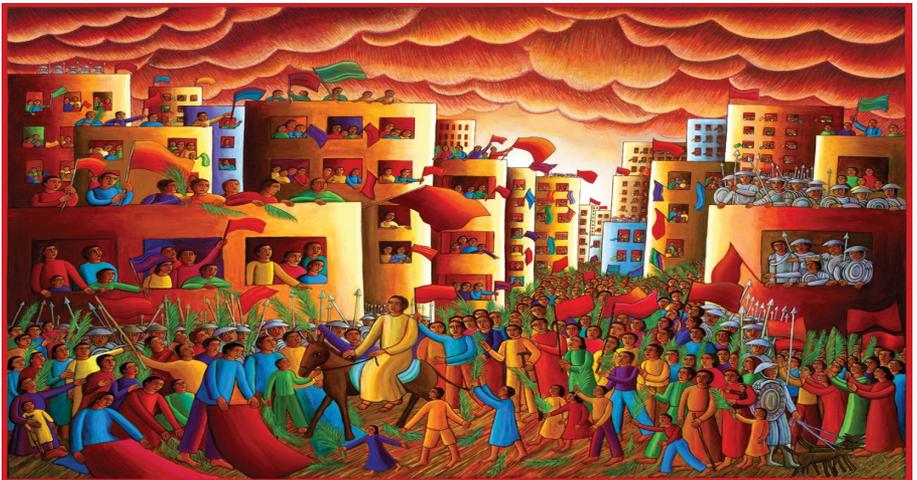


***“The Parade: Risking Reputation”  
Week One of Lent***



***Growing and Deepening our Spiritual Lives in an  
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**Sunday, March 1, 2020**

Rev Peggy McDonagh presiding with the people of St. David's

***We gather as a Christ-Infused Community***

**Prelude**

*Voluntary in D Major - George Berg*

*Voluntary in A Major Op. 7 No. 1 - John Stanley*

**Greeting and Announcements**

**Lighting the first Lenten Candle**

We light the first Lenten candle to shine a light on ourselves in the story of the passion of Jesus.

**May this light illumine our path as we walk alongside Jesus and others who walked with him, that together we may experience expanded insight and transformation along the way.**

## Entering the Story

**Crossing the Threshold**

*Leader:* I want to invite you on a journey during Lent. . . .

*[Soloist begins to sing]*

**Enter**

**Enter the story**

**Enter the place you belong**

**Not just looking on**

**For this is *your* story**

**Enter the story**

*[Choir repeats]*

**Enter**

**Come enter the story**

**Enter the place you belong**

**Not just looking on**

**For this is *your* story**

**Enter the story**

*Leader:* Jesus' ride into Jerusalem at the beginning of Holy Week was full of risk. . .to take stock of all the players, including the role the city itself plays now so full of pilgrims for the Passover.

*[Soloist, Choir and Congregation Sing]*

**Enter**

**Enter the passion  
Enter the place we belong  
Not just looking on  
For this is *our* passion  
Enter the passion**

*[People stand as the song is repeated]*

**Enter**

**Enter the passion  
Enter the place we belong  
Not just looking on  
For this is *our* passion  
Enter the passion  
Enter the story...  
Enter the passion...  
Enter his passion.**

### **Prayer of Confession**

We come into prayer together

**People: We stand at the gate,  
hesitant and uncertain.**

**Will we join the parade and  
risk our reputation along with Jesus?  
Or will we play it safe?**

**Forgive our fear, our indecision, our apathy.  
Such moments in life are not easy, O God,  
yet we know you surround and hold us.**

**You entered our story over and over again.  
May we have the courage to enter fully into the story  
of your kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

### **Opening Responsive Hymn**

Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights vs. 1,2, 4, 6 VU #108

Throughout these Lenten days and nights  
we turn to walk the inward way,  
where, meeting Christ, our guide and light,  
we live in hope till Easter Day.

The pilgrim Christ, the Lamb of God,  
who found in weakness greater power,  
embraces us, though lost and flawed,  
and leads us to his Rising Hour.

And though the road is hard and steep,  
the Spirit ever calls us on through  
Calvary's dying, dark and deep,  
until we see the coming Dawn.

Rejoice, O sons and daughters! Sing  
and shout hosannas! Raise the strain!  
For Christ, whose death Good Friday brings  
on Easter Day will rise again!

*[The people remain standing]*

**Assurance of Pardon and Entering the Passion of Jesus**

## **Getting Perspective**

### **Telling the Story**

#### **Hymn**

I Love to Tell the Story vs. 1 VU #343

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

An echo-prayer.

Holy Creator

**We will dare to join the journey.**

*[Hand to heart]*

**We will walk your loving way.**

*[Walk in place]*

**We will live your sacred story,**

*[Hold hands like opening a book]*

**Through the things we do and say.**

*[Hands open and outstretched on “do.” Hand cupped to sides of mouth on “say.”]*

**Amen.**

*[Praying hands]*

**Time with the Gospel**

**Matthew 21:1-11**

*(Jesus Enters Jerusalem)*

**Prayer after Reading**

**Loving God,**

**Help us live your story,**

**By daring to celebrate Jesus**

**Wherever we are.**

**Hosanna. Amen.**

**Listening for the Story**

Zechariah 9: 9-10

**Anthem**

*A New Hosanna – John Purifoy*

**Dwelling in the Story - Tableau**

*(A kind of “midrash” [teaching] based on *Entry into the City* by Swanson, John August.)*

*[Soloist and Choir sing]*

Enter

Enter the story

Enter the place you belong

Not just looking on

For this is *your* story

Enter the story

*[Congregation joins in]*

**Enter**

**Enter the passion**

**Enter the place we belong**

**Not just looking on**

**For this is *our* passion**

**Enter the passion**

**Enter the story...**

**Enter the passion...  
Enter his passion.**

**Reflection**

**Music for Meditation**

## **Zooming In**

### **The Body of Christ Prays**

**Sung entrance into prayer**

Love us into Fullness vs. 1 & 3 MV #81

**Love us into fullness, touch us with your grace;  
Jesus, in your mercy, draw us to your face.**

**Love us into fullness, and we will be strong;  
Jesus, walk beside us, fill our hearts with song.**

We remember today the lives that have been touched by the entrance of  
Jesus . . .

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Sung closure of prayers**

Love us into fullness vs. 3 MV #81

**Love us into fullness, and we will be strong;  
Jesus, walk beside us, fill our hearts with song.**

### **A Time of Offering Ourselves**

#### **Offertory**

*Shines the Light – Susan Naus Dengler & Lee Dengler*

#### **Reception of Offering and Dedication Prayer**

"This is my creative spirit in the world, this is my offering.  
May you see the things you do, no matter how small or mundane,  
as the way that you contribute goodness to the world,  
creating more life, more joy, more love."

**Praise be to God, the Creator of all that is!**

# Entering the World's Story

## Closing Hymn

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna VU #123

Hosanna, loud hosanna  
the happy children sang;  
through pillared court and temple  
the joyful 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 victory palm branch waving,  
and singing clear and loud;  
the Lord of earth and heaven  
rode on in lowly state,  
content that little children  
should on his bidding wait.

'Hosanna in the highest!  
That ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer;  
earth, let your anthems ring.  
O may we ever praise him  
with heart and life and voice,  
and in his humble presence  
eternally rejoice!

## Benediction

## Postlude

*Chorale Prelude on the Melody "Vexilla Regis" - Healey Willan  
(The Royal Banners Forward Go)*

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through Worship & Nurture**

**March 8 2020 Lent Two**

**The Temple: Risking Righteous Anger**

Jesus' response to a visit to the Temple during this busy, noisy, Passover "tourist season" is utter frustration turned to anger. With so much at stake, "business-as-usual" seems obscene. This can be true for us today. The banality of our everyday lives sometimes seems ludicrous in the face of such suffering around the world. But taking a moment inside the scene where Jesus is overturning tables in this "house of prayer for all nations" can offer us a way to see what we actually might do to reassess our own actions and make our own corner of the world (our "temples") a more welcoming place for all people.

**THANKS TO THOSE ASSISTING WITH OUR SUNDAY  
WORSHIP EXPERIENCE**

Greeters.....March Sacred Service Team  
Ushers .....March Sacred Service Team  
Projection.....PSALT Team  
Reader.....Bill Way  
Music .....Sanctuary Choir  
Accompanist.....Garrett Krause

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