



Palm Sunday

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Service of Worship
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Assemble in God's Name

Prelude

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Almighty God: you gave your Son to be the leader among us. As he entered Jerusalem, may we enter our world to follow him, obeying you and trusting your power, willing to suffer or die; through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Introit

Fiat Pax

Koszewski

Make peace all you people of earth with good will toward all.

The Entry into Jerusalem Mark 11:1-11

(The congregation joins in the reading when cued with the lines)

Narrator: They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

Crowd: (shouting) Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Hymn #88

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” *Valet will ich dir geben*

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Eternal God: in Jesus Christ you entered Jerusalem to die for our sins. We confess we have not hailed you as king, or gone before you in the world with praise. For brief faith that fades in trouble, for enthusiasms that fizzle out, for hopes we parade we do not pursue, have mercy on us. Forgive us, God, and give us such trust in your power that, in every city, we may live for justice and tell your loving-kindness; for the sake of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Kyrie



(a period of silence is kept)

Assurance of Pardon (Responsive)

Friends, never forget the promise of the gospel.

Because of Jesus Christ, we are worthy to be called the daughters and sons of God.

Gloria



Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.
Amen.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a

Anthem

The Palms

Gabriel Fauré

The Passion Mark 14::1—15:47

(The congregation joins in the reading when cued with the lines)

Pilate: "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?"

Narrator: They shouted back,

Crowd: (shouting) "Crucify him!"

Pilate: "Why, what evil has he done?"

Crowd: (shouting louder) "Crucify him!"

Sermon “And So It Begins”

Hymn #78

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” *Martyrdom*

A Brief Statement of Faith Part One (Insert)

Give Thanks to God

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Offertory

Doxology *Prospect*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

Gracious God, whose creative energy has filled all heaven and earth with good things for us to enjoy and share, we would honor you with our offerings. May the programs we initiate and the outreach we support bear fruits of justice and peace. Amen.

Go in God’s Name

Hymn #101

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” *Hamburg*

Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response

1. Lord, while walk-ing in the way of your laws. We wait

2.

3. for you. You are the de - sire of our hearts.

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Postlude

Announcements

We're glad you joined us for worship at St. James Presbyterian Church. If you're a visitor, please sign the guest book at the back of the sanctuary and join us downstairs for Lenten soup.

Our Liturgist today is Steven Price.

Our hosts for Lenten soup today are Charlotte Whitley and Lee Lohman.

Please Sign Up to be liturgist, to host coffee hour, and to sponsor the eternal candle.

Calendar

12:10 pm April 9	Lenten Forum—Sarah's Circle
7:30 pm April 12	Session Meeting (Parlor)
7:30 pm April 13	Maundy Thursday Supper and Worship (Dining Room)
9:00 am April 16	Easter Breakfast and Worship

Staff

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A Brief Statement of Faith (Part One)

Leader: In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

People: we trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain, and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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