



# THE OLD STONE CHURCH

MARCH 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY

10AM Sanctuary Worship

## WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE

*Suite Antique: Chanson*

John Rutter

Mary Kay Robinson, *Flute*

WELCOME

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

INTROIT

*Hosanna, Blessed is He That Comes*

C. Gregor

Hosanna, Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

\* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed are those who delight in worship.  
Blessed are the ones who come in God's name.

**Give thanks to God, all who assemble here.  
God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Let all who follow Christ sing God's praise.  
Because of God's help, we are not disgraced.

**Open the gates of righteousness that we might enter.  
The works of God are marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day that our God has made;  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Hosanna! Let every knee bend before Jesus!  
Let every tongue welcome Christ's reign! Hosanna!**

\* INVOCATION PRAYER

Let us pray together:

This is your day, holy God.  
Every day belongs to you.  
We would empty ourselves before you  
so there will be room for your entrance into our minds and hearts.  
Our times are in your hands.  
This precious gift of life is ours, in trust, from you.  
We give thanks, for your steadfast love endures forever.  
That love, expressed in the life of Jesus,  
dared to challenge those centers of power  
that lived by other standards.  
We come to declare that love today.  
Reign among us, we pray.  
Amen.

\* HYMN #196

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor* VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*to Refrain*  
 who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.  
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

TEXT: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820; trans. John Mason Neale, 1851, alt.  
 MUSIC: Melchior Teschner, 1614; arr. William Henry Monk, 1861

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN  
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\* CALL TO CONFESSION

Kara Bane

Will we wave our leafy branches today and hide them tomorrow?  
 Will our hosannas melt into another chorus of death?  
 Will we, like the builders of old,  
 reject the stone that is meant to hold all things together?  
 Is Jesus Christ truly the cornerstone of our lives?  
 Let us admit the truth about ourselves.  
 Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,  
 followed by time for silent personal confession.  
 Thus, we pray:

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray together:

Sovereign God,  
we confess that we are as fickle as the crowds in Jerusalem.  
When everything seems to be going well,  
we join the hosanna chorus,  
but in times of weariness or rebellion,  
praise can turn to insult.  
We hide our faith when it is under attack  
and link ourselves with the scoffers.  
When there is opportunity to speak a good word for Jesus Christ,  
we are silent.  
Our church lifts an uncertain word before the world,  
for we, its members, have not been faithful.  
We need your forgiving love today, O God, more than ever.  
Hear our prayer!

*(moment of silent confession)*

\* KYRIE ELEISON

James Chepponis

**Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

\* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God answers us and offers salvation.  
In the mystery of God, One came among us,  
fully human yet fully divine, to lead us to the throne of grace.  
Though in the form of God,  
Jesus emptied himself, taking a slave's role in humble service to humanity.  
This was for our sakes,  
that we might bend our knees before God in humility and trust.  
We are saved in God's steadfast love!

**Thanks be to God.**

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us offer a sign of peace to one another.

\* GLORIA #582

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

**GLORY TO GOD**  
(Vasile)



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

## OFFERTORY INVITATION

Please be seated.

What shall we give in the name of One who gave everything for us?

What do we offer in thanksgiving

for the steadfast love proclaimed in Jesus Christ?

How will good news be carried to the centers of power in our world today?

What we give will make a difference.

The offering will now be received.

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*The Palms (Le Rameaux)*

Jean-Baptiste Faure

O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay are strewn this day,  
in festal preparation.

Where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away,  
e'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare;

Join all and sing, His name declare, Let every voice resound with acclamation:  
Hosanna! Praise to the Lord! Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation!

His word goes forth, and people by its might once more  
regain freedom from degradation.

Humanity doth give to each his right, while those in darkness are restored to light.

Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem, of all thy sons sing the emancipation.  
Through boundless love the Christ of Bethlehem  
brings faith and hope to thee forevermore.

\* DOXOLOGY #607

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Kara Bane

Let us join our voices in prayer:

What you have done for us is marvelous in our eyes, gracious God.  
Our gifts can never match your goodness toward us.  
Your saving grace, your healing light,  
your personal sacrifice are so far beyond our imagining!  
We can only offer ourselves,  
all we have and all we are,  
in response to the coming of Christ Jesus.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Receive, O God, our humble service.  
Amen.

\* OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*All Things Come of Thee*

Herbert C. Peabody

All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come Holy Spirit, source of life.  
As we hear again the story of Palm Sunday,  
let the same mind be in us that was in Christ,  
who was a servant that we might be free.  
Awaken our ears, open our hearts,  
and sustain the weary with your Word.  
Amen.

### THE READINGS

Epistle

Philippians 2:5-11 (NRSVUE)

Your attitude must be the same as that of Christ Jesus:  
Christ, though in the image of God,  
didn't deem equality with God  
something to be clung to—  
but instead became completely empty  
and took on the image of oppressed humankind:  
born into the human condition,  
found in the likeness of a human being.  
Jesus was thus humbled—  
obediently accepting death, even death on a cross!  
Because of this, God highly exalted Christ  
and gave to Jesus the name above every other name,  
so that at the name of Jesus every knee must bend,  
in the heavens on the earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue proclaim to the glory of God:  
Jesus Christ reigns supreme!

The Holy Spirit has a word for each of us today.

**With God's help we are listening.**

Psalm 118

*This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made*

NUN DANKET ALL' UND DRINGET HER

1 This is the day the Lord hath made; the hours are  
 2 Ho - san - na to the a - noint - ed King, to Da - vid's  
 3 Blest be the Lord, who comes in power with mes - sag -  
 4 Ho - san - na in the high - est strains the church on

all God's own. Let heaven re - jice; let  
 ho - ly Son! Help us, O Lord; de -  
 es of grace, who comes in this ac -  
 earth can raise! The high - est heavens in

earth be glad, and praise sur - round the throne.  
 scend and bring sal - va - tion from the throne.  
 cept - ed hour to save our sin - ful race.  
 which God reigns shall now re - sound with praise.

Gospel

Mark 11:1-11 (NRSVUE)

As they approached Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent off two of the disciples with this instruction: "Go to the village straight ahead of you, and as soon as you enter it you will find tethered there a colt on which no one has ridden. Untie it and bring it back. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing that?' say, 'The Rabbi needs it, but will send it back very soon.'" So they went off, and finding a colt tethered out on the street near a gate, they untied it. Some of the bystanders said to them, "What do you mean by untying that colt?" They answered them as Jesus had told them so, and the people let them take it. They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks upon its back, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. And everyone around Jesus, in front and in back of him, cried out,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God!

Blessed is the coming reign of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest!"

Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple precincts. He inspected everything there, but since it was already late in the afternoon, he went out to Bethany accompanied by the Twelve.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe there is no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus;  
for we know that all things work together for good  
for those who love God,  
who are called according to God's purpose.  
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,  
nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Amen.

LIGHTING OF CANDLES, PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

We ask all these things in the name of Jesus who taught us 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.





Dm C Dm F Dm Gm Dm

1 At the name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,  
 2 Hum - bled for a sea - son to re - ceive a name  
 3 Bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,  
 4 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,

(C) (G) (Am) (C) (Dm)  
 F C Dm F Gm

ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;  
 from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,  
 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,  
 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;

(G) (Em) (Am) (G) (D) (G)  
 C Am Dm C G C

'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,  
 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,  
 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast,  
 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,

(Am) (G) (Em) (Dm) (C) (G) (Am)  
 Dm C Am Gm F C Dm

who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.  
 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;  
 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.  
 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

This may well be a hymn based on a hymn, for scholars say that the passage behind it (Philippians 2:5–11), though not in the style of Greek poetry, shows traits of a communal creedal statement capable of being sung. It is set here to one of the composer's most sonorous tunes.

\* COMMISSION AND BLESSING

God has given us light.  
We are sent into the world to share that light.  
**This is God's doing; marvelous in our eyes.**  
**We will carry the light of Christ to the world.**  
God has offered us the keystone of life.  
We are called to build lives where God can dwell.  
**We offer ourselves as homes for God's spirit.**  
**We will make room for God's rule within us.**  
Give thanks for God's reign among us.  
Praise God, whose steadfast love endures forever.  
**Hosanna in the highest heaven!**  
**We trust in God and seek to serve in Christ's name.**

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

*Three-fold Amen*

Giovanni Palestrina

POSTLUDE

*Sonata in D Major: Allegro*

Leonardo Vinci

*“My flesh and my heart may fail,  
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.”*

*Psalm 73:26*



**We continue to keep in our prayers:**

Janie Chambers, Regis Bookshar, Kathleen, Frank Macuga, Lee Rutti, Joe Geraci,  
Ken Moser, Katelynn and Liam Fawcett, George Sedlak, Dean, Joyce Sabe,  
Marlene Henne, Laurie Thomson, Joanne Dawson, Katherine Gilmore Maynard,  
Karen Nestor, JoAnn Hood, Scott Shaffer, Tralaina Dowp, Jackie and Ellis Lenaplis,  
Sharon Steranko, Aaron Beard, Sue Blazek, Diane Priscilla, Connor,  
Sally Drummond and family, Tony Kordalski and family, David Eifert and family

We pray for the repose of the soul of David Eifert Sr.,  
may his memory be a blessing.

We pray for those struggling with illness, convalescing, homebound or in need.

*Names are generally removed after four weeks unless there is a continuing need.*



Please join us for Communion following the service this morning in the Chapel.

Wednesdays at 12:15 PM please join us in the Sanctuary for a Mid-Week Communion Service.



### Lent @ The Old Stone Church

Please return your Easter Crosses today, Palm Sunday March 24, 2024 so they may be displayed on Easter Sunday.



Easter Florals remembrances are due in the office by Wednesday, March 27, 2024 to be included in the list for Easter Sunday.



### @ Old Stone Church

**Sunday March 24/ Palm Sunday**

9:00AM Lenten Study/Gallery

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

11:15AM Communion/Chapel

**Wednesday March 27**

12:15PM Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

**Thursday March 28 Maundy Thursday**

6:00PM Maundy Thursday Service/Chapel

**Friday March 29 Good Friday**

12:15PM Good Friday Service/Sanctuary

**Sunday March 31/ Easter Sunday**

10:00AM Worship with Communion/Sanctuary

**Monday April 1/Building and Offices Closed**

7:00PM FPS Annual Meeting

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Cicely Schonberg, *soprano*

Stephen Brown, *tenor*

Val Sibila, *soprano*

Frederick Peterbark, *tenor*

Rayna Brooks, *alto*

R. Dominic Aragon, *bass*

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Christopher Clark, *bass*

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Albert Donze, *bass*

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