

**Palm Sunday  
March 28, 2021**

**Gathering  
God invites us to enter His presence**

**Prelude**                      *The Holy City*                      *Adams*  
  
   *and When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*                      *Mason*  
   *The Fairview Bell Choir*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Preparation for Worship** (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

 **Call to Worship**                      *Dan Obenschain*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!  
**Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!**  
Lo, your king comes to you;  
**triumphant and victorious is he,**  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
**on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**  
Let us worship the Triune God. Amen.

 **Invocation**                      *Dan Obenschain*

Merciful God,  
as we enter Holy Week and gather at your house of prayer,  
turn our hearts again to Jerusalem,  
to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ  
so that, united with Christ and all the faithful,  
we may one day enter in triumph  
the city not made by human hands,  
the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens,  
where with you and the Holy Spirit,  
Christ lives in glory forever. **Amen.**

 **Hymn 174**                      *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 men and angels 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;  
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,  
And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice!*

**Confessing**  
**God invites us to be honest with Him**

**Prayer of Confession**

*Dan Obenschain*

Like the people who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem and then later pronounced "Crucify him," we are fickle people who often deny Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Remembering the events of Jesus' last week helps us see ourselves for what we are: sinners in need of a Savior, a Savior—praise God—we have in Christ. In honesty and hope, we confess now our sins to God.

**Time for Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

*Dan Obenschain*

Hear the Word of the Lord from Psalm 118:  
Let those who fear the Lord say,  
"His steadfast love endures for ever."  
Out of my distress I called on the Lord;  
the Lord answered me and set me free.  
The Lord is my strength and my song;  
he has become my salvation.  
I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and recount the deeds of the Lord.  
In Christ, God answers us and sets us free!  
In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.  
**Amen.**

*Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord*  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

** There is a Redeemer**

*Jesus, my Redeemer,  
Name above all names;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
O for sinners slain.  
Thank You, oh, my Father,  
For giving us Your Son,*

*And leaving Your Spirit  
'Til the work on earth is done.*

**Offering**

***Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him***

**Invitation**      Do good and share what you have,  
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

**Offering**                      *\*Please place your offerings in the plate in the  
back of the church on your way out*

**Offertory**                      *Hosanna to the Son*                      *Lindh*  
*Junior Choir*

**! Doxology**    *Bell Choir*  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*  
*Praise Him, all creatures here below;*  
*Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;*  
*Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

**! Prayer of Dedication**

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift,  
teach us to render to you all that we have and all that we  
are, that we may praise you, not with our lips only, but with  
our whole lives, turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys  
of all our days into a living sacrifice to you, through our  
Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**! Hymn 284**                      *They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love*

*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:*

*Refrain*

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love,  
By our love, Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
Refrain.*

*We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride:  
Refrain.*

*All praise to the Father, from who all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son,  
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.  
Refrain*

### **Proclaiming God speaks to us through His Word**

#### **Prayer of Illumination**

#### **Scripture Reading**     *1 Corinthians 12:12-31*

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> For the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup> If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? <sup>18</sup> But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup> If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

<sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." <sup>22</sup> On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unrepresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, <sup>24</sup> which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, <sup>25</sup> that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup> And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup> Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup> But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

And I will show you a still more excellent way.

**Sermon**

*“One Body, Many Parts”  
Rev. Tim Latham*

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**Responding**  
***We respond to God’s Word***

 **Hymn 286**

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

*Before our Father’s throne we pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.*

*When we a sunder part, it gives us inward pain;  
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.  
A-men.*

 **Profession of Faith**

Leader: Let us now profess our faith along with the saints through the ages.

**People: 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.**

**Prayers of the People**

**Commissioning**  
***God sends us out into the world as His Witnesses***

 **Hymn**

*All Glory, Laud and Honor  
Fairview Bell Choir*

 **Benediction & Blessing**

 **Postlude**

*Ride On in Majesty!*

*Paxton*