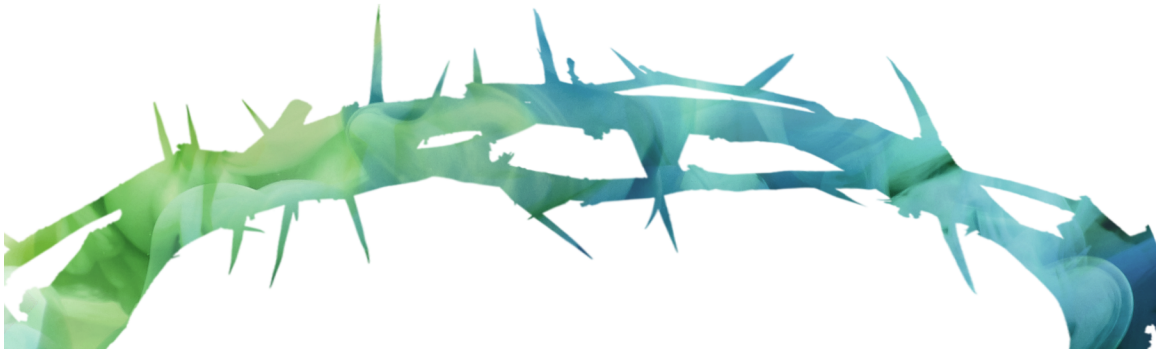




*Palm
Sunday*



9:00 service + March 25, 2018 + Palm Sunday

 KNOW  BE KNOWN  MAKE KNOWN

Order of Worship

Liturgist is Eric Schmidt

Themes and keywords: lowly entry, sacrifice, fruitful

Introit

Hosanna, Blessed Is He Who Comes

Music: Christian Gregor 1765

Chancel Choir

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes!

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God calls us to worship

from Zechariah 9:9; Matthew 21:9

Liturgist: Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Suffering Servant,

All: *the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.*

Liturgist: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

All: *Hosanna to the Son of David!*

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

Liturgist: Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

All: *Hosanna to the Son of David!*

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

We praise God


All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Text: Theodulph of Orleans 820


tr. John Mason Neale 1854 alt.

Tune: Melchior Teschner 1615

(Refrain)




All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or, to you, Re - deem - er King,
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1. You are the King of Is - rael and Dav - id's roy - al son,
2. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore you went:
3. To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
4. Their prais - es you ac - cep - ted; ac - cept the praise we bring!

(to Refrain)



now in the Lord's name com - ing, the King and Bless - ed one.
Our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
to you, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
For you de - light in good - ness, O good and gra - cious King!

We pray for God to help us worship

Pastor: Christ is risen!

All: ***He is risen indeed!***

He died for us that we might live for him.

We greet one another with the peace of Christ

SEATED

God calls us to confess our sin

from Psalm 24:3-4; James 4:7-8, 10

Liturgist: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?
He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false.
Submit yourselves therefore to God. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.
Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

We confess our sin

All (sing): Trisagion (below); sing 3 times

All: *Our Creator and King,
you have offered us the lowly way of the cross in Christ,
which is the way to true life and eternal glory.
But we often choose the world's way of success:
the way of wealth, power, and violent revenge.
We cheer for a strong leader to protect us,
but we walk away from sacrifice and suffering for your name and your mission,
because we desire our safety and comfort in this life
more than your eternal honor and purpose.
You are justified when you convict us of evil,
and our only hope is your steadfast love. Lord, have mercy on us.*

(silent prayers of confession)

Liturgist: Loving Lord, we are sorry for all the ways that we have turned away from you and rejected your mission when you lead us through pain. Help us abide in Christ and follow him in the way of the cross by laying down our lives to sacrifice and serve in the love and power of your Spirit so that our lives will always be faithful and fruitful.

Trisagion

Ho - - ly God, Ho - ly Migh - ty One,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God declares our forgiveness

from Romans 5:1-2, 9-10

Liturgist: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

For all who have turned from sin in sorrow and look to God for mercy, this is God's gift. In Jesus Christ, God loves you, God forgives you, God accepts you, and God rejoices over you as beloved daughters and sons.

All: *Hallelujah, Amen!*

We praise God

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Text: Charles Wesley 1744

Tune: Joseph Martin Kraus 1784

1. You ser - vants of God, your mas - ter pro - claim,
2. God rules us on high, al - migh - ty to save,
3. Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!
4. Then let us a - dore, and give him his right,

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful name.
and still he is nigh - his pre - sence we have.
Let all cry a - loud and hon - or the Son.
all glo - ry and pow'r, and wis - dom and might,

The name, all vic - tor - ious, of Je - sus ex - tol
The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim
all hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove

His king - dom is glor - ious, and rules o - ver all.
as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our King.
fall down on their fac - es and wor - ship the Lamb.
and thanks nev - er ceas - ing for in - fi - nite love.

Surely He Hath Borne Our Grievs; And With His Stripes; from *Messiah*

Chancel Choir

Music: G. F. Handel

Surely, surely he hath borne our griev's
and carried our sorrows.
He was wounded for our transgressions.
He was bruised for our iniquities,
The chastisement of our peace was upon him.
And with his stripes we are healed.

God instructs us in scripture reading

Mark 11:1-14
(pew Bible p. 847)

God instructs us in preaching

"Lambs, Lions, and Donkeys"
Rev. Dr. Clay Smith

We offer ourselves in gifts and song

Prior to singing, we will take a moment of silence to reflect and pray.

Lift High the Cross

Text: M. R. Newbolt, 1887; alt. 1990

Tune: Sydney H. Nicholson 1916

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Musical score for "Lift High the Cross" in 4/4 time. The score consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is written in treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is written in bass clef. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are as follows:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim,
till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1. For thy blest cross which doth for us a - tone,
2. O Lord, once lif - ted on the glor - ious tree,
3. Thy king - dom come, that earth's de - spair may cease

cre - a - tion's prais - es rise be - fore thy throne.
as thou has pro - mised, draw men un - to thee.
be - neath the sha - dow of its heal - ing peace.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

We pray for the church and the world

All (sing): stanza 1 of “The Royal Banners Forward Go” (below)

Liturgist: (prayers for the church)

All (sing): stanza 2 of “The Royal Banners Forward Go” (below)

Liturgist: (prayers for the nations)

All: *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.*

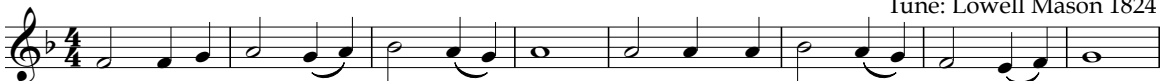
All (sing): stanza 3 of “The Royal Banners Forward Go” (below)

The Royal Banners Forward Go

Text: Venantius H. C. Fortunatus 6th cen.

Tr. J. M. Neale

Tune: Lowell Mason 1824



1. The roy-al ban- ners for- ward go; the cross shows forth re - demp tion's flow,
2. Ful - filled is all that Dav - id told in sure pro - phe - tic song of old,
3. Blest Tri - ni - ty, life's source and spring, may ev' - ry soul your prais - es sing,



where he, by whom our flesh was made, our ran-som in his flesh has paid.
that God the na - tion's king should be and reign in tri - umph from the tree.
and all you ran - som and re - store, please guide and keep for - ev - er - more.

God blesses us and sends us out

Pastor: And all God's people said...

All: **Hallelujah! Amen.**

This Is My Father's World

Text: Maltbie B. Babcock 1901
Tune: Traditional English melody

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er for - get that though the wrong seems
oft so strong, God is the ru - ler yet. This is my Father's world: the bat - tle is not
done. Je - sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, And earth and heav'n be one.

Holy Week services

March 29	Holy Thursday	7 p.m.
March 30	Good Friday	7 p.m.
April 1	1st Sunday of Easter	7:30 a.m. (World's Fair Pavilion, Forest Park) 9:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m.

For the meaning and connection of these services, see:

"Holy Week: Four Services, One Story"

<http://www.centralpres.com/our-blog/four-services-one-story/>

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