



PALM SUNDAY
April 5, 2020

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Rathbun ("In The Cross Of Christ I Glory")
Herzlich Tut Mich Verlangen (Setting 1 Of 2)
("Warmly Do I Desire")

D. CHERWIEN

J. BRAHMS

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Order of St. John

WELCOME

Arise, shine; for our light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon us!

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus enters Jerusalem.

After the reading: The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

GREETING

Let us pray. Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE


Sarah Jessop Street

BLESSING OF THE PALMS


The people raise their "branches".

We praise and thank you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.


Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re-deem-er, king,




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



1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless-ed One.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Sovereign God,

you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The servant of the Lord expresses absolute confidence in his final vindication, despite the fact that he has been struck and spit upon. This characteristic of the servant played an important role in the early church's understanding of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition: Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you and your household.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING & MUSIC

Concerto For Oboe, Mvt. 2 - Adagio

G. BATTISTA

Curtis Kidewll, Oboe

In this time of national emergency and global concern, we trust in our God's loving care to provide for all we need. Let us respond generously to God's lavish love with our tithes and offerings. You may now pause this worship service for a few minutes, return to the email (that transmitted this worship service) where you will find the "Giving Link" that takes you to St. John's website and the secure giving app or simply click the OFFERING title above. You can give directly to the St. John's General Fund, ensuring the church's ministries stay strong in this time of expanding need. You can also make your offering by check and mail it to St. John's at 1701 L Street, Sacramento, CA, 95811. After making your offering, please return to the Worship Service and hit "Play" to continue. If you are new to St John's, the greatest gift you could give us would be to fill out our Worship With St John's Card here.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray. O God of justice and love,

we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of you Son. May we receive the light we need, and awaken to the needs of others, and bring the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory. Amen.

Congregation

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven hal-low-ed be thy name. Thy king-dom
 come, Thy will be done, on earth, As it is in hea - ven.
 Give us this day our dai-ly bread And for-give us our tres- pass- es.
 As we for -give Those who tres -pass a -gainst us.
 And lead us not In-to temp - ta - tion And de-liv-er us from
 e - vil. For thine is the king dom and the pow-er And the glo - ry for -
 ev - er, and ev - er, and ev - er. A - men

SENDING

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord,
 and live God's love in the world!

POSTLUDE

Valet Will Ich Dir Geben, BWV 736
("I Want To Bid You Farwell")

J. S. BACH

SERVING IN VIRTUAL WORSHIP

Welcome	Pastor Jon Haug
Preacher	Pastor Frank Espegren
Children's Sermon	Sarah Jessop Street
Assisting Minister	Mary Robinson
Assistant Director of Communications	Esperanza Foft
Director of Worship & Music	Steven Johnson
Assistant Director of Worship & Music	Eliseo Paniagua
Organ	Ryan Enright
Oboe	Curtis Kidwell
Cantors	Joel Barkel, Josh Maddox, Heather Mercer, Howie Montenegro, Nicole Newell
Audio/Visual Technicians	John Bogni, Tim Reese

