

# **Durham Mennonite Church**

April 10, 2022

10:30 a.m. Worship in person and on Zoom

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**PALM SUNDAY**

**Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church**

# **Light the Lenten Candles**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

April 10 Palm Sunday - Crop Walk

April 14 6:00 Maundy Thursday

April 15 7:00 Good Friday Service

April 17 9:30 Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt

## **Opening Prayer**

As we gather here for worship today  
may it be with a sense that Jesus  
has walked in too, and is looking around.  
May our eyes be open to see Him,  
may our hearts be ready to be seen by Him,  
may our worship be worthy of His presence,  
and may we be transformed  
so that we see the world through His eyes.  
Amen.

## **Call to Worship**

We raise our voices and wave with joyful hope  
the palms of deliverance of God's people.

**Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David!**

Our hearts are filled with expectation  
as we welcome the coming king.

**Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord!**

We receive into the crowded streets of our  
lives

the one who is Savior, not only of us, but of all  
the earth.

**Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

## **Hymn - #238 (BH) 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 heav'n our king.

Oh, may we ever praise him  
with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

## **Hymn - #237 (BH) All Glory Laud and Honor**

**All glory, laud, and honor  
To You, Redeemer, King,  
To Whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.**

Thou art the King of Israel  
and David's royal Son,  
Who in the Lord's name cometh,  
The King and Blessed One.

**All glory, laud, and honor  
To You, Redeemer, King,  
To Whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.**

The company of angels  
Is praising thee on high;  
And we with all creation  
In chorus make reply.

**All glory, laud, and honor  
To You, Redeemer, King,  
To Whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.**

The people of the Hebrews  
With palms before thee went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems  
Before thee we present.

**All glory, laud, and honor  
To You, Redeemer, King,  
To Whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.**

To thee before thy passion  
They sang their hymns of praise;  
To thee, now high exalted,  
Our melody we raise.

**All glory, laud, and honor  
To You, Redeemer, King,  
To Whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.**

You didst accept their praises,  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
Who in all good delightest,  
Thou good and gracious King!

## **Extinguishing of Lenten Candles (week 6)**

Even as we praise our Lord we know the way to the Cross is long and darkened by shadows. As the final fearsome moments approach, human strengths fade away: the loyalty of others, the practice of justice, the defense of innocents, friendship in the face of enmity, even the capacity to pray. So it is that the lights of goodness are snuffed out one by one, with darkness in the waiting, lingering ever nearer.

**Lord, have mercy! (in unison)**

## **Prayer of Commitment**

Lord Jesus, in this sacred and solemn week  
when we see again the depth of mystery of  
your redeeming love,

**Help us to follow where you go,**

**to stop where you stumble,**

**to listen when you cry,**

**to hurt as you suffer,**

**to bow our heads in sorrow when you die,**

**so that when you are raised to life again**

**we may share your endless joy. AMEN.**

## **Hymn - #566 (VT) We will follow**

We will follow, we will follow Jesus.

We will follow, ev'rywhere he goes.

We will follow, we will follow Jesus.

Ev'rywhere he goes we will follow.

## **Commissioning for Spencer**

**Leader:** We desire that the work we take up be measured by enduring values and purposes, that it lends dignity both to those who work, and those who are served.

**Congregation:** Let the favor of Heaven be upon Spencer, that his labors might prosper and increase his faith.

**Leader:** We commit ourselves to daily tasks that bring joy and satisfaction to others, but also to collaboration with the Holy Spirit who summons us to works of healing, of mercy and of transformation.

**Congregation:** Let the favor of Heaven be upon Spencer, that his labors might prosper and increase his faith.

**Leader:** Defend us from overwork, from forgetfulness of the Sabbath, from want of faith in the One who builds the City we seek and welcomes us into its joyful streets.

**Congregation: Let the favor of Heaven be upon Spencer, that his labors might prosper and increase his faith. AMEN.**

**The Lord's Prayer (Pray in unison)**

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name;

your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

**(Children may go to the nursery)**

### **Scripture - Luke 19:29-40**

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, 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. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners

asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They said, “The Lord needs it.” Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. 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, saying,

“Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!”

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

## Scripture – Luke 23:32-47

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other

rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

## **The Death of Jesus**

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, “Certainly this man was innocent.”

**Sermon – Crafted by Jesus’ fearless love  
Duane Beck**

**Music Meditation - O Sacred Head**

**Reflection on the sermon**

**Sharing praises and prayer concerns**

**Hymn - #829 (VT) Go In Peace**

**Sending - #1066 (VT)**