

The Service for the Lord's Day

Palm Sunday

Welcome! We are glad that you are here. We hope that you are blessed by your encounter with God today.

*The * indicates points in the service where you are invited to stand, if that is comfortable for you.*

However, if it is better for you to remain seated, feel free to do so.

*All are invited to join in speaking or singing when **Bolded** words appear.*

March 25, 2018

The service begins with the music of preparation.

9:30 am

Gathering the Community of Faith

Prelude

Bell Peal on "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"
Memorial Ringers

Linda Lamb

Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem: Mark 11:1-11 (pg. 823)

Response

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! **Hosanna in the highest!**

*Hymn 196 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Litany of the Palms

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We praise and bless you, ever-living God,

for the acts of love by which you redeem the world through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed king

by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way.

Let these branches be for us signs of victory;

and grant that we who bear them may always acclaim Jesus Messiah by walking the way of his suffering and cross;

that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom.

Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Deliver us O God from the grip of our fears. At the start of this Holy Week, as we set our feet and our hearts on the path to the cross, we know it is so costly to follow Jesus.

Hosanna! Save us, O God!

Save us, O God from our fear-filled ways. We do not want to risk our lives. We do not want to sacrifice our advantages. **Hosanna! Save us, O God!**

There are people we find it difficult to love. There are places we do not wish to go. We find it hard to speak of our faith. Yet we are attracted to Jesus and want to be disciples. Help us develop the self-discipline we need to follow Jesus, that we may not grow weary or lose heart. **Hosanna! Save us, O God!**

Forgive our cowardice and help us to stand with Christ in a world that has forgotten humility and obedience to you. O God we want to be faithful. **Hosanna! Save us, O God!**

Silent Reflection and Prayer

Response

Lord Have Mercy

Choir

Assurance of Grace

Hear the good news that God sent Jesus into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

*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.

*Greeting and Sharing Christ's Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

Proclaiming God's Word

Children's Message

Children's Offering will be collected as they come forward for the Message.

All children and youth are invited to Sunday School classes following the Message.

Childcare for infants through two-year-olds available in the nursery, room 11.

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Ron Sickles

Gracious God, as we come to the Scriptures today, open our hearts that we may hear Your Word afresh, and respond, as willing disciples, so that we may serve you in the world that you loved so much. Make us worthy to share in Christ's resurrection life. In His name we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29 (pg. 492)

Anthem

Let the People Shout Hosanna!

Alex Gartner

Message

Rev. Nancy Asbury

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Please list prayers on pink slips located in pew racks - pass them to ushers during the hymn.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

The Palms

Jean Baptiste Faure

O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay are strewn this day in festal preparation: when Jesus comes to wipe our tears away, e'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare: join all and sing, his name declare, let every voice resound with acclamation: Hosanna! Praise ye the Lord. Blessed is He who comes bringing salvation. His word goes forth and peoples by its might once more regain freedom from degradation; humanity doth give to each his right, while those in darkness find restored the light. Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem, of all thy sons sing the emancipation; through boundless love the Christ of Bethlehem brings faith and hope to thee forevermore.

*Response (Hymn 607)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow: praise Christ all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

Lord, as the faithful disciples of your Son spread their garments in the way and covered it with branches, so may we lay at his feet all that we have and are. On this day, O God, receive our gifts as we offer our praise. Hosanna in the highest to Jesus our King! Amen.

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 evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sending the Faithful Into God's World

*Hymn 363 Rejoice! The Lord is King!

*Charge and Benediction

Response Go Now in Peace Joyce Eilers

Postlude Ride On, O King, Ride On! Gilbert Martin

The chancel flowers this morning are given by Christine Anderson in loving memory of her husband Robert Anderson and her parents William and Elizabeth Wenzel.

Upcoming Holy Week and Easter Services

March 29th — Maundy Thursday service with Communion at 7:30 pm

March 30th — Good Friday Tenebrae service at 7:30 pm

Chancel Choir presents "Shadows of Sacrifice" by John Purifoy

April 1st — Easter service at 9:30 am with Communion

Rev. Nancy Asbury preaching — Chancel Choir and Brass Quartet participating