



First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God
April 10, 2022
Palm/Passion Sunday

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

Verset 1 – Thee We Adore (Hymn 519)

Boellmann

TOWER BELLS

PALM PROCESSION

HOSANNA! BLESSED IS JESUS WHO COMES IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN No. 91, V.1-4

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road
With palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride On! Ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
The winged squadrons of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, Thy power, and reign.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 12:12-15

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord – the King of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess it is easier for us to follow the crowd than follow Christ; we prefer to avoid conflict rather than stand up for what is right. We allow strident voices in our times to drown out your wisdom and truth. We are sorry. Forgive us, O God.

Fill us with the courage to take up our cross and follow Jesus, even when the cost to follow is high, for we pray in Jesus' holy name.

Silence

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

It doesn't matter how big or how small our sins, God's forgiving love in Jesus Christ can cover them all. Trust that, in Christ, we are forgiven. Be at peace with God, with yourself, and with each other.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

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.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 19:16b-19

So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."

MEDITATION

"Both, And"

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

*HYMN 302, V.1-5

I Danced in the Morning

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;
At Bethlehem I had My birth.
Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they would not follow Me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
They came with Me and the dance went on.
Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung Me high,
And left Me there on a cross to die.
Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried My body and they thought I'd gone:
But I am the dance and I still go on.
Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.

They cut Me down and I leap up high;
I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in Me:
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He.
Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

On this Sunday, we remember that Christ faced down his critics, looked danger in the eye, and gave up his life on the cross for us. Now it's our turn to find the courage to give up something in gratitude for all he gave. Let us present our offering to God with grateful hearts.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, when we look at what you have done for us in Jesus Christ, our offering seems so small. Yet the story of Jesus tells us five loaves and two fish can feed a multitude, and a man condemned to death on a cross becomes Living Bread for a hungry world. Accept the gifts we offer you today, and use them to ensure that Jesus' story will be told for generations to come.

*HYMN 98, V.1-3

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

O sacred head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down;
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory,
What bliss till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call Thee mine.

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered
Was all for sinners' gain:
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor,
Vouchsafe to my Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow
To thank Thee, dearest friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever;
And should I fainting be,
Lord let me never, never
Outlive my love to Thee.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

CLOSING PRAYER

God our life, our light, our breath, into your loving hands we commit our lives. Save us in the hour of darkness and remember us in the glory of your eternal realm; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

-Luke 22:14-23:56

SILENT BENEDICTION

*In silence we remove all elements of color and light from the sanctuary –
in remembrance of the days Jesus faced death.*

SERVICE ENDS

As the service ends in silence, please leave the sanctuary. You may gather in the gathering space adjacent to the sanctuary. The next time we worship, the sanctuary will be transformed – with flowers and light and joyful singing – as we celebrate Easter!

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