



**9:30 am Worship Service  
March 28, 2021**

We are so glad you are worshipping with us this morning!

**Reformed Presbyterian Church** exists to be a stream of God's refreshing grace for people from all walks of life.

**Today's Speaker:** Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas, Sr. Pastor  
Worship leader: Rev. Kevin Sheahan, Associate Pastor;  
Organist: Courtney Abbott-Fogie

**PRELUDES** *Hosanna in the Highest/ T. Birchwood  
All Glory, Laud and Honor/ arr. D. Paxton*

**WORDS OF GREETING**

**WE APPROACH GOD**

IN WORD from Psalm 118: 19-27 (NIV)

Leader: This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: **O LORD, save us; Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you.**

Leader: With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

People: **Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.**

Leader: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

People: **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you.**

IN PRAYER

**\*WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 235 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*  
WAVING OF THE PALMS, by RPC's Covenant Children

**WE CONFESS OUR FAITH** Psalm 99 (NIV)

Leader: The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble;

People: **He sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.**

Leader: Great is the LORD in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.

People: **Let them praise your great and awesome name—he is holy.**

Leader: The King is mighty, he loves justice—

People: **You have established equity;**

Leader: In Jacob you have done what is just and right.

People: **Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his footstool; he is holy.**

Leader: Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel was among those who called on his name;

People: **They called on the LORD and he answered them.**

Leader: He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud;

People: **They kept his statutes and the decrees he gave them.**

Leader: O LORD our God, you answered them; you were to Israel a forgiving God, though you punished their misdeeds.

People: **Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy.**

**\*WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)*  
*Hallelujah for the Cross*

Leader: Jews demand miraculous signs and  
Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach  
Christ crucified: a stumbling block to  
Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to  
those whom God has called, both Jews  
and Greeks, Christ the power of God and  
the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of  
God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the  
weakness of God is stronger than man's  
strength. I Corinthians 1:22-25 (NIV)

*Man of Sorrows*

**WE GREET ONE ANOTHER**

WELCOME TO VISITORS

**WE SEEK GOD'S FACE**

Prayers of God's People

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:1-17 (NIV)

SERMON

*The Return of the King*  
Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

**\*WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **295**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

\*WORDS OF PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

*Go Out with Praise!* G. Martin

## SONG LYRICS

### 235 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

All glory, laud, and honor,  
to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring!  
Thou art the King of Israel,  
thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest,  
the King and blessed One!

The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before thee we present.  
To thee, before thy passion,  
they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest,  
thou good and gracious King.  
All glory, laud, and honor  
to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring!

## **Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)**

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You, we turn to You  
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You,  
we long for You  
'Cause when we see You we find strength to face the day  
In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed  
away

Hosanna, Hosanna  
You are the God who saves us, worthy of all our praises  
Hosanna, Hosanna  
Come have Your way among us, we welcome You here,  
Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You, we turn to You  
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new, You make us  
new  
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Hosanna by Paul Baloche

## **Hallelujah For The Cross**

Up to the hill of Calvary  
My Savior went courageously  
And there He bled and died for me  
Hallelujah for the cross  
And on that day the world was changed  
A final perfect lamb was slain  
Let earth and heaven now proclaim  
Hallelujah for the cross

Hallelujah for the war He fought Love has won death has lost  
Hallelujah for the souls He bought Hallelujah for the cross

What good I've done could never save  
My debt too great for deeds to pay  
But God my Savior made a way  
Hallelujah for the cross  
A slave to sin my life was bound  
But all my chains fell to the ground  
When Jesus' blood came flowing down  
Hallelujah for the cross  
Hallelujah for the war He fought Love has won death has lost  
Hallelujah for the souls He bought Hallelujah for the cross

And when I breathe my final breath  
I'll have no need to fear that rest  
This hope will guide me into death  
Hallelujah for the cross  
Hallelujah for the war He fought Love has won death has lost  
Hallelujah for the souls He bought Hallelujah for the cross

## **Man of Sorrows**

Lamb of God By His own betrayed  
The sin of man and wrath of God Has been on Jesus laid  
Silent as He stood accused Beaten mocked and scorned  
Bowing to the Father's will He took a crown of thorns

Oh that rugged cross My salvation  
Where Your love poured out over me  
Now my soul cries out Hallelujah  
Praise and honour unto Thee

Sent of heaven God's own Son To purchase and redeem  
And reconcile the very ones Who nailed Him to that tree  
Oh that rugged cross My salvation Where Your love poured  
out over me  
Now my soul cries out Hallelujah  
Praise and honour unto Thee

Now my debt is paid It is paid in full  
By the precious blood That my Jesus spilled  
Now the curse of sin Has no hold on me  
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See the stone is rolled away Behold the empty tomb  
Hallelujah God be praised He's risen from the grave  
Oh that rugged cross My salvation  
Where Your love poured out over me  
Now my soul cries out Hallelujah  
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## 295 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne,  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose power a scepter sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
absorbed in prayer and praise;  
his reign shall know no end;  
and round his pierced feet  
fair flow'rs of paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:  
all hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me:  
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.



## SCRIPTURE READING

### Matthew 21:1-17 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples,<sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

<sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

<sup>5</sup> “Say to the Daughter of Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’ ”

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Hosanna in the highest!”

<sup>10</sup> When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

<sup>11</sup> The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

<sup>12</sup> Jesus entered the temple area and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves.<sup>13</sup> “It is written,” he said to them, “‘My house will be called a house of prayer,’ but you are making it a ‘den of robbers.’”

<sup>14</sup> The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them.<sup>15</sup> But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple area, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they were indignant.

<sup>16</sup> “Do you hear what these children are saying?” they asked him. “Yes,” replied Jesus, “have you never read,

“ ‘From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise’ ?”

<sup>17</sup> And he left them and went out of the city to Bethany, where he spent the night.