

# Celebration of Worship

April 14, 2019

Palm & Passion Sunday

9:30 A.M.

We welcome you to worship. Nursery and Preschool care is available if you need it. The Young are welcomed to the front early on for a special time in the service. Please sign the Friendship Pads so that we can get to know you better, and join us for coffee in the Narthex after the service.

## Thought for Reflection

*“What makes the temptation of power so seemingly irresistible? Maybe it is that power offers an easy substitute for the hard task of love. It seems easier to be God than to love God, easier to control people than to love people, easier to own life than to love life. The long painful history of the church is the history of people tempted to choose power over love, control over the cross, being a leader over being led. Those who resisted the temptation to the end and thereby give us hope are the true saints.”*

Henri Nouwen

## Order of Worship

PRELUDE *Entree* DuBois

PALM PROCESSIONAL *Hey sanna, Hosanna...*  
from “Jesus Christ Superstar”  
(Folks will process into the Sanctuary carrying palms  
and placing them in baskets on the Chancel.)

WELCOME AND GREETING

A MOMENT OF SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Leader: On this day of palms and celebration, Jesus continues his journey with God.

**People: We will go with him for a while, until he turns toward Calvary.**

Leader: From the top of Olive Mountain, Jesus prepares to travel through the valley of heartache and loss.

**People: We will follow Jesus for a while, cradling hopes in our hearts.**

Leader: In the streets of Jerusalem, Jesus hears the cries of those who adore him.

**All: We will shout Jesus’ name for a while, until we cry out, “Crucify him!”**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SPECIAL MUSIC *The Holy City* Adams  
Kathy Barbehenn

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Sustainer of the weary, we know how we sang for joy when Christ came into our lives, and how we have not followed him as he leads us on this journey. We have hidden our faces from the pain and suffering of our world. We have turned a deaf ear to the cries of the poor, the hungry, the oppressed. We trust the slick promotion of the world, and not in your words that can actually transform our lives.

Forgive us, Steadfast God, and shine your face upon us. Help us to have the same mind as Christ so we might serve your children...all your children. Help us to have the same Spirit as Christ so we might go wherever you lead us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)

**One:** God does not turn away when we fail to be faithful disciples. God does not reject us when we fail to fully trust. God continues to love us, to forgive us, to restore us.

**All: It is God who helps us; it is God who saves us. It is all we need or ever will need. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

WORDS FOR THE YOUNG & THE YOUNG AT HEART

Message *Rabbits are cute, but Jesus is so much more!*

The Lord’s Prayer (Debts/debtors)

*Children in Preschool through Grade 5 are dismissed for Sunday School.*

\* Please stand, if you are able

\* PRAISING GOD WITH HEART AND VOICE

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* # 89

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Luke 23:1-49* p. 859

SERMON *When We Don’t Get What We Want*  
Rev. Dr. Lawrence J. De Vuyst

BRINGING GOD OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Let the Rocks Cry out* Sterling  
Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

\* HYMN *O Lamb of God* Insert

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING (responsively)

Leader: Let us go into the world with God.

**People: We will go into the streets of despair with words of hope and justice.**

Leader: Let us go to welcome Jesus.

**People: We will find him in the lonely and the grieving. We will discover him in those whose gifts are ignored.**

Leader: Let us go forth to share the Spirit.

**People: We will open our ears to the cries of the oppressed; we will help those who have been disgraced by the world.**

\* POSTLUDE *Grand Chorus* Guilmant

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**Lectionary Passages**

Today, Palm & Passion Sunday Easter Sunday

**Palms** **Passion**

Old Testament	<i>Isaiah 50:4-9</i>	<i>Isaiah 65:17-25</i>
Psalm	<i>Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29</i>	<i>Ps. 31:9-16</i>
New Testament	<i>Luke 19:28-40</i>	<i>Phil. 2:5-11</i>
		<i>Acts 10:34-43</i>
		<i>1 Cor. 15:19-26</i>
Gospel	<i>Lk 22:14-23:56</i>	<i>John 20:19-31</i>

**Memory Verse**

*'Do not fear, for I am with you,' declares the Lord.*

*Jeremiah 46:28*

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