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**PALM SUNDAY**

**11:00 a.m. April 2, 2023**

 **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT-** *Hymn #187 “Ovsanna” (vs 1-3 in Armenian)*

 *(****Congregation, please join and sing)***

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#186“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” (vs. 1-3)*

**\*INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (in unison)**

Dear Lord, we come before your presence with gratitude for being the king of our heart. You deserve all the praise and honor to be called our king. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. Thank you for making us part of your kingdom by redeeming us by your own blood that you shed for us. O King, rule in our hearts and lead us in your path. We exalt your holy name, the name above all names. We give you all the glory and honor, who taught us to pray: “Our Father, Who art in heaven….”

**\*GLORIA PATRI-***#79* *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

**RESPONSIVE READING:** *Palm Sunday*

**PASTOR:** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion, behold your king is coming to you.

**PEOPLE:** **Blessed is who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**PASTOR:** Blessed be the kingdom of our father Davidthat is coming!

**PEOPLE: Hosanna in the highest!**

**PASTOR:** Father, on this day, as we recall the entrance of our Saviour into Jerusalem, grant that we may open our hearts and let him enter in and triumph within us anew.

**PEOPLE: Grant us depth of faith, honesty of purpose, and divine wisdom not to receive you like the mob on that first Palm Sunday.**

**PASTOR:** Give us grace to cut from life the vital branches of sacrifice; and may our garments of righteousness be cast upon the highway of his coming.

**PEOPLE: Grant us, O Lord, responsive spirits that we receive Jesus as our Lord and King.**

**PASTOR:** Help us to break down every barrier which we have built against his entrance in our lives.

**PEOPLE: May the doors of our hearts be lifted up that the King of Glory may come in.**

**UNISON: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest! Amen.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** *#3 “The Heart of Worship”*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE**: *Luke 19:28-40 (pp. 1631-1632)*

**ENGLISH SERMON*:* If These Remain Quiet, The Stones will Cry Out**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *Luke 19:41-44 (p. 1632)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: The King Has Come**

**\*HAYR MER:** *#275*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** *"Park Kéz Dér, Asdvadz Mér"*

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

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**\*Congregation is requested to stand. \*\*\* Latecomers may be seated.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHURCH JOYS AND CONCERNS:** Please continue praying for Susan Mousigian, Dr. Richard Marburger, George and Ann Krikorian, Jan Janigian, Glenn Harrison, Artsakh, Armenia, Ukraine, victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** on Thursday, April 6th, at 6:30p.m. we will remember our Lord’s last hours on earth through a special worship service that will include special music by the ACC Choir, and celebration of the Lord’s Table.

**NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH IS RESURRECTION SUNDAY** we invite all our members and friends to the Easter Morning Worship Service at 11:a.m.

**MEN’S FELLOWSHIP & BREAKFAST** will be held on Saturday, February 8th at 10:00a.m.

**WOMEN'S BI-WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP & BIBLE STUDY** will be held Saturday, April 15th at 11:00 a.m. in person and online via Zoom app.

**A.C.C. WILL BE HOSTING MONTHLY ARMENIAN LANGUAGE CLASS**, free of charge for ages 18 and up. First class will be held Saturday, April 15th, from 10-11am. For more information and to RSVP by April 7th please contact the Church Office or Hasmik Arslanian at 248-953-3817. Email: office@accdetroit.org. You can also sign-up with Hasmik today after the Morning Church Service in the Social Hall.

**EASTER FLOWERS** Forthose wishing to arrange for an Easter flower to place in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please email Souzanne at Office@accdetroit.org, or submit the form below no later than April 5th .

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Number of flowers you wish to purchase: $22.00 x \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_=$\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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In Honor/Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

After being welcomed and exalted as king in Jerusalem, Jesus then turned his face to Jerusalem and wept over it for those who rejected Him because they could not comprehend His arrival as their Messiah. It broke His heart because of His deep compassion for them.

**Here are some points about Jesus’ cry for His people**:

1. **“If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace.”** Jesus is called, “The Prince of Peace” in the Old Testament. This was a familiar passage in Isaiah that the Jews understood about the coming Messiah who was going to save them from their enemies. They did not expect a king coming on a donkey. However, to those of us who know Jesus, He is a humble king who came to save us from the bondage of sin; washing us from our sins and making us heirs with Him, as our triumphant eternal king.
2. **“You did not recognize the time of God’s coming.”** When we recognize and understand why Jesus came and how He wants to embrace us into His very arms and hold us close to His heart then we will come to understand the depth of His love for us. What matters to Jesus most is our relationship with Him. He wants us to know Him personally and enjoy all the blessings He wants to bestow on us.