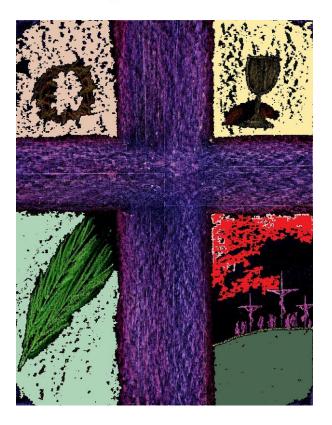
Royal Lane Baptist Church

Diverse People United in Christ



I wait for the Lord more than watchers wait for the morning . . . Psalm 130:6

The Worship of God Palm/Passion Sunday

March 28, 2021

Chiming of the Hour

Centering Words & Candle Lighting Harry Wooten On the back of a humble donkey, Christ looks beyond the shouts of "Hosanna in the highest." He is traveling a slow journey to the cross—and he will pay the price of turning the tables on the money changers, upsetting the status quo, and living authentically before God. Will he travel that road alone?

Voluntary

The Palms — Gabriel Fauré

Call to Worship

God of love and compassion, we celebrate your joyful and disruptive entry into Jerusalem.

Hosanna in the highest!

In the same way we anticipate, with expectant hearts, your presence in our lives.

Hosanna in the highest!

We come, knowing your love has arrived and is made manifest in Jesus the Christ.

Hosanna in the highest!

We come, prepared to be changed by the grace we receive in your love.

Hosanna in the highest!

We come with our whole being to prepare the way for the coming of love incarnate.

Hosanna in the highest!

Invocation

Harry Wooten

Blessed One, we are humbled by your example. You entered Jerusalem in lowly estate, riding on a donkey. You emptied yourself and came as a servant to all, forsaking the power to command. Son of David, come to us now and be our King, that we too may sing our hosanna! Amen.

Harry Wooten

Scott Ayers

11:00 A.M.

Hymn & Procession of Palms [see insert] Children of Royal Lane & Worshipers Hosanna, Loud Hosanna — ELLACOMBE

Time for Young Disciples

Prayers of the People

Sandy Washington Let us pray for the church, our neighbors in need and the whole world, saying:

Hear our prayer.

On this Palm and Passion Sunday, we come with praise and leave with passion. Help us to see that the crucifixion we remember on Good Friday is present in small and large ways throughout our communities and world. And enable us to stand with the crucified among us, we pray to you, O God:

Hear our prayer.

O God, we see so much bloodshed in our world, Senseless violence, racialized violence, violence against women, violence against Black, Asians, and immigrants. We pause and pray for the victims and their families of the tragic shootings in Atlanta and Boulder. (Silence is kept.) Help us to be nonviolent resisters of hate and malice and prejudice. And enable us to be agents of your love in all that we do, we pray to you, O God:

Hear our prayer.

O God, we pray for the elected leadership in our local governments, state legislatures, Congress and our president. We pray that they would have the courage to work for the common good for all the people of this country, and that they would put aside differences in order to serve the greater good, we pray to you, O God:

Hear our prayer.

Today we pray especially for those we name now silently or aloud or post in the comments section.

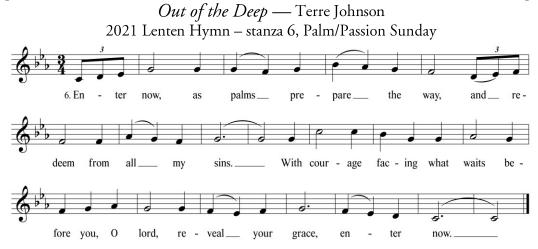
Let us pray:

O God, we continue to pray for those struggling during this pandemic. Help us support those delivering needed aid and vaccines and let us be witnesses to the benefits of receiving the vaccine ourselves. And help us take responsibility for every measure that protects us, we pray to you, O God. Amen.

Laura Keller

Worshipers

Response [see insert]



Scripture Lesson, Mark 11:1-11 Laura Keller, Michael Gregg & Worshipers When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'"

Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our Ancestor David!

Hosanna in the Highest!

They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.

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Hosanna in the Highest!

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve. Holy Wisdom, Holy Word ... **Thanks be to God!**

Ride On, King Jesus! - arranged by Hall Johnson

Sermon

Offertory

" I Wait for the Lord "

Psalm 130:6

Scott Ayers I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked — arranged by Scott Ayers

Closing Hymn [see insert] When I Survey the Wondrous C

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross — HAMBURG

Charge & Blessing

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Who, though he was in form of God, he emptied himself and took human form, And humbled himself to the point of death, In order to liberate humanity from our enslavements to death.

As we enter into Holy Week, Let us lift up the brokenhearted, And stand with the oppressed. And let everything we do be out of the love of God in Christ. Amen.

Amen.

Postlude

Improvisation on Palm Sunday Themes

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Welcome to Scott Ayers, Guest Organist.

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Scott Ayers

Michael Gregg

Worshipers

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Solo

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Called Church Conference – Today, March 28, 2021

Tex Quesada has been nominated to fill the unexpired term of a deacon. Members are asked to participate in a zoom conference call following worship, to vote on this nomination.

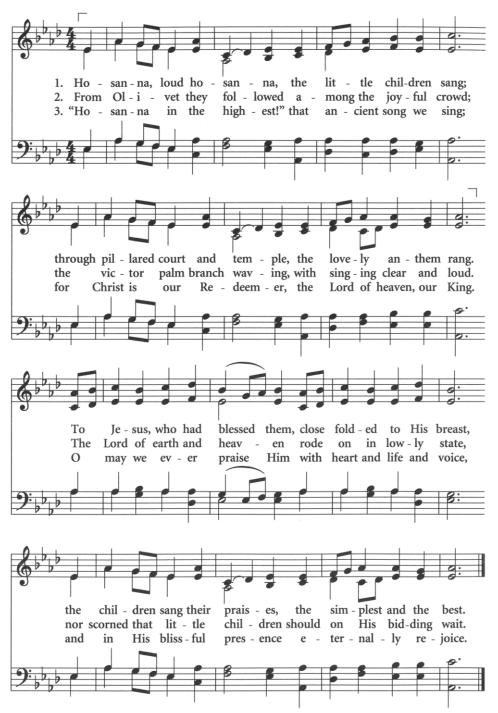
Procedure for the Election of a Deacon to Fill an Unexpired Term

- At the close of worship Sunday, March 28th, members of RLBC will access the special church conference via a Zoom meeting. The Zoom ID for the meeting will be sent to members via their email.
- Once the church has been called into conference, a link to access a ballot will appear in "Chat."
 - 1. Members will open the ballot, mark the ballot, and submit it to be counted.
 - 2. Ballots must be accessed and submitted by 2:00 PM Sunday afternoon.
- Drive-by balloting will be available from 12:00 to 2:00 PM Sunday in the parking lot behind the sanctuary.
- Members of the Tabulating Committee will be tasked with counting the ballots and reporting the results to the deacon chair.
- The deacon chair will be responsible for communicating the results of the ballot the congregation.





Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



Easter Flower Dedications

It is time to submit dedications for Easter Flowers. These may be submitted online at royallane.org/easter-flower-dedications/

You may also email the church office at info@royallane.org, or leave a message at 214-361-2809, ext. 11. Printed forms are available in the church office. \$15.00 per dedication. Deadline for receipt of dedications has been extended to Tuesday, March 30.

Payment Options:

Check – mail or bring to the church office.

Credit card – contact Janet to provide information or email to instruct her to use information on file.

Online bill – through personal bank account

Pay online – click the link provided in the online order which opens in a new window - complete payment then return to form window to SUBMIT Easter Flower Dedication.



Out of the Deep

Text and Music by Terre Johnson for Royal Lane Baptist Church, Dallas, TX

Out of the deep, O Lord, | cry to you; out of the deep, O hear my voice. O listen now as | cry for mercy, O Lord, please hear my voice out of the deep.

Out of the deep, O Lord, | cry to you; keep no record of my sins, With you | know there is sure forgiveness, O Lord, | rise to serve, out of the deep.

Out of the deep, O Lord, | cry to you, in your word is found my hope. As watchers wait for the morning sunrise, O Lord, my being waits out of the deep.

Out of the deep, O Lord, | cry to you; for you offer unfailing love. In you | hope now for full redemption, O Lord, from all my sins out of the deep.

Out of the deep, O Lord, | wait for you, enter now, my hope, my Lord. For you alone come to save and help me, O Lord, | wait for you out of the deep.

Enter now, as palms prepare the way, and redeem from all my sins. With courage facing what waits before you, O lord, reveal your grace, enter now.

Out of the tomb, O Lord, I see you rise, out of the dark to morning's light! O sing to God who has conquered darkness, O Lord, within my heart, now arise!

Terre Johnson, Composer, Text Writer

Terre Johnson holds degrees in Choral Music Education from Troy University, Auburn University and Florida State University. A Life Member of the American Choral Directors Association, he has served as National Chair for Music in Worship and is currently National Chair for Lifelong Singing. From 2001-2005 Dr. Johnson was a conductor in New York, and has given numerous well-received performances in Carnegie Hall. He has also conducted in the Sydney Opera House, the Vienna Konzerthaus, and in numerous sacred venues in Rome and Florence. He has directed the music in Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches, and directed community choruses for children, youth and adults. In addition, he has taught in public middle



and high schools, as well as in small colleges and large universities. As a composer, Dr. Johnson has premiered two major works for choir and orchestra in Carnegie Hall, and two additional major works in Florence, Italy. His music has been recorded by the St. Olaf Choir and the Baylor University A Cappella Choir. Other recent commissions have included the Turtle Creek Chorale in Dallas as well as the Georgia Boy Choir and Luther College.

Celebrate Ramadan Iftar with the Dialogue Institute Dallas

Our good friends and faith partners from the Dialogue Institute Dallas would like to celebrate Ramadan with Royal Lane again this year. Due to pandemic safety concerns, we will share a Ramadan event and meal on Zoom.

Please REGISTER to reserve your meal through the link on the Royal Lane Website or at https://bit.ly/2QDbU71

If you do not need a meal, you do not need to REGISTER. You can simply show up for the online portion of the event. A link to the Zoom room will be created nearer to the evening.

Dinner Pick-up

Dinner will be provided by our friends at the Dialogue Institute Dallas. You may pick up your reserved Turkish dinner at the church before the event. You will be able to eat after the Zoom time and at sundown. We thank the members of the Dialogue Institute for the generosity and hospitality.

2021 Lent & Holy Week

Theme: I Wait...based on Psalm 130



First Sunday in Lent: "Out of the Depths, I Cry" Second Sunday in Lent: "My Cry for Mercy" Third Sunday in Lent: "If You, Lord, Keep a Record" Fourth Sunday in Lent: "With You, Forgiveness, So We can Serve" Fifth Sunday in Lent: "In God's Word is My Hope" Palm/Passion Sunday: "I Wait for the Lord" Easter Sunday: "For with the Lord is Unfailing Love"

Saturday 10:00 am	February 13 Palm Frond & Ash Drive Through (10:00 am – Noon) Drive Through to pick up Ashes, Palm Fronds and Lenten Packet in preparation for virtual Ash Wednesday Service on February 17, and Lent.	
Sunday	February 14 – Transfiguration Sunday / Farewell to Alleluia	
11:00 am	Morning Worship — Royal Lane YouTube Channel	
Wednesday	February 17 – Ash Wednesday	
6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Service — Zoom	
Sunday	March 28 – Palm/Passion Sunday	
11:00 am	Morning Worship – Royal Lane YouTube Channel	
Friday	April 2 – Good Friday	
7:30 pm	Good Friday Service – Royal Lane YouTube Channel	
Saturday	April 3	
2:00 pm	Walk Through Holy Week & Easter Egg "Hunt" (2:00 – 4:00 pm)	
Sunday 9:00 am	April 4 – Easter Sunday Flowering of the Cross — South Lawn and Sanctuary Steps – Registration Required (Open all day for placement of flowers.)	
11:00 am	Easter Morning Worship - Virtual Worship - Royal Lane YouTube Channel	



2021 Lent Devotionals

"Praying with Scripture During Lent" by Rev. Roger Gench



Lent Devotionals are posted online and distributed via email. Print copies available upon request. Reproduced by permission of Presbyterian OUTLOOK

Schedule for the Week

Sunday	March 28 – Palm/Passion Sunday	
,	Following Worship – Called Church Conference — Zoom	
12:00 pm	Youth Sunday School Class — Zoom	
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7:00 pm	Connections Care Group — Zoom	
Tuesday	March 30	
12:00 pm	Pastor's Book Group — Zoom	
Wednesday	March 31	
6:30 pm	Midweek Bible Study with Mike Gregg — Zoom	
-	Acts 4:1-31, Peter and John Arrested and Praying Together	
7:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir — Zoom	
Friday	April 2 – Good Friday	
12:00 pm	Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom	
7:30 pm	Good Friday Service — Virtual – Royal Lane Baptist YouTube Channel	
Saturday	April 3	
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8:00 pm	Non-Traditional Class — Zoom	
Sunday	April 4 – Easter Sunday	
9:00 am	Flowering of the Cross Service — South Lawn & Sanctuary Steps	
	Registration Required	
9:45 am	Foundation Stones Class — Zoom	
10:00 am	Women's Share & Prayer — Zoom (tbd)	
11:00 am	Easter Morning Worship — Virtual – Royal Lane Baptist YouTube Channel	
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Looking Ahead

Sunday April 11 – Second Sunday of Easter / Youth Sunday

11:00 am Morning Worship — Royal Lane Baptist YouTube Channel Prepared and Led by the Youth of Royal Lane Baptist Church

How to Connect

See the Weekly Mosaic, Weekend Update or Web Calendar for Links and details for Zoom, Livestream and Virtual events — royallane.org/resources/events Group hosts and leaders will provide links for events with no published link.

Schedule

All In-Person activities have been suspended until further notice. See the website for information and resources. royallane.org

Prayer Requests

We invite you to use the Prayer Request Form, available on the website at royallane.org/prayer

Deacons on Call

Charlotte Sewell & Sandy Washington

When WE Give: we can reach out to the marginalized in our community and world.

February 2021 Financials

-	YTD Actual
Revenues	\$ 93,029
Expenses	\$ 104,857
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 11,828)

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