



*"Hosanna
IN THE highest heaven!"*

PALM SUNDAY

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March 24, 2024

GATHERING

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *God of salvation, our Lord entered his passion to raise us to life. 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, Eternal God. Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

OPENING SENTENCES *(Psalm 118:26)*

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

ALL: *Hosanna in the highest!*

WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Courtney Bowen

***PALM PROCESSIONAL: 196** *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Perry Poole

One: This is the day that the Lord has made!

ALL: *Let us rejoice and be glad in it!*

One: Open wide the gates of your hearts.

ALL: *Let the Savior enter!*

One: Shout with joy, all you people.

ALL: *The Savior has come forth bringing peace.*

***HYMN: 403** *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

UNSER HERRSCHER

PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

Let us now confess before God our tendency, like the Jerusalem crowds, to profess our faith in moments of enthusiasm and deny our faith in moments of fear and stress.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

Merciful God, as we enter this Holy Week of Lent, solemnly gathered at your house of prayer, we turn our hearts toward Jerusalem. We want to walk the way with Jesus, to be present each step from the Mount of Olives to the cross to the empty tomb. And yet we fall away. Forgive our stubborn resistance to Christ's work and witness. Inspire us by your Spirit to follow in his way, until we enter with him into the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

- *ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** *Rev. Courtney Bowen*
One: The one who rode into Jerusalem to cheering crowds knew that the cross awaited. In this way, we might know the great love of God for us. Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, has defeated sin forever.
ALL: *Hear and believe this good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*
- *CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: 437** *You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!* WAYFARING STRANGER
You are the Lord, giver of mercy! You are the Christ, giver of mercy! You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
- *PASSING OF THE PEACE**
One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.
ALL: *And, also, with you.*

THE WORD

- ANTHEM** *Ride On, King Jesus* arr. Martin
Chancel Choir
- TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** *Anna Poole*
- PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER** *Rev. Courtney Bowen*
- *HYMN: 200** *A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd* CHRISTIAN LOVE
- PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** *Elder Perry Poole*
- FIRST READING** *Zechariah 9:9-11 (pg. 884)* *Elder Perry Poole*
One: This is the word of God for the people of God. **ALL:** *Thanks be to God.*
- SECOND READING** *John 12:12-16 (pg. 106)* *Rev. Courtney Bowen*
One: This is the word of God. The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of the Lord endures forever. **ALL:** *Thanks be to God.*
- SERMON** *Do Not Be Afraid* *Rev. Courtney Bowen*

RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Confession of 1967*)

Elder Perry Poole

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

(At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center isle on each pew, sign it, pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)

OFFERING OFFERTORY

Song
Dr. Terry McRoberts

Elder Perry Poole
de Sermisy

*Doxology (Tune: 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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.*

*Dedicatory Prayer

Elder Perry Poole

SENDING

***HYMN OF PRAISE: 197** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

ELLACOMBE

***CHARGE + BENEDICTION**

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Ride On, King Jesus (reprise)
Chancel Choir

arr. Martin

(We request that you remain seated until after the Postlude and ask that you use the Postlude as a time to reflect upon the scripture that was read in today's service.)

POSTLUDE

Jubilation on LAUDA ANIMA
Dr. Terry McRoberts

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