

†Response #43 (refrain): *On Eagle's Wings*

Michael Joncas

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of his hand.

†Postlude



# First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

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10:30 am

O Lord Jesus Christ, who as on this day didst enter the rebellious city where Thou wast to die; enter into our hearts, we beseech Thee, and subdue them wholly to Thyself. And, as Thy faithful disciples blessed Thy coming, and spread their garments in the way, covering it with palm branches; make us ready to lay at Thy feet all that we have and are, and to bless Thee, who comest in the name of the Lord. And grant that after we have confessed and worshipped Thee on earth, we may be among the number of those who at the last shall hail Thine eternal triumph, and bear in their hands the palms of victory, when every knee shall bow before Thee, and every tongue confess that Thou art Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

*Prayers for the Christian Year*

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*"Our mission is to live and share the good news of God's love, grace, and mercy in Jesus Christ, to equip people for discipleship and service, and to work for social justice and peace."*



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## Service for the Lord's Day

### Gathering Around the Word of God

#### Welcome and Life of the Church

#### Minute for Mission

#### Prelude

**Introit:** *(Excerpt from:) Let All the World*

K. Lee Scott

#### † Call to Worship:

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

**All: slow to anger and abounding in love.**

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**All: Hosanna in the highest!**

† **Hymn of Praise #196:** *(Insert and Processional) All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

#### Call to Confession

#### Corporate Prayer of Confession:

**God of our salvation, we give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came in your name and turned the lonely way of rejection and death into triumph. Grant us the steadfast faith to enter the gates of righteousness, that we may receive grace to become worthy citizens of your holy realm. Amen.**

#### Silent Confession

**Liturgist:** Amen

#### Assurance of Pardon

**o#71:** *Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me* (refrain only)

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
and God will be my Savior.

Leader: Friends, believe and live the good news of the gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

† **Glory Be to The Father (Gloria Patri) #581**

† **Sharing the Peace of Christ**

#### Chancel Time with Children

"Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love.  
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**Anthem:** *Hosanna in the Highest*

David W. Music

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!  
Daughter of Zion, rejoice and see, your King comes to you.  
Shout now, O daughter of Jerusalem, your King comes to you.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

#### Proclaiming the Word of God

**Prayer for Illumination #288:** *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

**First Lesson:** Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (p. 436)

**Sermon Lesson:** Matthew 21:1-11 (p. 697)

**Sermon:** "Fling Wide the Portals"

Rev. Jim Currie

#### Responding to the Word of God

† **Affirmation of Faith— Apostles' Creed (p. 35)**

† **Hymn of Affirmation #93:** *Lift Up Your Head, Ye Mighty Gates*

**Offering Our Gifts to God**

**Offertory Music**

† **Doxology #606:** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

† **Prayer of Dedication**

#### Taking the Word of God into the World

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (p. 35)**

† **Hymn of Inspiration #197:** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

† **Benediction**