

Service for the Lord's Day

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2015

As we enter, may we be reminded: *Surely, the Lord is in this place.*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

Saving God, in this holiest of weeks, help us to walk the way of the cross, that we may be raised in a resurrection like his and dwell forever in you. Amen.

Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Jimmy Chapman

*INTROIT #197

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Threlfall, 1873

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

We will journey and praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, holding hope deep in our hearts.

Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

We wave palm branches in anticipation, to offer high praise, to cushion his walk.

Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes: modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.

*HYMN # 196

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Neale, 1851

CALL TO CONFESSION

When the parade is over, do we pick up our lives, brush them off, and live in the old way? Do we toss our palm branches aside, to grasp the seductions of the world? As we begin the journey through the holiest of weeks, let us speak the truth, as we confess to our God. We will pray first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Creator, we confess that we have sinned, and although we would like to deny it, we have forsaken you. We join the parade and shout "hosanna," then deny our Lord in his

hour of need. We wave the palm and sing praise, then hand our Savior over to die. We are ashamed of the suffering we cause – to you, others, ourselves, and the world you have created. Forgive us, God of grace, and restore us to your love, for the sake of our humble and beloved Savior. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

*"Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Laying aside judgment, God offers us redemption. Setting aside anger, God embraces us with love. Letting go of grief, God pours living water on us. This is the good news, my friends: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

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.

#579

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

ANTHEM

"I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked"
Bert Lowe

by Geoffrey O'Hara

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Psalm 118: 1-2, 22-29

Bibles, p. 534 / LG. p. 694

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #544

" Bless the Lord "(three times)

Berthier, 1984

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Mark 11: 1-10

Bibles, p. 44 / LG. p. 57

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON

"Branches of the Palm Tree"

Rev. Candice L. Klein

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"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.” This we believe. Amen.

-The Apostle’s Creed (Traditional)

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

*HYMN #198 ***“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!” (v 1 – 3)*** Milman, 1827

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #198 ***“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! ” (v 4)***

POSTLUDE Selected

(*) Those who are able may stand.

Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

This week’s prayers and concerns: Cindy Ratliff, Bill Stanley and family, Jane, Tolly & Diane Dill, Debbie Murphy, Bob Hays, Billie Manck

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday Mornings	8:30 a.m.	Choir Practice
Wednesdays	4:15-5:15	Kids for God
Thurs. 04/02	6:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday /Fellowship Hall
Fri. 04/01	6:30 p.m.	Good Friday Service/FUMC
Sun. 04/05	7:00 a.m.	Sunrise Service Fair Park

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