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**All who are able may stand.*

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Palm Sunday

April 5, 2020

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Sentences

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, who is good;

All: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

All: This is the gate of the Lord; let the faithful come and worship

God. *Leader: God Most High, gracious and glorious, blessed is the one who comes in your name. Lead us now on the road to the cross.*

All: May we follow with faithfulness and joy, shouting hosanna in the highest heaven; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Hymn #197

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

ELLACOMBE

*Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, you know us well. We are quick to speak of faith, but slow to live it fully. We shout "hosanna" as Jesus approaches, as did the people of Jerusalem many years ago; but we do not want him to come too close -- not close enough to really see us as we really are.

O God, you know us well. We are quick to claim faith in Jesus as our Lord and Savior; but, like the throng who greeted his entry into Jerusalem, we are fickle, slow to live fully and everywhere as faithful disciples. We know where we fail. O God, you know us well. We are quick to want the blessings of faithfulness; but, like the Twelve who spent the last week with him, we are slow to accept the pain and suffering of authentic Christ-like living. Forgive our weakness and fear. Lord, hear our prayers. . .

(A time for silent prayers of confession . . .)





***Responsive Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: The Lord is God. The Lord brings light to those in darkness, forgiveness to those who truly confess, and pardon to all who seek to follow Jesus.

All: We rejoice that the steadfast love of the Lord endures forever and ever. In the name of Jesus the Christ, we receive the love that never dies and never fails. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Glory Be to the Father

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.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon **"Humphrey's First Palm Sunday"** by Carol Heyer

Special Music

"How Beautiful"

setting by Lloyd Larson
Susan Gaus and Karla Casteen

How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread and the children of earth.

How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.

How beautiful is the body of Christ.

How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sin and bore it instead.

How beautiful the tender eyes that chose to forgive and never despise.

How beautiful is the body of Christ.

And as he laid down his life, we offer this sacrifice that we will live just as he died:

Willing to pay the price.

How beautiful the feet that bring the sound of good news and the love of the King.

How beautiful the hands that serve the wine and the bread and the children of earth.

How beautiful is the body of Christ.

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Holy One, our strength in suffering and our hope for salvation, lift up your Word of life and pour out your Spirit of grace so that we may follow faithfully on the way to the cross; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon **"Palms and a Parade in a Pandemic"** Dr. Philip K. Gladden

A Time for Silent Reflection



GIVING THANKS TO GOD

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation to the Table

The Words of Institution

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving with 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.

The Distribution and Taking of the Elements

The Prayer after Communion

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory **“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”** *setting by Gilbert Martin*

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Affirmation of Faith: *Philippians 2:5-11*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

*Hymn #196

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

VALET WILLICH DIR

*Benediction

As we enter into this holy week,

let us keep our eyes on Jesus.

He will show us where we need to go.

*Postlude

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The
Season
of
Lent



The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26 and continues through Holy Saturday, April 11. This six week period before Easter provides us with the opportunity to reflect on the meaning of Jesus' life and teachings as we make our way toward Holy Week, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. Here is a reading by William Arthur Ward for you to use during this Lenten Season. It is called "Keeping a Holy Lent."

Fast from judging others; feast on Christ's dwelling in them.
Fast from emphasis on differences; feast on the unity of life.
Fast from apparent darkness; feast on the reality of life.
Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God.
Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify.
Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.
Fast from anger; feast on patience.
Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.
Fast from worry; feast on divine order.
Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.
Fast from negatives; feast on affirmatives.
Fast from unrelenting pressure; feast on unceasing prayer.
Fast from hostility; feast on non-resistance.
Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.
Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.
Fast from personal anxiety; feast on eternal truth.
Fast from discouragement; feast on hope.
Fast from facts that depress; feast on verities that uplift.
Fast from lethargy; feast on enthusiasm.
Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on promises that inspire.
Fast from shadows of sorrow; feast on the sunlight of serenity.
Fast from idle gossip; feast on purposeful silence.
Fast from problems that overwhelm; feast on prayer that strengthens.



Holy Week
Palm Sunday