

March 24th Palm Sunday

Interim Minister: Rev. Dr. David Thompson

Music Director: Suzanne Strahan

- * We continue to be mask friendly, but it is now a personal decision. Thank you.
- ** The offering can be placed in the offering plates at the back of the church in the narthex prior to it being brought forward.

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

Processional Hymn #214: All glory laud and honour - All verses

(The choir carry palms and place them on the communion table followed by the congregation starting from the rear of the church and moving forwards (Words on the screen). Place the palms either side of the cross in a St. Andrews cross (X), then return to your seat.)

Welcome and Announcements

The Peace of Christ

Minister: “The Peace of Christ be with you!”

Congregation: “And also with you!”

(Please turn and greet one another)

Call to Worship

Leader: On this Palm Sunday when the Once and Future King rode into Jerusalem in humility, we remember that historic day that took place over 2,000 years ago.

Congregation: We are grateful that Jesus is not like any other leader. His gentleness, his kindness, his brilliant insights, his graciousness under fire, his compassion and deep caring are among some of the reasons for His Majesty. We recognize that Majesty today and are grateful. Thank-you God.

Specially for Palm Sunday an organ interlude: “Majesty!” - Suzanne Strahan.

Lyrics: Majesty, worship his majesty;
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority,
Flow from his throne unto his own, his anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship his majesty,
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

Prayer of Approach: Unison

Almighty God, on this day your Son, Jesus, The Christ, entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way.

Let those branches be for us signs of His victory, and grant that we who bear them, may ever hail him as the One who always lifts us out of ourselves into the light and peace of Thy Presence. Let us follow him in the way that leads to eternal life. In his name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance (Minister)

Lord Jesus, You emptied Yourself and took on our nature, that You might present us to Your Father a holy people. Grant us this Holy Week to follow You in Your Passion. Where we stumble, lift us up; where we are afraid, give us Your joy. Be with us in the hour of death and bring us through the grave to share in Your redemption of our nature. Assure us that you forgive us and love us and that nothing we have done can ever separate us from You. For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever more. Amen

Anthem: A Festive Hosanna!

We hear the Word of God

Prayer for Illumination: Unison

Today is a resonant day in Scripture for ancient prophecies are fulfilled on Palm Sunday. We chant with psalm 118 “Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord”, written so long before. Take us back into that time of history when the Historical Jesus rode into Jerusalem fulfilling prophecy with every step of the colt he was riding. And as we go back there give us the strength to go forward in our personal journeys with the same courage that Jesus faced his death, in the hope of making a difference that changes the world we touch, into a kinder gentler place. Amen

Zechariah 9: Verses 9 - 10

Psalm 118: 25 - 27

2 Peter 3: 8 - 10

Matthew 24: 36

The story of Palm Sunday: St. Luke 19: 29 - 40

Leader: This is the gospel of our Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

Sermon: The Once and future King

We respond in Faith and service

Hymn of Faith #217: Ride on Ride on in Majesty -Verses: 1, 3 & 5

Prayers for the World

Offering and offertory

Doxology

Dedication of offering

Palm Sunday Holy Communion

The apostles Creed: (All standing if able.)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

Confession of sins: Let us confess our sins together:

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Great Entry of the Communion elements

Hymn #13: Ye gates Lift up your heads - both verses, and Coda after the last verse

The clerk of the session and the elders of Knox enter the sanctuary and process down the center aisle to the communion table. The cloth is removed and the elements are placed. Please be seated after the elements are in place.

Words of Institution

Holy Communion: (Please come forward to receive. After all have received the minister will announce the closing hymn.)

Closing hymn #218: Hosanna, loud hosanna Verses 1 & 3

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude