

JESUS ENTERS JERUSALEM

GATHERING MUSIC *Praeludium und Fuga in G moll* Johann Sebastian Bach
BWV 558

WELCOME AND CENTERING SILENCE The Rev. Dr. James Butler
Following a time of silence, joyful bells will call us to stand and worship.

*** OPENING RESPONSES FOR PALM SUNDAY** Tim Tavcar
Blessed is the one, eternal, and Triune God.
And blessed is God's kingdom, now and forever.
Rejoice greatly, O children of Zion. Our Lord has come to us.
Triumphant and glorious is he, but humble in heart, and riding a beast of burden.
Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who came in the name of the Lord.

*** PROCESSION HYMN 196** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

ACCLAMATION FOR PALM SUNDAY AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Beloved in Christ: God is with us.
We are not alone!

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON Psalm 118:19-29 (Pew Bible, O.T. p.565)

ANTHEM *Riding, Riding* Norman and Margaret Mealy
Children & Youth Choirs

Riding, riding, who is this riding, clothed in a robe of white? Children, Children, why do the children run out to see the sight? Riding, riding, Jesus is riding, into Jerusalem. Children, children, all little children, know that God loveth them. Waving, waving, palm branches waving. Why do the children sing? Shouting, shouting, why are they shouting, "Blessed is Christ our King"? Waving, waving, children are waving. Praise to the God we love. Shouting, shouting, all of them shouting, "Welcome the Lord of Lords!"

*** GOSPEL LESSON** Mark 11:1-11 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.47)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

In the waters of baptism, we welcome Ruth Elizabeth Sweeney, daughter of Edward and Ayla Sweeney, into Christ's church universal and this community of faith.

*** HYMN 486** "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" KINGDOM

SERMON "When God Guides, God Provides!" Dr. Butler
"Go ahead into the village and find a colt tied and waiting..."

ANTHEM *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* Berta and Sonja Poorman
Chancel Choir and Congregation

Hosanna, hosanna! Joyfully we sing. Hosanna, hosanna! Come to see the King. O may we ever praise with heart and life and voice. Hosanna, hosanna! We will all rejoice. Jerusalem, O come and greet your holy King. And let us be in one accord, rejoice and sing and praise the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang. Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang. To Jesus, who has blessed them close, folded to his breast. The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

"Hosanna in the highest" that ancient song we sing. For Christ is our Redeemer. The Lord of heaven our King. O may we ever praise him, with heart and life and voice. And in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

NEWS OF OUR LIFE AND MINISTRY

OFFERTORY *A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester* L. J. White
Mae Alice Harrell, Kaori Hongo, Nick Schneider, Jason Fuh

WE GO WITH CHRIST TO DEATH AND RESURRECTION

* TOLLING OF THE BELL

* LITANY TO COMMENCE HOLY WEEK

As we recall again our Lord's final days, we call upon the saving help of God.

Blessed is Jesus Christ, who came not to condemn the world but to save and rescue it.

Jesus was obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Risen Christ: Help us to die to ourselves and rise to all that is good, beautiful, and true.

In his death and resurrection, Jesus overcame the power of evil to divide and destroy.

Risen Christ: Grant us power and grace to resist returning evil for evil.

Jesus offered himself out of love for all of God's children.

Risen Christ: Help us to love with such limitless generosity.

Jesus ate with sinners, forgave sins, welcomed outcasts, and turned no one away.

Risen Christ: Help us to honor God's light and image in every person.

Beloved in Christ: we have been baptized into Christ and his death.

Risen Christ: As we enter Holy Week, remind us again that in your death our sins are

buried, and in your resurrection, we must daily rise to new life and new beginnings.

Blessed is Jesus Christ, crucified and risen—who came among us full of grace and truth.

May his name be praised forever. Amen.

* HYMN 215 "What Wondrous Love is This" WONDROUS LOVE

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* DEPARTING MUSIC *Lamento from 2 Suite Op. 53* Louis Vierne
The people are welcome to depart or remain seated while the Departing Music is played.

Our Mission

To extend the gracious welcome of God in Jesus Christ through worship, service and spiritual growth in a supportive community of faith.

Staff

The Rev. Dr. James Butler, Pastor
The Revs. Dr. Steve and Dr. Cinda Gorman, Parish Associates
Dr. Kaori Hongo, Minister of Music
Aliyah Kennedy, Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Palm/Passion Sunday

March 24, 2024

10 a.m.
