

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 20th, 2016 Passion/Palm Sunday

11:00 am

• *Please feel free to stand as you are able.*

Prelude & Chimes *(please pass the friendship pad)*

Preparation for the Word

The 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,

People: *on a colt, the foal of a donkey.*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Leader: Let us pray.

Proclamation of the Entrance Into Jerusalem Luke 19:28-40

•Procession Into the Church & Processional Hymn 89

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: *Hosanna in the highest!*

Prayer of the Day

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that though we start this day off with shouts of “Hosanna in the highest!” we end with shouts of “Crucify him!” Forgive us when instead of worshiping you we are too busy wondering which of us is the greatest.

Forgive us when we, like Peter, say that we do not know

Jesus. Free us from our sins and return us to joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Moment of Silent Confession

Kyrie 572 “Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon *(Respond with Amen!)*

•The Peace

Leader: . . . The peace of Christ be with you all!

People: *And also with you.*

•Gloria Patri

(page 579)

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.

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture *Psalm 31:9-16 (page 489)*

Irene Elliott

Anthem “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Adult Choir

Gospel Lesson

*Luke 22:24-23:49 (*23:44-49 printed)*

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two.

Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, ‘Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.’ Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, ‘Certainly this man was innocent.’ And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Silent Reflection/Homily

Rev. J. David Shearer

Response to the Word

•Affirmation of Faith *(Philippians 2:5-11)*

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

•Hymn 91

“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”

Minute for Mission/Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Responsive Prayer on Christ’s Passion

Leader: Our Redeemer suffered death, was buried and rose again for our sake. With love let us adore him, aware of our needs. Christ our teacher, for us you were obedient, even to death:

People: *Teach us to obey God’s will in all things.*

Leader: Christ our life, by dying on the cross you destroyed the power of evil and death:

People: *Enable us to die with you, and to rise with you in glory.*

Leader: Christ our strength, you were despised, and humiliated as a condemned criminal:

People: *Teach us the humility by which you saved the world.*

Leader: Christ our salvation, you gave your life out of love for us:

People: *Help us to love one another.*

Leader: Christ our Savior, on the cross you embraced all time with your outstretched arms:

People: *Gather all the scattered children of God into your realm.*

Leader: Jesus, Lamb of God,

People: *have mercy on us.*

Leader: Jesus, bearer of our sins,

People: *have mercy on us.*

Leader: Jesus, redeemer of the world,

People: *grant us peace.*

Leader: Eternal God, as we are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ, so give us the grace of repentance that we may pass through the grave with him and be born again to eternal life. For he is the One who was crucified, dead, and buried, and rose again for us, Jesus our Savior.

The Lord’s Prayer

Amen #583 - Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Offering of Tithes and Gifts Offertory

•Doxology (#592)

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

•Prayer of Dedication

•Hymn 99

“Throned Upon the Awful Tree”

•Charge and Benediction

•Congregational Response

*“Go to Dark Gethsemane” #97 (verse 2)
Follow to the judgement hall;
View the Lord of life arraigned
O the wormwood and the gall!
O the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
Learn from Christ to bear the cross.*

Postlude

Thank you so much for worshipping with us today! We consider your presence with us a blessing from God. Do not hesitate to reach out to Pastor David or contact the Church Office with any questions you may have about our church!

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Mission Statement

We strive to live peacefully with all and respect one another while loving and serving the Lord; our doors and mission are open to all.

Serving During The Worship

Service Today

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