

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Jesus, My Redeemer” by Ritter.

(please be seated)

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. **Amen.**
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

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)*

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

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PASSION SUNDAY GOSPEL - see insert

*Before, all shout: Glory to you, O Lord!
After, all shout: Praise to you, O Christ!*

HYMN 444 - we sing, seated

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED - *hymnal, last page
all standing*

OFFERTORY

Parish Choir sings (10:30) “Just Beyond the Palms”

All glory, laud, and honor, to Thee, Redeemer, King. We lift our songs as one, Our loud hosannas ring. Come, walk the way of palms with me. Follow the One who comes to set His people free. Behold your King! Behold your King! The city gates are open wide, Great songs of praise are lifted to the Lord. Hosanna to the King of glory. Is this Messiah? Where is His crown? Is this the One? The question resounds! Is this the Savior? Where is His robe? Is this the King that was foretold? Come, see this miracle unfold!

Lift up your heads, Jerusalem. See now the Lion goes to die, a Lamb! Behold the Lamb of God!

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

all may kneel
Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer!**
LORD'S PRAYER

COLLECT

BENEDICTION

HYMN 441 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - “Fantasia” by Telemann

NEWS AND NOTES

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 98 Offering: \$4,090

This Week Here

Wed - 6:45 PM - Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:45 PM - Parish Choir Rehearsal
Thur - 7:30 PM - Maundy Thurs Service
Fri - 7:30 PM - Good Friday Service

Easter Continental Breakfast - Please join us in between our 8:00 and 10:30 Easter worship, April 9, for breakfast and the opportunity for fellowship the time offers. Some of the items that will be available are: Coffee, Tea, Juices, Bagels, Toast, Fruit and Cereals. Please contribute a breakfast item to share. Some of the items you could bring include baked goods, fruit, fruit salad,

cooked quiches and cooked egg casseroles. Please sign-up on the sheet located on the bulletin board and plan to join us. Help setting up and cleaning up is also needed.

Spring Clean-Up - Our annual outside cleaning is scheduled for April 6th. Please consider volunteering to help keep our property looking beautiful!

We are hosting a community-wide **Easter Egg hunt next Saturday, March 30th**, at 9:30 in the morning. This is open to the public. Please share with your friends and family. We are accepting plastic egg donations and candy donations. Thank you!

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.

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.**