

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day

March 25, 2018

PALM SUNDAY

Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "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 heaven!" - Mark 11: 9-10, NRSV

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

People: **Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**

Leader: Lo, your king comes to you;

People: **Triumphant and victorious is he,**

Leader: Humble and riding on a donkey,

All: **On a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

*Hymn: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* #196

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness, and hear our silent prayers as we pray in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. . . .

Time for Personal Confession

Response: *Lord, Have Mercy upon Us* #575

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: As Jesus healed the afflicted and restored those who have died, he also forgives our sins and gives us new life. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

All: **Amen.**

*Gloria Patri: *Glory Be to the Father* #581

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, amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings:

Offertory

*Doxology: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; #606
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination:

O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Psalter: **Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29**

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

People: **Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."**

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

People: **This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.**

Leader: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

People: **The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

Leader: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

People: **This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

People: **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.**

Leader: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

All: **O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Scripture Reading: **Mark 11:1-11**

Anthem: *Let the People Sing Hosanna!* Victor C. Johnson
Greg Garcia, baritone

Hosanna, hosanna! Hosanna, let the people sing!
Hosanna, hosanna! Hosanna to the King of kings!
Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.
Praises be to the One Who's come to rescue us from our sin!
Let us sing praise to the One Who's come to set His people free!
Lift your voice to the Son of God, our Savior, our Savior, our Savior and King!

Time for Young Disciples

(Preschool children may return to their pew or gather at the piano door where today's shepherd will lead them in a time of special activities.)

*Hymn: *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us* #187

Scripture Reading: **John 10:7-18**

Sermon: **What Kind of King?** Jennifer Marshall

*Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* #197

*Benediction

*Choral Response: *What Wondrous Love Is This* #215
verse 3

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: Chris Kline Clarence Bahs
Sue Johnson Barbara Bahs
Shepherd: Michele Peck
Liturgist: Wyatt Moody
Reader: Carrie Moody

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 25

12:00 noon Lunch and Easter Egg Hunt
5:00 pm Youth
6:00 pm Session Meeting

Monday, March 26

5:15 pm Soul Sisters

Tuesday, March 27

1:00 pm Sanctuary Guild
5:30 pm Handbell Practice

Wednesday, March 28

7:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, March 29

7:30 pm Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Friday, March 30

7:30 pm Tenebrae Service

Sunday, April 1

Happy Easter!

11:00 am Worship Service
12:00 noon Communion Reception

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THE SESSION

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“I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”

John 10: 9-11 (NRSV)