

THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME, LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SOUNDING THE GATHERING

PRAYER, PRELUDE AND PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"A Palm Sunday Festival"

(St. Theodulph, St. Flavian and Ride On, King Jesus)

Today is Palm Sunday also known as Passion Sunday. It is the beginning of Holy Week and a time of significant contrasts. This is the moment where Jesus reveals himself as the Messiah, Savior King. Jesus rules by love, grace, mercy and his own sacrifice for his people. Let us open our hearts and minds to receive Christ and his blessings for us. Rejoice!

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 147: 1- 11, 20 (responsively)

Leader: Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

People: The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

Leader: He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

People: He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

Leader: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

People: The LORD lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.

Leader: Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.

People: He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills.

Leader: He gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry.

People: His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;

Leader: but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

CHORAL INTROIT "Hosanna, Your Praise We Sing"

HYMN OF PRAISE "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" CG 175

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, your love for us is unending, unconditional and unfailing. Even when we wander from your loving arms, your steadfast love for us is constant. God of mercy, You sent Jesus Christ to search for and save the lost. We confess that not only have we wandered away from you, but our pride and selfish sinful nature have failed to be loyal to you. We have ignored your truth and teachings and failed to love the way you have loved us. You know we are unfaithful, but you continue to love us and call us your own. Forgive our sinful ways, cleanse our souls and reconcile us back into your loving arms. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE ""Man of Sorrows!" What a Name"
CG 188

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, 'tis now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM "Antiphonal Hosanna"

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS Philippians 2: 5- 11
Mark 11: 1- 11

SERMON "Jesus' Extraordinary Gaze" Rev. Suzanne Gulick

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED
I believe in God the Father Almighty Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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 will come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF MEDITATION "I Gaze upon the Wondrous Cross" CG 187

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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 the evil one. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory "Fairest Lord Jesus" *Crusader's Hymn*, 1842/arr. Joel Raney

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

HYMN OF PARTING "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" CG 217

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Rejoice, the Lord Is King! James Pethel
(Based on Darwall's 148th)
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, Rejoice!

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS, March 28 – April 4

TUESDAY: PDO 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
WEDNESDAY: No Lectio
Choir Rehearsal at 5 pm
THURSDAY: PDO 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE. If you have a joy or concern to share with the congregation, please complete a "Prayer Request" card and place in the basket in the Narthex before worship begins. Prayer lists can be found in the Narthex.

THE PALM PLANT today is given by Sandi Bean and Alan Peet to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ron O'Leary Sr. for his family and friends.

LILY ORDER FORMS are now available. Please have all orders turned in by March 31.

LECTIO DIVINA has moved back to Wednesdays at 12 noon. It will resume next week on April 7.

SERMON NOTE CARDS have been provided in the Narthex. Please feel free to use them if you would like to taking notes during the message.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING information has been provided on the back of your lily order form. We will be taking this offering during the Easter Sunday worship service, Sunday April 4.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday, April 1 @ 6 p.m.

Good Friday, April 2 @ 6 p.m.

**Easter Sunday Worship, April 4 @ 10:30 a.m.
with Holy Communion
One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be taken**

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Palm Sunday



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WHERE OUR MISSION IS:
To know Christ and Make Him Known