

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Palm/Passion Sunday – Holy Week Begins

March 24, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
Liturgist: Thomas Boyanton

PRELUDE: *“In the Shadow of the Cross”* - Brian Glyncannon

CHIMING THE HOUR

GREETINGS Psalm 118 says: **This is the Day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! Good morning and welcome. It is so nice to see all of you here this morning. Visitors, please sign the attendance registers located in each row.**

Please stand, in body or spirit, and join me in our Call to Worship and remain standing through the response.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: **O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.**

People: **For His steadfast love endures forever.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

*PRAISE CHORUS:

Hymn No. 12 *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”* – vs. 1 ST. DENIO

**Im-mor-tal, in-vis-i-ble, God only wise,
in light in-ac-ces-si-ble hid from our eyes,
most bless-ed, most glo-rious, the Ancient of Days,
Al-might-y, vic-to-rious, Thy great name we praise.**

Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer

***OPENING PRAYER** **God of the Palms and of the Cross, be with us as we celebrate the joyous process of Jesus entering Jerusalem. Be with us this week as we follow in His footsteps down the palm strewn road, to the upper room, to the cross, and tomb. Be with us as we celebrate and mourn the path that Jesus walked, obediently, for our sakes. Amen.**

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN** No.196 *“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”* VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

***CALL TO CONFESSION** **If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves. Let us confess our sins before Almighty God.**

Let us pray together

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving God, during this week of reflection on what You have done for us, help us to act as those who have been saved by Grace. In a world filled with fear and angst, we find it hard to focus on the events of Jesus's death so long ago. It is hard to shed tears for Him when we have so much to shed tears for in our own world. Forgive us when we lose focus on the cross, when we doubt Your love amidst the constant barrage of tragedy, anger and hate. Teach us how to live as followers of the risen Christ in a flawed and angry world. (Say – **“Please pray silently,”** and after about 20 seconds, say) We ask this in Christ's name, Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Brothers and sisters in Christ, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 469 *“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”* CHILDREN PRAYING
Lord, lis-ten to Your chil-dren pray-ing. Lord, send Your Spir-it in this place.
Lord, lis-ten to Your chil-dren pray-ing. Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

You may be seated.

A TIME FOR YOUTH At this time would our youth please come forward.

Please bow your heads for our Prayer for Illumination

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION God, give us ears to hear and hearts to feel Your call on our lives today. Teach us Your laws and write them in our hearts, that we may ever be Your servants in this world. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 please read it responsively with me.

Leader: **O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever!**

People: **Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”**

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

People: **This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.**

Leader: **I thank You that You have answered me and become my salvation.**

People: **The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

Leader: **This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

People: **This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: **Save us, we beseech You, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech You, give us success!**

People: **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Leader: **We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

People: **The Lord is God, and He has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.**

Leader: **You are my God, and I will give thanks to You; You are my God, I will extol You.**

People: **O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: **The Word of the Lord.**

People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON Our First Gospel Lesson comes from Mark 11:1-11 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 47 of the New Testament

Mark 11:1-11

11 When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

The choir will now sing the Anthem:

ANTHEM: "*Sing Hosannas to the King*" - Anna Laura Page & Jean Anne Shafferman

GOSPEL LESSON Our Next Gospel Lesson comes from John 12:12-16 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 106 of the New Testament

John 12:12-16

¹²The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So 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!" ¹⁴Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: ¹⁵"Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Janet Boyanton

Those who are able, please stand and join with me in singing:

***HYMN** No. 197 "*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*" ELLACOMBE

Please join me in Affirmation of Faith as it is printed in your bulletin.

***AFFIRMATION** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 581 "*Glory Be to the Father*" 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.

You may be seated, and now Pat Nash would like to bring us a Minute for Mission

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Pat Nash

ANNOUNCEMENTS It is time for announcements, does anybody have an announcement they would like to make?

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY And now it is time for our Prayer Concerns and Celebrations. Does anybody have anything they would like to share?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

OFFERTORY: *"With Palms Before Him Went"* - Douglas E. Wagner

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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.

Let us come to God with our prayer of Thanksgiving

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

We give You the gifts You have first given us. Use our gifts to further the church of Jesus Christ. We ask this in the name of the risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our last Hymn today is:

*** HYMN** No. 198 *"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"* ST. DROSTANE

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 205 *"Live in Charity"* (Sing twice) UBI CARITAS (Taize)

Live in char-i-ty and stead-fast love.

Live in char-i-ty; God will dwell with you.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***POSTLUDE:**

"Fanfare and March on ST. THEODULPH" - arr. John S. Dixon

***Those who are able may stand.**

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Please join us for Refreshments
Following the Worship Service

Daily Bread

Supplement

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CLOTHES FOR THE NEEDY AND GLASSES FOR THE LIONS CLUB

We will continue to collect clothes for the needy and glasses for the Lions Club. Please bring in your donations and put them in the designated places in the Opportunity Corner.

HEARING ASSIST UNITS

Thanks to Barry Krueger we now have Hearing Assist Units. If you would like to use one, please see Barry before the Worship Service begins.

DESOTO FOOD PANTRY

DeSoto Food Pantry needs the help of the community to continue to feed the less fortunate in our city. The best way to help is through monetary donations. \$1 can buy as much as \$7 worth of food. They buy their food through the North Texas Food Bank, so it is much cheaper than buying food at a grocery store. However, all donations are welcome and appreciated. Thank you to all that continue to donate to this great cause.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY

10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group

THURSDAY

10:00 AM Art Group

NEXT SUNDAY – EASTER SUNDAY

09:30 AM Choir practice

10:30 AM Adult Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Joe and Lorrinda Alexander

Thomas Alexander – please continue to pray

Jim Glander

Martha Brashear – continued prayers

The church and nation of Ukraine

Makia's people in Cameroon

Gene Knox and Jewell Victorino

DeSoto Food Pantry

Prayers for the people in Nigeria

Max Jewell is at home, but needs our continued prayers as he is still recovering

Chikezie is very weak

Bryan's mom

Christians in Pakistan

Janet

The Israel-Hamas War

Prayers for those who are hungry and without clean drinking water

Prayers for all those who are without shelter during this cold snap.

Clyde Lockhart is in rehab with RSV and needs our continued prayers

Joe's friend Tony Petril was found unresponsive and is in the hospital

Janet asks for prayers for her friend Cheryl Taylor who lost her son, and took in his cat that is now suffering from terminal cancer

Pat asks for prayers for Brayden's baseball team

Prayers for Ashley Grissom and her kids

Lori's friend Shelby lost his teen age daughter, please pray for him and his family

CELEBRATIONS

Lori is celebrating that it's Joan's 94th birthday

Jim Enoh got his residency program at OSU

Cecil, Spencer, and Brayden made it home safely from Arizona