

CANTATA

“IN CHRIST ALONE”

DIRECTOR:

NARRATOR:

“Wonderful, Merciful Savior” with “We Bow Down”

“Sweet Jesus” with “My Jesus, I Love Thee”

Soloists: Monica Whitehurst and Jimmy Lee

“Behold Emmanuel”

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

“Only By the Blood”

“In Christ Alone” with The Solid Rock”

Soloist: Donna Baker

CHANCEL CHOIR

DANA MOODY

CHIP PAYETTE

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PRAYER
Holy God, our future is in your hands. Our Holy Week is in your hands. Guide us on this journey that we may be ever faithful, ever hoping, and ever loving. Broaden our perspective that we may look for signs of life, even when death is all around. Hosanna. Alleluia. Amen.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)
Merciful God, with the psalmist, we declare, “Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them!” But we forget that only by your grace can we be righteous. With the crowds, we proclaim, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” But we neglect to follow you when you show us the ways to make peace on earth as it is in heaven. With the Pharisees, we notice our siblings doing their best to follow you and command, “Order them to stop!” But we refuse to listen to your command to love our neighbors as you love us. Forgive us, merciful God, and free us to follow Jesus down the road into Jerusalem, confronting the death-dealing powers of this world with the truth of your peace and steadfast love. Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, September 2024

THE LORD’S PRAYER
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 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, forever. Amen.



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April 13, 2025
Palm Sunday



Welcome in the name of our Lord. A nurturing and well-supervised nursery is available for infants and young children. A Cry Room is also available. Please ask the greeter for further assistance and directions to these rooms. [†] = Invites persons to stand as they are able.

PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM
Hear from the Gospel according to Luke how our Lord Jesus entered Jerusalem. As Jesus came to Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he gave two disciples a task. He said, “Go into the village over there. When you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If someone asks, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say, ‘Its master needs it.’” Those who had been sent found it exactly as he had said. As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They replied, “Its master needs it.” They brought it to Jesus, threw their clothes on the colt, and lifted Jesus onto it. As Jesus rode along, they spread their clothes on the road. As Jesus approached the road leading down from the Mount of Olives, the whole throng of his disciples began rejoicing. They praised God with a loud voice because of all the mighty things they had seen. They said, “Blessings on the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens.” Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, scold your disciples! Tell them to stop!” He answered, “I tell you, if they were silent, the stones would shout.”

THE PEOPLE’S RESPONSE (responsively) **Psalm 118:1-2, 18-29**
O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!
Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."
Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.
This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.
The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
We bless you from the house of the Lord.
The Lord is God, and he has given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.
You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.
O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Who is He” W&S #3082

1. Who is he who comes in triumph? Who is he who comes to die,
Comes in peace and comes in power, hidden One now lifted high?
Jesus, Jesus, Lord, Messiah, mighty Master of the grave!
See him ride the King of glory! God himself has come to save!

2. See him there in humble splendor, Hear them shouting all around.
Joy explodes in wild procession. Praise is now the victor’s crown.
“Glory, glory in the highest!” Like the angels hear them sing,
Dancing ‘round the Long awaited – once their hope, and now their King.

3. Rise and join the glad procession! Hear them passing by again –
All the ransomed, all his children, marching to Jerusalem!
Look ahead – the gates of splendor! Hear the everlasting hymn!
Open wide your hearts in worship! Let the King of glory in!

OPENING PRAYER (responsively)
God, we gather on this day to begin a week of contrasts.
From hope to despair to hope again.
As we begin the week, as we join with the crowd,
help us cut through the noise to see what is happening, to see what is at stake.
As the story unfolds,
open us to both the hope and the pain.
In this time of worship,
prepare us to celebrate, to weep, and to wait. Amen.

Adapted from Rev Gord on his blog, Worship Offerings, <http://worshipofferings.blogspot.ca/>

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (all)
May we listen with the mind of Christ. May we listen with openness to being changed.
May we listen for the word of God.

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SCRIPTURE LESSONS (responsively) Psalm 31:9-16
I take refuge in you, Lord. Please never let me be put to shame. Rescue me by your
righteousness!
**Listen closely to me! Deliver me quickly; be a rock that protects me; be a strong fortress
that saves me!**
You are definitely my rock and my fortress. Guide me and lead me for the sake of your good
name!
Get me out of this net that’s been set for me because you are my protective fortress.
I entrust my spirit into your hands; you, Lord, God of faithfulness – you have saved me.
I hate those who embrace what is completely worthless. I myself trust the Lord.
I rejoice and celebrate in your faithful love because you saw my suffering – you were
intimately acquainted with my deep distress.
You didn’t hand me over to the enemy, but set my feet in wide-open spaces.

Philippians 2:5-12 CEB

Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus: Though he was in the form of God, he did not
consider being equal with God something to exploit. But he emptied himself by taking the
form of a slave and by becoming like human beings. When he found himself in the form of a
human, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a
cross. Therefore, God highly honored him and gave him a name above all names, so that at
the name of Jesus everyone in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow and every
tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

HYMN “To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord” #285

1. To mock your reign, O dearest Lord, they made a crown of thorns;
Set you with taunts along that road from which no one returns.
They could not know, as we do now, how glorious is that crown;
That thorns would flower upon your brow, your sorrows heal our own.

2. In mock acclaim, O gracious Lord, they snatched a purple cloak;
Your passion turned, for all they cared, into a soldier’s joke.
They could not know, as we do now, that though we merit blame,
You will your robe of mercy throw around our naked shame.

3. A sceptered reed, O patient Lord, they thrust into your hand,
And acted out their grim charade to its appointed end.
They could not know, as we do now, though empires rise and fall,
Your kingdom shall not cease to grow till love embraces all.

HYMN

“Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle”

#296

1. Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle, sing the ending of the fray;
now above the cross, the trophy, sound the loud triumphant lay:
tell how Christ, the world’s Redeemer, as a victim won the day.
2. Tell how, when at length the fullness of th’ appointed time was come,
Christ, the Word, was born of woman, left for us his heavenly home;
showed us human life made perfect, shone as light amid the gloom.
3. Thus, with thirty years accomplished, went he forth from Nazareth,
destined, dedicated, willing, wrought his work and met his death.
like a lamb he humbly yielded on the cross his dying breath.
4. Faithful cross, thou sign of triumph, now for us the noblest tree,
none in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit thy peer may be;
symbol of the world’s redemption, for the weight that hung on thee!
5. Unto God be praise and glory: to the Father and the Son,
to the eternal Spirit honor now and evermore be done;
praise and glory in the highest while unending ages run.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

As darkness descends, may we ever look for the light. As Holy Week begins, may we ever look for the resurrection. Go in quiet contemplation. Go in quiet hope. Go in the love of God.

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POSTLUDE

”Hosanna”

DANA MOODY

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Today’s service is being broadcast on Facebook Live at 11:00 am. You can access the service through the Oaklette Church Group on Facebook. You can also access the sermon through the Oaklette UMC Facebook page. If you are unable to use Facebook Live a link can be sent to you by email after the Facebook Live Worship has been recorded, but we will need your email address to do this. The Facebook Live service will also be downloaded to our website on Monday morning.

The Food Basket on the altar is presented to the glory of God.
The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God by Chip Payette in memory of his Mom and Dad,
Lucille and Al Payette.



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