

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 5, 2009

The Palm Sunday Liturgy recreates the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem with palms waving. This joyful mood soon changes to sober contemplation of our Lord's Passion at the Gospel. Thus, Holy Week begins.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Today we recall the events of the first Holy Week so many years ago. We remember how it started with Jesus entering the Holy City and we recall how it ended with his death outside Jerusalem's gates. This is how it began: ---

READING

Mark 11:1-10

Lord God, as did the people of Jerusalem before us, we cry to you, saying:

Hosanna - blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of the Lord.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, you come in unexpected ways. You entered Jerusalem in humility, a servant king, riding a donkey. But the people say only what they wanted, a warrior king, bringing an end to oppression. We too, look to you to fight our battles. In your name we wound one another with doctrine, or worse with weapons. King Jesus, forgive and restore us. Help us to follow you humbly, even to a cross.

SILENT CONFESSION

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Help us, O Lord, to welcome your blessed son into our midst today with the same joy and hope that the people of Jerusalem received him with so long ago. May he abide with us and we with him. Help us to praise and adore both him and you, not just for a day, but for always. Amen.

PALM SUNDAY DOXOLOGY (Tune: Praise God From Whom...)

*Praise to our God, wave high the palm
Praise to Christ Jesus God's own Son,
Praise to the Spirit we now sing
For in our hearts hosannas ring.*

PALM - PASSION LITANY

The people welcomed Jesus into their midst. Their hosannas rang out, they called upon him as a savior, a mighty king.

They hoped that the he would cast the oppressors out of their land and bring the nation glory and honor.

It was a special moment - a time of celebration, a time of anticipation, a time when people felt that they would receive a new life.

It was to offer this to us that Jesus came. But God's ways are not our ways, nor are his thoughts our thoughts.

Our worship today recognizes this fact and we rejoice in it.

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

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (*unison*)

Lord God - bless us now as we hear the story of the passion of your Son. Bless the words that we hear that they may live in us. We ask it in His name Amen.

READING		Mark 14:01-21
ANTHEM	Is it the Lord?	Schrader
READING		Mark 14:22-42
* HYMN	"Go To Dark Gethsemane"	97
READING		Mark 14:43-72
* HYMN	"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"	80
READING		Mark 15:1-47
* HYMN	"Were You There?"	102

SILENT PRAYER

SERMON "The Anointing of Jesus" Rev. King

* HYMN "How Great Thou Art" 467

* PROFESSION OF FAITH *(from Philippians 2:5-11)*

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.

Who, being in the form of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name. That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERATORY Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross Smith

* DOXOLOGY

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We thank you Father for Jesus Christ,

Who for our sake became poor that we might be rich. We thank you that he gave himself up to death so that we might rise to life.

Accept our gifts of thanksgiving now O Lord.

Use both them and us so that they might bring blessings unto your name. We ask it in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*HYMN "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" 98

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING RESPONSE Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

POSTLUDE Hosanna, Loud Hosanna Smith

Welcome to all who worship with us this morning. Visitors and members are asked to please sign the Ritual of Friendship pad. Thank you for worshipping with us!

Choir Practice will be held Wednesday, April 8th at 6:30pm.

Maundy Thursday service will be held Thursday, April 9th at 6:30pm.

The potluck luncheon will be held after service today. Join us for food and fellowship.

The Easter lily dedication sign up sheet has been placed on the volunteer desk.

The cookie sign up sheet has been placed on the volunteer desk, please sign up.

The next open date on the flower chart is Sunday August 30th; please feel free to sign up.

Flowers have been placed in the Sanctuary this morning by Sue Hooten.

Leah Buckland provided the cookies for the congregation this morning.

The Reverend Georgia N. King, Pastor, Organist-Choir Director- Mrs. Pat Petty

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SCHEDULE

April 5	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School Class
	10:10 a.m.	Fellowship Time - Southeast Vestibule
	10:30 a.m.	Morning worship

OFFICE HOURS

9:00 -12:00 Monday through Friday

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