



Waterloo Christian Reformed Church

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Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020

In this season of LENT, we focus on Christ's sorrow and our repentance and renewal. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday—six weeks before Easter—and ends with Holy Week, when we observe Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and finally Easter.

This service will be held online using Zoom. A recorded copy of the service will also be posted on the WCRC website and be sent out for viewing any time. See [YouTube video](#).

Preacher: Rev. Vicki Cok
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Worship Leader: Carolyn Kleefman
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Pianist: Ann Smith
Palm Sunday Art: various

Deacon: Mark Parker

Welcome and Announcements

We Gather for Worship

Opening Prayer

Loving Father,
As we prepare to worship you today and this week,
and we journey with your Son in this week of remembrance and hope,
help us to understand you and your love for the world more clearly. Amen.

LUYH #58 – **Prepare the Way of the Lord**, sung twice (in canon, if you're adventurous!)

Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of the Lord,
and all people will see
the salvation of our God.

Call to Worship

A great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!'"

As we are called into worship today, it is sobering to remember that when God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus, most of the world did not recognize him and therefore did not worship him.

Today we ask for faith that will open our eyes to see Jesus for who he is, that we might worship him in truth.

The crowd on that long-ago day imagined a different sort of king walking into Jerusalem. But we can imagine the King that he truly is, walking beside his children in times of trial and times of hope, leading us to salvation.

LUYH #72 – **Imagine**

- 1 Who hears?
Who hears the voice of the hungry, the thirsty?
Who sees?
Who sees the tears of the suffering ones?
Refrain
Imagine a King who would come through the darkness
and walk, where I walk, full of greatness,
and call me to his side,
just like a father and child.

- 2 Who knows?
Who knows the hopes that lie hidden, forgotten?

Who comes?

Who comes to lead all the children home?

Refrain

Imagine a King who would come through the darkness
and walk, where I walk, full of greatness,
and call me to his side,
just like a father and child.

God's Greeting and Passing of the Peace

We greet each other, saying "The peace of the Lord be with you."

We Confess Our Sin and Receive Forgiveness

Loving God,

You rode a donkey and came in peace, humbled yourself and gave yourself for us.

Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives.

***Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are,
trusting you to forgive what is sinful,
to heal what is broken,
to welcome our praises,
and to receive us as your own.***

Silent confession

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

Pouring of water into a vessel

You are disciples of Jesus Christ.

Live in love, as Christ loved us

and gave himself for us.

Rejoice always; pray without ceasing;

give thanks in all circumstances;

for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

***The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keeps our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.***

Song of Assurance: LUYH #332 – **As the Deer Pants For the Water**

- 1 As the deer pants for the water
so my soul longs for you, my Lord.
When can I come to you again
to praise you as before?

Refrain

Why should I let this sorrow fill my soul?

My life is in his hands; my hope is in the Lord;

and he, I know, will be my Savior still.

- 2 Day after day he sends his love;
I feel his peace come raining down.
I raise a song to him at night
like fire from the ground. **Refrain**
- 3 Send me your light and truth to guide me
as I travel through this land.
Lead me to your holy dwelling
at my journey's end. **Refrain**

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Eternal God, whose Word silences the shouts of the mighty
Quiet within us every voice but your own.
Speak to us through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ,
that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may receive grace
to show Christ's love in lives given to your service. Amen.

Scripture Reading: **John 12:20-37**

*Concluded with "This is the Word of the Lord" and "**Thanks be to God**".*

Message: **We Wish to See Jesus**

Moment of Silent Meditation

*Take a moment to reflect on what God's word might mean for your life or on a truth that spoke to you.
Please be still until after the pianist concludes this time of silence.*

We Respond with Gratitude

Song of Response: LUYH #145 – **Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**

- 1 Hosanna, loud hosanna
the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple
the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them,
close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.
- 2 From Olivet they followed
mid an exultant crowd,
the victory palm branch waving,
and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven
rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children
should on his bidding wait.
- 3 "Hosanna in the highest!"
That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer,
the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

Prayers of the People

We conclude this time of prayer with the Lord's Prayer:

***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.***

Offering: **Friendship Ministries**

We Are Sent Out with the Spirit

Closing Words:

We are people on a journey, following where the Master walks.
We are people on a journey in the shadow of the cross.
What compels? The face of Jesus!
Who protects? Our faithful guide:
He who treads the road of service,
Christ the Lord, the crucified.

Closing Song: LUYH #142 - **We are People on a Journey**

- 1 We are people on a journey,
following where the Master walks.
We are people on a journey
in the shadow of the cross.
What compels? The face of Jesus!
Who protects? Our faithful guide:
he who treads the road of service,
Christ the Lord, the crucified.
- 2 We are people on a journey,
taking up the cross of Christ.
We are people on a journey,
moving on from death to life.
We release the sin that tangles.
We relinquish all acclaim.
We receive the suffering Savior,
he our glory, wealth, and fame.
- 3 We are people on a journey
to the table of the Lord.
We are people on a journey,
fed by water and the Word.
We remember, we remember
how you wash disciples' feet;
we remember on the last night
gifts of wine and bread to eat.
- 4 We are people on a journey,
rising up in life reborn.
We are people on a journey,
speaking peace, accepting scorn.
We are walking toward a homeland,
to a mystery yet unknown;
to a kingdom coming quickly,
to the light of God's own throne.

Benediction and Choral "**Amen, Amen, Amen**"

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or on CD by asking Tim Fisher or your Pastoral Elder.