

Celebration of Worship

April 17, 2011

Palm Sunday

9:15 and 11:00 a.m.

* *If you are able, please stand.*

+ + + *Arriving worshipers may be seated.*

BELL VOLUNTARY (9:15)

Requiem and Remembrance
The Ringers-on-the-Green
Eric Rappeport, violin

Jason Krug

GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

The Reverend Dr. David J. Smazik

SOUNDING OF THE SHOFAR

PROCESSION WITH PALMS (11:00)

**HYMN 88*

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Valet will ich dir geben

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Responsively)

The Reverend Cynthia J. Alloway

The Lord is God, and God has given us light.

God has answered our prayer and become our salvation.

We join the festal procession with branches in hand.

We rejoice at the coming of our king!

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

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

We bless you and praise you, Lord, from the safety of this place.

But we confess: we will not go where you are going.

We admire you, but hesitate to follow you. We stand at the road side,
with hearts like stones.

**Even they must cry out, but they are heavy with what they know:
that when your adversaries gather, we will fall from you. When
accusations mount, and insults shame you, our shame will be our
turning back. Oh, the ways that we betray you.**

Our times are in your hand, O God.

Have mercy on us, Lord. Deliver us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS (from Hymn 8, "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates")*

**Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates, behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here!**

**Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide.
Let me Thy inner presence feel; Thy grace and love in me reveal.**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (unison)

Carolyn Crosthwaite (9:15)

Alexandra Mead (11:00)

Eternal God, whose word inspires the shouts of the mighty. Quiet within us every voice but your own. Speak to us that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may receive grace to show Christ's love in lives given to your service. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29 (responsively)

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD. The LORD is God, and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; You are my God, I will extol you.

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

This is the word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM (9:15)

Little Grey Donkey

Natalie Sleeth

Cantate Omnes

Nancy Shearer, flute

Little grey donkey, ho, do you know just who it is you carry on your back? 'Tis no ordinary load, no mean or common pack. You are blessed of all beasts to carry into town Christ the Lord of Galilee; He wears no earthly crown. Little grey donkey, ho. Once you were a simple beast of poor and lowly state. Christ Himself hath chosen you and honoured is your fate. Though your path with palms is spread, make haste along the way; You were destined here to ride on this triumphal day. Little grey donkey, ho. Yonder is a grassy hill; it's known as Calvary. Up against the cloudless sky a barren cross you see. Little grey donkey, little grey mare, don't hide your head in shame. For you bear the Lamb of God, and Jesus is His name.

ANTHEM (11:00)

Christ's Entry

Gilbert Martin

The Chancel Choir

Hosanna, Hosanna! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna to the living Lord! Hosanna to the Incarnate Word! To Christ, Creator, Saviour, King, let earth, let heav'n Hosanna sing! Fulfill'd is all that David told in true prophetic song of old, how God, the King should be. For God is reigning from the Tree.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 21:1-11

(New Testament, page 21)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON:

"A Celebration Visit"

Rev. Smazik

**HYMN 89*

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Ellacombe

WELCOME AND OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

(Please sign and pass the red friendship pad, found in the pew, to the person next to you.)

OFFERTORY (9:15)

Hosanna

Christian Gregor

Cantate Omnes

Hosanna! Blessed is He that comes, He that comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

OFFERTORY (11:00)

Hosanna

Edward Leinbach

The Chancel Choir

Michele Yampolsky, soprano Deborah Fallon, alto Scott Gothe, bass

Hosanna, Hosanna, blessed is He that comes, Hosanna, that comes in the name of the Lord.
In the highest, Hosanna, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

**RESPONSE (from Hymn 542, Tallis' Canon)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

**Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

*DEDICATION OF OFFERING AND
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

CHILDREN'S PROCESSION (9:15 Please remain seated for the following hymn.)

HYMN 91 (11:00, please stand) Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! Ride On! Ride On

**BENEDICTION*

*BENEDICTION ANTHEM (9:15) Hosanna to the Son of David Carol McClure
The Children of the Sunday School*

James D. Hicks, Small pipes in D Robin Bruen, recorder
Shout, "Hosanna!" to the Son of David, King of Kings, God's Royal Son! See him riding on a donkey; Blessed is the King who comes! All Jerusalem is shouting, "Blessed is the King who comes!" Shout, "Hosanna!" to the son of David, King of Kings, God's Royal Son! Wave your palms and sing his praises; Blessed is the King who comes!

*BENEDICTION ANTHEM (11:00) Hosanna to the Son of David Martin How
The Chancel Choir*

Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna to the Son of David, Hosanna in the highest.

***The congregation is requested to remain seated during the concluding anthem.
If you must leave, please do so respectfully.***

*Participating in the service today are the Reverends Dr. David Smazik and Cynthia J. Alloway,
and lay readers Carolyn Crosthwaite and Alexandra Mead. The music is under the direction of
James D. Hicks, Director of Music Ministries.*