

Centenary United Methodist Church

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Palm Sunday

GATHERING MUSIC

My Victory

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You came for criminals
And every Pharisee
You came for hypocrites
Even one like me
You carried sin and shame
The guilt to every man
The weight of all I've done
Nailed into Your hands

Oh Your love bled for me
Oh Your blood in crimson streams
Oh Your death is Hell's defeat
A cross meant to kill is my victory

Oh Your amazing grace
I've seen and tasted it
It's running through my veins
I can't escape its grip
in You my soul is safe
You cover everything

Oh Your love bled for me
Oh Your blood in crimson streams
Oh Your death is Hell's defeat
A cross meant to kill is my victory

Behold the Lamb of God
Who takes away our sin
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The holy Lamb of God
Makes us alive again
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SINGING GOD'S PRAISES

All We Sinners

Words and Music by David Crowder, Ed Csh, Seth Philpott
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On yonder hill the darkness flew
The morning broke in light and dew
When day had come gain anew
All we sinners sang

In muck and mire our wretched souls
Had fallen to the depths below
Hell deserved but there was hope
All we sinners sang

Saved, we are saved
The gates of heaven wide open
Saved, we are saved
The keys to the grave have been stolen

What could ever pay the cost
On Calvary's hill there rose a cross
And could it be that evil lost
all we sinners sang
And All we sinners sang

Saved, we are saved
The gates of heaven wide open
Saved, we are saved

The crimson river like a flood
Came washing over all of us
It swallowed sin and death right up
Ann all we sinners sang
Yeah all we sinners sang

Saved, we are saved
The gates of heaven wide open
Saved, we are saved

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The gates of heaven wide open
Saved, we are saved

On yonder hill the darkness flew
the morning broke in light and dew
When day had come again anew
All we sinners sang

Hosanna

Words & Music by Brooke Ligertwood
2006 Hillsong Music Publishing (Admin by EMI Christian Music Publishing)

I see the King of glory
Coming on the clouds with fire
the whole earth shakes
the whole earth shakes

I see the love and mercy
Washing over all our sin
The people sing
the people sing

Hosanna, hosanna
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna, hosanna
Hosanna in the highest

I see a generation
Rising up to take their place
With selfless faith
With selfless faith

I see a new revival
Stirring as we pray and seek
We're on our knees
We're on our knees

Hosanna, hosanna
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna, hosanna
Hosanna in the highest

Heal my heart and make it clean
Open up my eyes to the things unseen
Show me how to love like You have loved me
Break my heart for what breaks Yours
Everything I am for You Kingdom's cause
As I walk from earth into eternity

Hosanna, hosanna
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna, hosanna
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest

GIVING

To The Table

Words & Music by Jonathan Smith, Tony Wood, Zach Williams
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Hear the voice of love that's calling
There's a chair that waits for you
And a friend who understands
Everything you're going through
But you keep standing at a distance
In the shadows of your shame
But there's a light of hope that's shining
won't you come and take your place

And bring it all to the table
It's nothing He ain't seen before
For all your sin, all your sorrow
And your sadness
There's a Savior and He calls
Bring it all to the table

He can see the weight you carry
The fears that hold your heart
But through the cross you've been forgiven
You're accepted as you are

So bring it all to the table
It's nothing He ain't seen before
for all your trials, all your worries
and your burdens
There's a Savior and He calls
Bring it all to the table
Bring it all
You can bring it all

Come on in, take your place
There's no one who's turned away
All you sinners, all you saints
Come right in and find your grace

And bring it all to the table
It's nothing He ain't seen before
For all our sin, all your sorrow
And your sadness
There's a Savior and He calls
Bring it all to the table

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER The Cross Has The Final Word

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he awakens—
awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE 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.”

AN INVITATION FROM GOD

A PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you know us well. We are quick to speak of faith, but slow to live it fully. We shout "hosanna" as Jesus approaches, as did the people of Jerusalem many years ago; but we do not want him to come too close. We are quick to claim faith in Jesus as our Lord and Savior; but, like the throng who greeted his entry into Jerusalem, we are fickle, slow to live fully and everywhere as faithful disciples. We are quick to want the blessings of faithfulness; but, like the Twelve who spent the last week with him, we are slow to accept the pain and suffering of authentic Christ-like living. Forgive our weakness and fear. Set us free to be witnesses to your reign and signs of your grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you!

PREPARING THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere
to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

In infinite love you made us for yourself;
and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death,
your love remained steadfast.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the Easter feast,
that, renewed by your Word and Sacraments
and fervent in prayer and works of justice and mercy,
we may come to the fullness of grace
that you have prepared for those who love you.

And so, with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you,
and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ
whom you sent in the fullness of time to redeem the world.

He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant,
being born in our likeness.

He humbled himself and became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.

He took upon himself our sin and death and offered himself,
a perfect sacrifice for the sin of the whole world.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant
by water and the spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,

Gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.

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

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ’s offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

Amen.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us 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 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.

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG OF BLESSING

Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)

Words & Music by John Wilbur Chapman, Mark Hall, Michael Bleecker
2009 My Refuge Music (Admin by Capitol CMG Publishing)

One day when heaven was filled with His praises
One day when sin was as black as could be
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin
Dwelt among men, my example is He
The Word became flesh
and the light shined among us
His glory revealed

Living He loved me, dying He saved me
Buried He carried my sins far away
Rising He justified freely forever
One day He's coming
O glorious day O glorious day

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected
Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He
The hand that healed nations
Stretched out on a tree
And took the nails for me

Living He loved me, dying He saved me
Buried He carried my sins far away
Rising He justified freely forever
One day He's coming
O glorious day O glorious day

One day the grace could conceal Him no longer
One day the stone rolled away from the door
Then He arose, over death He had conquered
Now is ascended, my Lord evermore
Death could not hold Him
The grave could not keep Him
From rising again

Living He loved me, dying He saved me
Buried He carried my sins far away
Rising He justified freely forever
One day He's coming
O glorious day O glorious day

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming
One day the skies with His glories will shining
Wonderful day my beloved one bringing
My Savior Jesus is mine

Living He loved me, dying He saved me
buried He carried my sins far away
rising He justified freely forever
One day He's coming
O glorious day O glorious day
Glorious day
O glorious day

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.