

National City Christian Church
Palm Sunday **April 5, 2020**

Prelude Maestoso and Largo from *Partita on All Glory, Laud, and Honor*
arr. Michael Burkhardt
Kevin Biggins, Jr., organist

Welcome and Announcements Steven Baines

Opening Hymn Jeanette Threlfall
ELLACOMBE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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, 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,
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!

Response of the People (Psalm 146) Steven Baines

Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul!

People: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Leader: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

People: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God, who made heaven and earth; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry, the LORD who sets prisoners free; who lifts up those who are bowed down.

Leader: The LORD loves the righteous; watches over the strangers; upholds the orphan and the widow.

People: The LORD will reign forever, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

Congregational Response *This Is the Day* No. 286

This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
I will rejoice, I will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made; I will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.
repeat

Pastoral Prayer (followed by The Lord's Prayer in Unison) Steven Baines

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.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 21:1-11

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And when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Beth'phage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If any one says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee."

Solo

Hosanna-Hosanna from Let God Arise
Valeria Foster

Glenn E. Burleigh

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna to the King of kings.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna to the King of kings.
You are worthy, worthy to be praised. You are worthy, worthy to be praised.
Blessed is he who cometh, cometh in the name.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna!

Message

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Hymn of Commitment

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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All glory, laud, and honor, to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
You are a child of Israel, Great David's greater son;
you ride in lowly triumph, Messiah, blessed one!
The company of angels are praising you on high,
and we with all creation in chorus make reply.
The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.
To you before your passion they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
As you received their praises, now hear us as we pray.
Since you delight in goodness, rule in our hearts today.

Invitation to Holy Communion and Words of Institution

Steven Baines

If you have bread and juice to use at your home, we invite all to participate in Holy Communion after the minister offers Words of Institution and Prayer for the Elements.

Hymn of Going Forth

Precious Name

PRECIOUS NAME

Take the name of Jesus with you, child of sorrow and of woe;
It will joy and comfort give you; take it then, where'er you go.
Refrain
Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.
Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.
Take the name of Jesus ever, as a shield from every snare;
If temptations round you gather, breathe that holy name in prayer.
refrain

Benediction

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Postlude

Toccata from *Partita on All Glory, Laud, and Honor*
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arr. Michael Burkhardt

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Sermon Synopsis: When Jesus triumphantly entered Jerusalem, did those who so enthusiastically welcomed his arrival fathom the true meaning of Jesus' purpose? The palms they waved laid in the street were a symbol of Jewish nationalism/military victory. But, did they understand subversiveness of Jesus' purpose that did not seek war, power, or human political dominance, but a new social order in which love, justice, and care for the least of those ordered the world.

Weekly Prayer: Gracious God, even as we celebrate Palm Sunday and begin the walk through Holy Week and then on to the celebration of Easter next Sunday, give each of us a transformative resilient hope that we may see the world through eyes of love, peace, joy, compassion, and empathy. May your delivering power reach and help everyone who is struggling or in need of healing. God, we are beseeching you to make a way out of no way, to open doors that we don't see, to move in marvelous and miraculous ways. Use us to be blessings to each other. We ask these blessings in the name of the one whose triumphal entry into Jerusalem that we celebrate, our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen

Virtual Easter Lily Donations - No, we will not be gathering in the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday services, but let's still use this glorious Christian occasion to not only remember loved ones who have departed or those still living who give us encouraging words, but also raise some extra funds for the congregation.

If you would like to place a virtual lily in honor or memory of someone, please donate \$20 via check mailed to our church address, C/o Easter Lily, or on tithe.ly, choose memorial gift in the give to line, and then in the note section, tell us who the lily is in memory or honor of. We will print all the names in our virtual Easter morning worship service bulletin available for download and print.

The Board of National City Christian Church decided unanimously on March 19 to keep our church closed for all activities until May 30, honoring CDC guidelines to refrain from gathering in public spaces for eight weeks. While this decision is heartbreaking for us and all of the congregation, we know it is absolutely necessary as stewards of the greater community good. We must set the example and continue to find creative ways to stay connected with each other.

We hope to resume in-person worship services on Sunday, May 31, which appropriately is Pentecost Sunday. We can think of no better way to celebrate the birthday of Christ's church than returning to our beautiful sanctuary at 10 a.m. in praise and worship

for God's provision and faithfulness.

If your Board can be of any assistance to you, please don't hesitate to contact me or any of our pastoral staff.

In Christ's Service,
Alan Williams, Moderator

Message from Your Pastors

During these unprecedented times as the world responds to the coronavirus pandemic, we urge our members to stay connected with one another. Please continue to use all forms of communication and outreach including our many social media platforms to keep each other informed about members' needs, health, and other concerns for prayer and pastoral care.

One way to stay connected with your National City family is to join our Saturday morning prayer call at 8 a.m. (712-775-7031; code 371015).

And now is the time to remember the vital ministries of our church by giving of our tithes and offerings on tithe.ly. Checks are being received in the mail and deposited weekly: National City Christian Church, 5 Thomas Circle NW, Washington, D.C. 20005. Stay healthy, pray without ceasing, and remember, God is faithful.

Rev. Steven Baines, Rev. Dr. Beverly Goines

Stay Informed: We encourage everyone to monitor their local and state governments for the latest news and coronavirus updates.

<https://coronavirus.dc.gov/>

<https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/>

<https://www.virginia.gov/coronavirus-updates/>

Prayers for Our Church Family

Douglas and Chieko Cook; Dororthy Davis; Eddie Franklin; Helen Gray; Constance Jennings; Jim King; Frederickia Lloyd; Tawanna Lloyd; Lucas Lund; Alta Mainer; Drusilla McCain; Beverly Schacht; Steve Selde; Wes Strotman; Kathleen Swihart; Gloria Taylor; Esther Tyson; Peggy Washington; John Foster Woods; and all medical personnel around the world.

Capital Area Prayer Calendar

First Christian Church of Alexandria
Alexandria, Virginia

Global Ministries Prayer Calendar

Kaitlin Thompson in the Dominican Republic