

**Palm/Passion Sunday
April 2, 2023 Worship Bulletin**

Gathering for God's Word

Please make sure that you pick up a palm before worship and be prepared to wave it during the Palm Sunday Introit and Procession.

Prelude

Palm Sunday Introit and Procession

"Lift High the Lord, Our Banner"

Lift high the Lord

Our Banner

Lift high the Lord

Jesus King

Lift high the Lord

Our Banner

Lift high your praise

To Him sing

For He is wonderful

For He reigns on high

For He is marvelous

The Lord draweth nigh

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Children's Song of Praise

"Hosanna"

Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Mission: Good News Rising

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Ringling of the Bell

Preparing for God's Word

A Minute with Psalm 118

*Call to Worship

[based on Psalm 118: 19-29]

Leader: Open for us the gates of righteousness; We will enter and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter.

People: We will give you thanks, for you answered us; you have become our salvation.

Leader: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

People: The Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

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

People: O Lord, save us; O Lord, grant us success. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you.

Leader: The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine upon us.

People: With boughs in hand, let us join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

Leader: You are our God, and we will give you thanks; you are our God, and we will exalt you.

People: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

*Hymn of Adoration

#196, "All Glory, Laud, and Honor," vs 1, 2, 3

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor
to Thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name cometh,
The King and Blessed One.

The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before Thee we present.

To Thee before Thy passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted,

Our melody we raise.

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Prayer of Confession

[silent confession]

Leader: Let us continue in prayer.

All: O King of Glory, we confess that too often our praise of you is lack luster and that our performance as citizens of your kingdom is treasonous. Too often, Lord, we side with the enemy though our sins (the things we choose to do against your will and the ways we fail to follow you). We know that it is for this treason you sent your son, Jesus, who died. And for our restoration, Christ rose again. Draw us nearer to you this holy week, that our eyes may catch the vision of your son's tears, and our hearts may catch the wonder of your grace. By the Holy Spirit's continuing discipline, help us be loyal and loving servants of the King. Praise be to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

[based on Psalm 118: 4-5, 14, 17]

Leader: Hear the Good News from Psalm 118. Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures for ever." Out of our distress we called on the Lord; the Lord answered and set us free. The Lord is our strength and our song; he has become our salvation. We shall not die, but live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.
People: In Christ, God answers us and sets us free! In Christ, we are forgiven! Praise be to God.

Choir Anthem

"Draw me Nearer"

Hearing God's Word

Children's Message

Ages 12 and under gather up front as congregation sings, #188, "Jesus Loves Me."
After the Children's Message, the children may return to sit with their families.

Hymn of Preparation

#518, "Lamb of God"

Your only Son no sin to hide
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God

Refrain:

Oh Lamb of God, Sweet lamb of God
I love the Holy Lamb of God
Oh wash me in His precious Blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

Your gift of love we crucified
We laughed and scorned Him as he died
The humble King we named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God

I was so lost I should have died
But you have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be called a lamb of God

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Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Reading: Mark 15: 16-39

16 The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers. 17 They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. 18 And they began to call out to him, "Hail, king of the Jews!" 19 Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him. 20 And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

21 A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and they forced him to carry the cross. 22 They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means The Place of the Skull). 23 Then they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. 24 And they crucified him. Dividing up his clothes, they cast lots to see what each would get.

25 It was the third hour when they crucified him. 26 The written notice of the charge against him read: THE KING OF THE JEWS. 27 They crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left. 29 Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, 30 come down from the cross and save yourself!"

31 In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! 32 Let

this Christ, this King of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe." Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

33 At the sixth hour darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. 34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" — which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

35 When some of those standing near heard this, they said, "Listen, he's calling Elijah."

36 One man ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink. "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down," he said.

37 With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.

38 The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. 39 And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, heard his cry and saw how he died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!"

Sermon

"Be-Wildered... Looking Around for the Miracle Right in Front of You"

Responding to God's Word

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Thanksgiving for the Work of Christ

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

All: Heavenly Father, You are holy, O God of majesty. In this meal Lord, help us remember Your Son, Jesus Christ, who fulfilled the prophets' words and entered the city of Jerusalem, where he was lifted high upon the cross, that the whole world might be drawn to him. You show us in Scripture that through his suffering and death he defeated the power of death, becoming the source of eternal life. The tree of defeat became the tree of victory; where life was lost, life has been restored. Amen.

Word's of Institution

Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Praise

Offering

Offertory

Hymn

"Hallelujah, What a Savior!," bulletin insert

"Man of Sorrows!" what a name
For the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim.
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place condemned He stood;
Sealed my pardon with His blood.
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless we;
Spotless Lamb of God was He;
"Full atonement!" can it be?
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die;
"It is finished!" was His cry;
Now in Heav'n exalted high.
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King,
All His ransomed home to bring,
Then anew His song we'll sing:
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

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*Response

#606, The Doxology, "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Prayer of Dedication

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

#2108, "O How He Loves You and Me," Sing the Faith Hymnal

O, how He loves you and me
O how He loves you and me

He gave His life, what more could He give?
O, how He loves you
O, how He loves me
O, how He loves you and me

Jesus to Calvary did go
His love for sinners to show
What He did there brought hope from despair.
O, how He loves you
O, how He loves me
O, how He loves you and me

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*Postlude

*Please Stand if Able