

Gathering in God's Name

As we gather, quietly take time to sit and prepare your heart to worship God

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship (Psalm 118)

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

People: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: Line the festival procession with branches. This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Opening Prayer (unison)

(Matthew 21, Philippians 2)

Blessed One, our hearts sing with the children when we see you ride into Jerusalem on a donkey. Our lips shout your praises, as you empty yourself to become servant of all. Open our hearts to the depth of your love, that we might walk faithfully with you during the long week ahead. Amen.

*Hymn #196

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Melchior Teschner

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

(Matthew 26-27)

God of heaven and earth, we give you thanks for sending us Jesus Christ in your name. Even though we profess to follow him, we confess that in times of trial we too often deny him. Forgive us and heal us, we pray. Help us to put our faith not in the princes of this world, but only in the Prince of Peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The ones of the builders rejected has become our cornerstone, the very foundation of our salvation. Christ offers us forgiveness and fullness of grace.

Passing of the Peace

The Prince of Peace rose into Jerusalem in lowly estate to bless us. Let us claim our heritage as children of peace by sharing signs of kinship with one another.

*Gloria (Hymn 582)

"Glory to God"

Paul M. Vasile

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen World without end, without end Amen, world without end, without end Amen, world without end, without end Amen, As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Proclaiming God's Word

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

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Matthew 21: 1 – 11

NT page 23

Sermon

"Enter The King"

The Rev. Michael Smith

Sacrament of Communion

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor continues... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in highest.

The pastor continues... Great is the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Communion Prayer (unison)

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Responding to God with Thanksgiving

*Hymn #197

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Jennette Threlfall

***Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles Creed**

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Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

God has given us his only child, Jesus Christ, as the way of our salvation. Let us then give generously, as God has given to us.