

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - “Consecrate My Life to Thee, O Lord” tune Hollingside; setting by Reberts

GREETING, followed by PRAYER

The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

Let us pray. Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King, and when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL - John 12:12-19

Let us go forth in peace, **in the name of the Lord.**

HYMN 442 - we sing, standing

GREETING, followed by PRAYER

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. **Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers**

of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(please be seated)

FIRST LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 118:19-29

*Pastor reads odd numbered verses
Congregation reads even numbered verses*

SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

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PASSION SUNDAY GOSPEL

Mark 15:1-39 *(see insert sheet)*

HYMN 440 vs 1, 2, 3, 6 - we sing, seated

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED - hymnal, last page

all standing

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

*The Parish Choir sings (10:30) “The Palms”
by Jon B. Faure; arr. By Wilson*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

all may kneel

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer!**

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN 441 - we sing, standing

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 53 Offering: \$3,315

This Week Here

Today - 7:00PM - Confirmation Class
Wed - 7:15PM - Bell Choir
Thur - 10:00AM - Open Office Hours
- 7:00PM - Parish Ensemble
- 7:30PM - Maundy Thurs Service
Fri - 6:45PM - Parish Choir
- 7:30PM - Good Friday Service

Easter Sunday Services - there will be a sunrise service held outdoors (weather permitting) starting at 6:30 a.m. Chairs will be provided but feel free to bring your own. If this service ends up having to be held indoors, and you would like a seat, please call us on Thursday morning to let us know. Our regular Easter Sunday services will be held at 8:00 and 10:30. Please call or stop by the office on Thursday morning between 10:00 and 12:00 to reserve a seat.

NEWS AND NOTES

POSTLUDE - “Ride on in Majesty” tun St. Drostan; setting Broughton

Easter Sunday: Please signup for our celebration to take place after our 8AM Easter service. We would appreciate knowing early how many hope to attend. If you would like to join us but are not sure, please put your name down anyway. Also, we would love help setting up Saturday, April 3rd 11AM and cleaning up afterwards as well. If you are unable to sign up in person yet, feel free to contact Pam Clark, Aclark@snet.net with your desire to participate.

Little Cherubs Christian Preschool is now taking registration for the 2021-2022 school year. If you, or someone you know, have a child who is preschool eligible, please call the church or preschool office for more information. A registration packet may also be picked up from the counter outside the church office.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

The Son of David Ascends His Throne and Reigns in Love from His Cross - The Son of David comes in gentle humility, “*sitting on a donkey’s colt,*” yet as the King of Israel “*in the name of the Lord*” (John 12:13–15). He comes to be lifted up in glory on the cross in order to cast out “*the ruler of this world*” and draw all people to Himself (John 12:23–32). The Church is thus called to “*rejoice greatly,*” because her King comes with salvation, and “*he shall speak peace to the nations*” (Zech. 9:9–10). As He is anointed “*beforehand for burial*” (Mark 14:8), He also ascends His royal throne as “*the King of the Jews*” by way of His Passion (Mark 15:2, 17–19, 26). He goes “*as it is written of him,*” wherefore “*you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power*” (Mark 14:21, 62). For the glory of God is love, which crescendos in the humble obedience and voluntary self-sacrifice of the Son of God for the salvation of sinners. So, God the Father has “*highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name*” (Phil. 2:9), that He might reign over us in love with the forgiveness of His cross.