

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

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.**

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*

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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

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Pulpit side speaks even verses

SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

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

Page 173 - **VERSE FOR LENT**

PASSION SUNDAY GOSPEL - *see insert*

Before, all shout: Glory to you, O Lord!

After, all shout: Praise to you, O Christ!

HYMN 443 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

NICENE CREED - *hymnal, last page*

all standing

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

all may kneel

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

OFFERTORY *During the gathering, the*

Parish Choir sings (10:30) "Beyond the Palms" by Martin.

page 208 - **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

page 208 - **SANCTUS**

LORD'S PRAYER

page 209 - **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

SHARING OF PEACE

page 210 - **AGNUS DEI**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

During the Distribution we sing HYMN 444 & 919

All are invited to commune who have been baptized and instructed in the Faith; who repent of their sins; who are committed to Christ and to the mission of his church; and who believe with us that we receive and share our Savior's Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine of the Sacrament - where He gives forgiveness and Christian unity.

All who commune, kindly sign your names in our Communicant Register, which is located on the narthex shelf along side our Guest Register.

page 211 - **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** - *all standing*

page 212 - **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

page 212 - **BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION**

HYMN 441 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - *"Take up your Cross" tune Bourbin; setting by Charles Ore.*

NEWS AND NOTES

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 125 Offering: \$3,263

This Week Here

Wed - 7:00 PM - Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:45 PM - Parish Choir Rehearsal
Thur - 7:30 PM - Maundy Thurs Service
Fri - 7:30 PM - Good Friday Service
Sat - 9:00 AM - Easter Breakfast Setup

Please Join Us after the 8 AM service for fellowship and coffee. Thank you to Karen Bailey for serving this morning!

Easter Breakfast - Please join us in between our 8:00 and 10:30 Easter worship, April 5, 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 is scheduled for Saturday, April 18th (indoors and outdoors). Please lend a hand to make our building and grounds beautiful! Refreshments will be served.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

Now Is the Hour When the Son of Man Is Glorified - *"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming." He comes in gentle humility, "sitting on a donkey's colt," yet also as the King of Israel "in the name of the Lord" (John 12:13, 15). His royal glory is faithful obedience and self-sacrificing service "to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Phil. 2:8). The love of God is manifested in the cross and Passion of His Son for the salvation of sinners. Since He has borne our sins and suffered our death, "God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name" (Phil. 2:9), and He exalts us in His resurrection. Our Lord did not hide His face "from disgrace and spitting" (Is. 50:6), but He trusted His God and Father, who raised Him from death and the grave and exalted Him to His right hand. This same King Jesus now comes to us in gentle humility in His Supper, where He feeds us with His body and cleanses and covers us with His blood, so that "after his resurrection" we also shall rise and enter the holy city (Matt. 27:52-53).*