

# The Service for the Lord's Day

## Palm / Passion Sunday

24 March 2024

### Gathering as a Community to Worship

Chiming the Hour

Prelude & Processional

"Jerusalem" from "The Holy City" /  
"The Palms"

*Stephen Adams*

*Jean-Baptiste Faure (arr. Roberson)*

Choral Introit

"Hosanna in the Highest"

*Carl Tuttle*

Welcome & Greeting

Call to Worship

Opening Words

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

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

**Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**

Lo, your king comes to you;

**triumphant and victorious is he,**

humble and riding on a donkey,

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

✦ Gathering Hymn

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

*GtG 197*

### Confessing to God's Mercy

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Everlasting God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son to take our nature and to suffer death upon the cross. We admit our sin and accept that without him, we would be doomed to a life and death of darkness. In your mercy, enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our true and only Savior, who comes to bring deliverance. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Exchanging the Peace of Christ

May the Peace of Christ be with you!

**And also with you!**

✦ 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.**

## Proclaiming God's Word

Children's Message with Dismissal to Children's Church

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Psalm 118.1-2, 19-29

Mark 11.1-11

OT / HT p. 565

NT / CT p. 47

Sermon

## Responding to God's Love

Prayers of the People, concluded with the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done in 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Announcements

Stewardship Offering with Pennies for Hunger Offering

Choral Proclamation

"Blessed is He"

*Dennis & Nan Allen*

*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! (3x)*

*"Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing,*

*for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King.*

*O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,*

*and ever in His presence eternally rejoice.*

*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! (3x)*

✠ Doxology

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

✠ Affirmation of Faith, "from the "The Confession of 1967"

**The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His life as man involves the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of mankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of men in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgement on man's inhumanity to man and the awful consequences of its 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 man's life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.**

## Departing into the Community to Serve

✠ Departing Hymn

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

*GtG 216*

✠ Charge & Benediction

✠ Choral Benediction

✠ Postlude

"Processional" from "Laudate Dominum"

*Peter Hurford*

✠ denotes an invitation to stand, as you are able

# Announcements

- Our brief mission statement:  
"Loving and serving through Jesus Christ."
- In our Order for Worship, we invite you to join your voices where **print is in bold** .  
OT/HT refers to the Old / Hebrew Testament; NT/CT refers to the New/ Christian Testament.
- We are glad to welcome the Children and Youth Choirs as they participate with the Sanctuary and Handbell Choirs, for today's most special service to our entrant Messiah.
- The white roses are placed today in loving memory of our sisters in faith, Elaine Steele & Janice Thornton, who completed their baptisms in the Lord, this past week.
- Palm Sunday Lunch will be served immediately following today's worship service. An Easter Egg Hunt for the children will follow.
- Today is final day for Easter Lily purchases. Forms are outside office.
- Piecemakers are gathering each Wednesday at 9:30 am until further notice. Currently, they are working on Fidget Quilts for Alzheimer patients in Hospice Care. No sewing skills are required as there are plenty other ways to help with this mission project. Several of these very beautiful and creative quilts are on display in the Fourth Creek Meeting Hall.
- OWLS will meet 2 April at 12:30pm. Please contact Sarah Davis or Martha Rothwell if you are able to attend.
- Wonderful Wednesdays will not be held during Holy Week but will resume on 3 April. Hosting Team 6 will assist. The menu will be a Taco Bake.
- The Church Office will be closed, Monday, 1 April for the Easter Holiday.
- Please make plans to attend " Suite Sounds & Festal Fantasies", an Organ and Piano Recital, celebrating Springtime, Sunday, 7 April, 3:00pm in the Sanctuary.

## Holy Week 2024

28 March 2024

Maundy Thursday, 7:00pm

**Communion** Jeremy & 2 REs TBD

**Scripture** Mark 16.1-8

29 March 2024

Good Friday, 12:00pm

Community Worship Service

**Ushers** Jim Pickett & Others

31 March 2024

Sunrise Service, 7:00am

**Scripture** John 20.1-18

31 March 2024

Resurrection Sunday, 11:00am

**Acolyte** Ben Stone

**Ushers** Team 4 - Brian Long (Captain)

**Scripture** Mark 16.1-8

**Communion** TBD

# This Week at the Church

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Sunday March	<b>24</b>	9:45am	Sunday School
		11:00am	Worship Service with Lenten Pennies for Hunger collection
		12:15pm	Congregational Lunch (4CMH) followed by Easter Egg Hunt
		5:00pm	Youth Activities (MR & YR)
Monday March	<b>25</b>	12:00pm	Session Information Due
Wednesday March	<b>27</b>	4:00pm	Children's Choir Practice (MR)
		6:00pm	Book Study (HR)
		6:00pm	Handbell Choir Practice (Sanc)
		7:00pm	Sanctuary Choir Practice (Sanc)
Thursday March	<b>28</b>	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Worship Service with Communion (Sanc)
Friday March	<b>29</b>	12:00pm	Good Friday Community Worship (Sanc)
Sunday March	<b>31</b>	7:00am	Sunrise Service (Sanctuary)
		9:45am	Sunday School
		10:00am	Handbell Choir (Sanc)
		11:00am	Sunday Worship with Communion (Sanc)

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