Carter

THANK YOU TO Stephanie Coates, Kami Booth, Condy Dixon, and Lesley Sharkey for their leadership in worship today!

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We will gather together virtually from our homes and remember together Christ’s final hours. Visit the PCWS website at presbyws.org for the Zoom link and instructions. You are invited to bring your own communion elements so that we can share in the sacrament together.

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