

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



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April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Triumphal Entry"

PAUL FEY

"Be still and know that I am God."

Psalm 46:10

(Please see the insert for words to meditate on before worship)

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

PASSING THE PEACE

"...I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Matthew 25:35b

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

And also with you.

(The people may greet each other in the spirit of Christ.)

CHORAL INTROIT

"See the King"

LOVELACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Cry out, people of faith! Rejoice and praise God!

If we did not sing praise, the very stones would cry out!

Cry out, people of faith, for your Savior draws near to Jerusalem.

Hosanna! God saves! Blessed is the One who comes in God's name!

Blessed is Jesus Christ, who did not turn back for fear of the cross.

Let us praise the God who loves us, sharing Christ's sufferings, and facing with courage our path of faith.

ALL: Hosanna! God saves! Blessed is the One who comes in God's name!

And God answers: Follow my Wild and Life-Giving Spirit!

THE LENTEN WREATH - LETTING GO OF CONTROL

Ellen and Scott Gravelie

Faith enables us to let go and to live out of control. When we learn to depend on God, we learn how to let go of control. Palm Sunday and the events of Holy Week were not what the people hoped for or imagined when they dreamed of a Messiah. Christ is doing a new thing among us, so lay down your cloaks, shout hosanna, and risk following Christ to the cross. *(Silence)*

As we extinguish this light, we let go of control. We let go of our assumptions, our own plans, our hopes, so that we can see Christ in our midst, transforming the world. *(The candle is extinguished.)*

Holy One, as we enter the coming days of darkness, remind us that you are

the one who calls new life out of death, light out of darkness. Give us the strength to follow you to the cross. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 196

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

CONFESSION AND PARDON

As we enter Holy Week, let us prepare our hearts to follow Jesus to the cross by confessing all that turns us from our Savior's path.

Abba God, Father of Jesus, forgive our lack of respect and attention as your son enters this most painful of weeks. We, like the disciples, fall asleep when Jesus asks us to stay awake and pray. Our minds wander as he sets his path straight for Jerusalem to speak truth to power on our behalf. We are careless with our faith, while Jesus acts with extraordinary love. Forgive our apathy. Forgive our inattention. Forgive our careless and self-serving attitudes. Remind us, this Holy Week, of the salvation you offer in Jesus Christ. Let us not take this gracious gift for granted. Amen.

Silent Confession

KYRIE

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

In the name of Jesus Christ, know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **We give thanks to God for the gift of forgiveness. God is good! God's love endures forever. Amen.**

THE WORD

TIME WITH OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

(Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*)

SINGING WITH THE CHILDREN: "Jesus Loves Me"

(Hymn 188)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

THE PSALM: Psalm 118:19-29

Michael Beery, Cantor

THE EPISTLE READING: Philippians 2:5-11 (Unison)

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, 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 that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Create In Me A Clean Heart"

MUELLER

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:1-11

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"This Is No Ordinary Parade"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 160

"A Stable Lamp Is Lighted"
(Leader: Verse 1; Congregation: Verses 2-4)

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

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. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY/Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (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 OVER THE GIFTS

THE SENDING

*HYMN 223

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

HAMBURG

*BENEDICTION (Responsively)

We have gathered with the crowds crying Hosanna!

**Because even if we were silent
the stones themselves would have called out.**

We have shared the hope for a world about to be changed,
and believe in the transformation about to happen.

We have walked with another crowd.

One that called words of scorn and condemnation.

And now we follow the crowd as it leads to the cross,
and yet even as the world grows dark, we do not lose hope.

Because God is with us. God will be with us.

Whatever happens. We are not alone.

And so we watch the crowd and we follow. . .

POSTLUDE

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

G. KAUFFMAN

*Those who are able, please stand.

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor

Bob Istnick, Liturgist

Margaret Beery, Carol Johnson, Greeters

Maurine and Frank Slaughter, Ushers

Ellen and Scott Gravelie, Lenten Readers



Michael Beery, Choir Director and Cantor

Tim Quist, Organist

This Week at St. Andrews:

<p>Today 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship (Palm Sunday) 12:30 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p> <p>Monday, Apr. 3 1:00 Lenten Discussion</p> <p>Tuesday, Apr., 4 3:00 Disciple Bible Study-NO CLASS 4:00 Worship Mtg</p> <p>Wednesday, Apr.5 10:00 Knitting Group 1:00 Centering Prayer Group 4:30 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>Thursday, Apr. 6 12:00 Worship (Maundy Thursday)</p> <p>Friday, Apr. 7 12:00 Worship (Good Friday)</p> <p>Sunday, Apr. 9 9:00 Easter Breakfast Potluck 10:30 Worship (Easter) 12:30 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p>
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Holy Week @ St. Andrews

 <p>palm sunday</p> <p>April 2, 2023 10:30 AM Worship</p>	 <p>maundy thursday</p> <p>April 6, 2023 12:00 PM Worship</p>	 <p>good friday</p> <p>April 7, 2023 12:00 PM Worship</p>	 <p>EASTER SUNDAY</p> <p>April 9, 2023 9:00 AM Breakfast 10:30 AM Worship</p>
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EASTER SUNDAY

Breakfast

April 9th at 9AM

Sign up in the Gathering Space