

Palm Sunday Service for March 25, 2018

A SILENT TIME OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE “Lift High the Cross:” -arr. C. Dobrinski (*Hand Bell Choir*)

PASTORAL GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #286 “This Is the Day”

• CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

One: The parade today is just the beginning of our hope.

All: We wave branches and shout "Hosanna!"

One: But there will come a time of silence and mourning.

All: Help us be ready for that time, O Lord.

One: Blessed is Jesus, who came into Jerusalem on that day.

All: Blessed is Jesus who comes into our hearts always.

• GATHERING HYMN #192 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

• AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*In unison*)

A glossary of Greatness. Companion of the lonely, Binder of wounds, Seeker of lost souls, Friend of the poor, Source of all that is, Forgiver of sins, Voice of the voiceless, Counselor of the confused, Shelter from the storm, Creator of heaven and earth, we have come to this place on this day to worship and adore you.

• SILENT REFLECTION

• THE GLORIA PATRI #35 (*Sung by all*)

**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.

• A TIME OF CHRISTIAN GREETING Filemu – (Figh-leh-muh)

• CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #121 “Prepare the Way of the Lord”

Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord,

And all people shall see the salvation of our God. (*Repeat as needed*)

HAND BELL ANTHEM “With Praises Ring” -B. Kinyon

CHILDREN’S TIME

INTERLUDE “Walk With Me” (*Sung by all*)
(*There is **no** Sunday School downstairs today, children may return to their seats.*)
**Walk with me; I will walk with you,
And build the land that God has planned,
Where love shines through.**
(*Ushers will collect prayer cards at this time.*)

SCRIPTURE

First Reading: **Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29** (*page 565*)
 Isaiah 50:4-9a (*page 681*)
Second Reading: **Philippians 2:5-11** (*page 197*)
 Mark 14:1-15:47 (*page 51*)

SERMON

CHORAL ANTHEM “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” -J. Wilson (*Senior and Youth Choir*)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (*In unison*)

**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.**

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY “I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked” -G. O’Hara
(*Lois Buchholz, soloist*)

• OFFERTORY RESPONSE #528 “Give Thanks” (*Sung by all*)

• DEDICATION OF GIFTS (*In unison*)

God of True power and glory, we thank you that Jesus Christ came to Jerusalem not with a sword to challenge the powers of this world, but with love. Enable your church to choose your ways, conquering sin and death with the power of your Grace and forgiveness. Establish your Holy Realm on earth and use these gifts and our lives to your glory. Amen.

- SENDING HYMN #191 “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!”
- COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION
- MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE “The Palms” -G. Faure

Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve

Our time of worship concludes at the end of the Postlude. You are invited to remain quietly in the sanctuary and listen to this music written and played to glorify God. Otherwise, you may quietly join others in the narthex for refreshments and fellowship.