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PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN Hosanna, Loud Hosanna #278

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.

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd, the victor palm branch waving, for Christ is our Redeemer, 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.

"Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing, 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!

SCRIPTURE Luke 19: 28-40 (NRSV)

28 After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. 29 When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, 30 saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 31 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it." 32 So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. 33 As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" 34 They said, "The Lord needs it." 35 Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. 36 As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. 37 As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, 38 saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" 39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." 40 He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Luke 19: 28-40 (NLT)

28 After telling this story, Jesus went on toward Jerusalem, walking ahead of his disciples. 29 As he came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he sent two disciples ahead. 30 "Go into that village over there," he told them. "As you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 31 If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying that colt?' just say, 'The Lord needs it."" 32 So they went and found the colt, just as Jesus had said. 33 And sure enough, as they were untying it, the owners asked them, "Why are you untying that colt?" 34 And the disciples simply replied, "The Lord needs it." 35 So they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it for him to ride on. 36 As he rode along, the crowds spread out their garments on the road ahead of him. 37 When he reached the place where the road started down the Mount of Olives, all of his followers began to shout and sing as they walked along, praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen. 38 "Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!" 39 But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, "Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!" 40 He replied, "If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!"

SERMON Good F's in Lent – Festive

Rev. Claudia Stallings

PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

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, for ever.
Amen.

Our Father, which art in heaven,

CONSECRATING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CANTATA We Shall Behold Him By: Craig Adams

HYMN We Sang Our Glad Hosannas #2111

We sang our glad hosannas and waved our branches high, But some were silent, Frowning, as Jesus rode on by. They sought a royal Savior, But did not understand A king could rule by loving Instead of by command.

We heard an angry Jesus
In Temple courts declare,
"Be gone, you money changers!
This is a house of prayer."
Though many came for healing
And stayed to hear his word,
Still others, hostile, plotted
And thus his death assured.

We served him at the table with wine, unleavened bread. "The one who will betray me Now eats with me," he said. His friends would not believe him, But one by one that night, As soldiers came to take him, They scurried out of sight.

We saw a suffering Jesus alone, Without a friend, and heard The voices shouting abuse until the end. We wept as we stood watching Love's Light grow dim and die, and cried, "Why did this happen? God, Tell us, Tell us why!"

We buried him, not knowing that on the third day morn a risen Christ would greet us and hope would be reborn.

Though evil has extinguished the life that burned so bright, the love of God would triumph like dawn that end the night.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Prayer Requests

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