



And do we yet understand, Jesus, as the years go by and we hear the story again?
Can a poor man on a donkey dying like a slave succeed?

We like success so much, the kind you feel and touch
and put your hands on right away.

What success can anyone find in a cross?

Or is there success in faithfulness? When you can say:
"Your will be done!" "Abba, forgive them."

Like the two from Emmaus we hope for easy gain.
Come walk at our side, and tell us what matters most, O God.

~Victor Hoagland, C.P.

JAN HUS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH & NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE
APRIL 1, 2012

PALM SUNDAY

PROCESSION FROM CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY & PRELUDE

GATHERING & WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (PSALM 118:26)

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.
Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER

We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ.
Today he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and king
by those who spread garments and branches along his way.
Let these branches be sign of his victory, and grant that we who carry them
may follow him in the way of the cross, that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom,
through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

***HYMN #89 HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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Jennette Threlfall, 1873

*Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen
Katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784; alt. 1868*

1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na. The lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'Mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The joy - ful an - them rang;
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, And chant - ing clear and loud;
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav - en our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them Close fold - ed to His breast,
The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state,
O may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice,

The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sweet Jesus, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you: we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's, our faith is often more show than substance, and our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises and to receive us as your own.

SILENT PRAYERS FOR RECONCILIATION

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

RESPONSE: ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE



ASSURANCE OF PARDON (MATTHEW 5:48; LUKE 6:36)

Jesus asked God to forgive his executioners; not from heaven, but from his hell on earth. Such pardon and forgiveness is greater than any gift. Now forgiven, let us forgive others, as well, in gratitude for the love of such a God, as this. **Amen!**

GREETING EACH OTHER, LOVED AND FORGIVEN

May the Peace of Christ be with you all! **And also with you!**
Let us greet each other, loved and forgiven!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Merciful God, as we enter Holy week turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, and to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Stir up within us the gift of faith that we may not only praise him with our lips, but may follow him in the way of the cross.

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 12:12-16 (THE MESSAGE)



The next day the huge crowd that had arrived for the Feast heard that Jesus was entering Jerusalem. They broke off palm branches and went out to meet him. And they cheered:

Hosanna!
Blessed is he who comes in God's name!
Yes! The King of Israel!
Jesus got a young donkey and rode it, just as the Scripture has it:

No fear, Daughter Zion:
See how your king comes,
riding a donkey's colt.

The disciples didn't notice the fulfillment of many Scriptures at the time, but after Jesus was glorified, they remembered that what was written about him matched what was done to him.

SERMON

RAY BAGNUOLO

TIME FOR MEDITATION

PREPARING FOR THE OFFERING

In this world, someone has too much. **Someone has barely enough, someone has nothing at all.**

When we share our commitment and financial support, we act on the imagination of Jesus.
Jesus, who sees enough bread to go around, enough courage to speak the truth, and enough love to overcome all things.

O God, to those of us who have hunger, give bread. And to those of us who have bread, give the hunger for justice.

When the 5,000 were hungry, the disciples came to Jesus and said: "Send the people away, so they may get something to eat."

Jesus answered: "You give them something to eat."

OFFERTORY MUSIC

BLESSING THE OFFERING

And the people reached in their pockets and pulled out the bread and the fishes and shared them, and there was abundance for all, and even more. **Amen.**

***DOXOLOGY**



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PRAYER THAT JESUS TAUGHT US TO PRAY:

Our Mother/Father who are 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

HYMN: ONE BREAD ONE BODY



1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
 2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
 3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,
 wom - an or man, no more.
 one in the Lord of all. One
 gath - ered to one, for all.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE: ALL ARE WELCOME

Jesus said:
 I am the bread of life.
 Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
 And whoever believe in me will never be thirsty.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give out thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of God.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

We respond to the Bread: "the Bread of Life" and to the Cup: "the Cup of Blessing"

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

God, our help and strength, you have satisfied our hunger with this Eucharistic food. Strengthen our faith, that through the death and resurrection of Jesus we may be led and guided into your presence and salvation, for all the days of our lives and beyond. Amen.

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***CLOSING HYMN #540 GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN**

CLOSING HYMNS

540 God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Jeremiah Eames Rankin, 1880; alt. RANDOLPH 9.8.8.9 Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

1. God be with you till we meet a - gain; Lov - ing coun - sels
 2. God be with you till we meet a - gain; Un - seen wings pro -
 3. God be with you till we meet a - gain; When life's per - ils
 4. God be with you till we meet a - gain; Keep love's ban - ner

guide, up - hold you, With a Shep-herd's care en - fold you:
 tect - ing hide you, Dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you:
 thick con - found you, Put un - fail - ing arms a - round you:
 float - ing o'er you, Smite death's threat-ening wave be - fore you:

God be with you till we meet a - gain.

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

***BENEDICTION**

(English)
 Christians rise and act your creed,
 Let your prayer be in your deed;
 Seek the right, perform the true,
 Raise your work and life anew.
 Come then law divine and reign,
 Freest faith assailed in vain.
 Perfect love, bereft of fear,
 born in heaven and radiant here. Amen.

(Czech)
 Amen to pozehnani prijdiz na nas vsecky,
 Abychom po skonani vesli v raj nebesky,
 A tam s angelskou risi, boha take ctilli,
 Dejz nam to; o Jezisi, spasitely mily.
 Amen.

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR AND A LIGHT FELLOWSHIP MEAL: You are invited to join us immediately after worship for our Coffee Hour and a Light Fellowship Meal.

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE. We are a fully welcoming congregation that honors the great and wonderful diversity of God's creation. We honor those who find themselves here and yet may follow a different faith tradition. We believe your presence and faith enriches our gathering. If you identify yourself as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender or in any other way that expresses your gender identity – you are welcome here and fully invited to participate in the work and worship of this congregation.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: There will be a meeting of the Congregation of Jan Hus Presbyterian Church and Neighborhood House on Sunday, April 15 immediately following worship to receive the Annual Report. Please join us.

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND MEDITATIONS:

Lectio Divina

Wednesdays in Lent: Join us each week as Elder Annie Rawlings, M.Div. leads us in reading, reflection, silence, and discussion of different selections from the Bible. Remaining dates: April 4th in the sanctuary from 7:00 – 7:30 A.M.

Spiritual Conversations Wednesdays 2:15 – 3:00 P.M., in the sanctuary and led by Rev. Frank Rocco

Meditations Friday 9:15 – 10 A.M., in the sanctuary and led by Rev. Frank Rocco

PASSION WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES IN THE SANCTUARY

PASSION WEEK:

Maundy Thursday: April 5th at 6:30 PM.

Good Friday Service and Meditation: 12 Noon – 3PM

Saturday Easter Vigil: 8:30 P.M.

EASTER SUNDAY:

Pancake Breakfast in Pisek Hall from 9:00 – 10:30 AM

Worship at 11 AM

Light refreshments following worship.

MEMBERSHIP:

We are a small, family-sized congregation with less than 25 members. Yet, we are committed to our Homeless Outreach Advocacy Program and several other forms of outreach within our daily work at Jan Hus Presbyterian Church and Neighborhood House. We are seeking new members to be part of this congregation and bring your gifts in helping us in this vibrant and challenging ministry of Love and Justice, which we call Gospel. If you are interested in considering membership, please see me or anyone who looks like a member after worship.

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AUDIO RECORDING

Most of the sermons that are delivered are available in audio formats and text through our web page at www.janhus.org. Please visit the site often for the latest information and updates.

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SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LESS

In order to equitably distribute the resources we have available to the hundreds of people who visit us in need each week, we provide all outreach support for others through the Homeless Outreach and Advocacy Program center. If you are in need or someone approaches you for help during our time together on Sundays, please see or refer the person to the pastor or one of the members of the church. We will take it from there, so that all those who come here have to worship and fellowship with each other. We all need time to find sanctuary and community.

COMPOSER'S VOICE FREE CONCERT SERIES: ALL PERFORMANCES AT 1:00 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

4/8/12 Easter Sunday. Composer's Voice and Vox Novus' first Japanese themed concert with Fifteen-Minutes-of-Fame: Thomas Piercy, clarinet and Claudine Hickman, piano. Music and performances by JX; Kenji Haba; Kyoko Ozawa and more.

JAN HUS PLAYHOUSE THEATER

Growing Up Gonzales, by Felix Rojas Limited Engagement www.growingupgonzales.com

Open Mic Night Every Sunday night. Bring your stand-up and your laughter! Doors Open 6 PM

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