

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 2, 2023

10:00 AM



### GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

#### WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY    *Trumpet Tune in D Major*    David N. Johnson

#### †CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Where is he going? Isn't he from Nazareth?

**Many: Can anything good come from Nazareth? Is he headed to Jerusalem?**

One: Do you think Jerusalem is safe? Does he know that Pilate is here?

**Many: Where is he going?**

One: Does he know the city is dangerous? Does he see the Pharisees watching?

**Many: Is this the one we've been waiting for? Could this be the Messiah?**

One: Where is he going?

**Many: The crowds are singing, "Hosanna!"**

Should I lay down my cloak?

**Is this the beginning of the end?**

Should we follow?

**Should we watch?**

Should we sing, "Hosanna"?

**Stay awake!**

He's on the move.

**Where is he going?**

Listen.

**Where is he going?**

Watch.

**Where is he going?**

Stay close.

**Where is he going?**

Sing, "Hosanna."

**Hosanna! Amen.**

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN    *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*    VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

**All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King,**

**To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

**You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son,  
now in the Lord's name coming, the king and Blessed One.**

**The company of angels is praising you on high;  
and we with all creation in chorus make reply.**

**The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.**

**To you before your passion they sang their hymns of praise,  
to you now high exalted, our melody we raise.**

**As you received their praises, accept the prayers we bring,  
For you delight in goodness, O good and gracious King!**

**All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!**

#### CONFESSING OUR SIN

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will

#### WELCOME

The service begins with the first note of the Opening Voluntary.

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

† When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit, as able.

#### PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

Today is the day of Hosanna. The word has progressed from the Hebrew *hosha na* ("save us") to Greek to Late Latin to the Middle English *osanna*. Rarely used at other times in the Christian year, Hosanna is most closely linked with the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and, therefore, Passion/Palm Sunday.

#### LENTEN THEME AND LITURGY

This Lenten season we are following the theme, "Seeking: honest questions for deeper faith," from A Sanctified Art LLC. A Sanctified Art believes God speaks to us through many mediums and that creativity is an integral part of worship. The Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, and Affirmation of Faith are adapted from prayers written by Sarah (Are) Speed of A Sanctified Art.

find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If any one says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

**God, forgive us for the times when we do not trust your word and do not follow where you lead. We long to be the ones who can go into the village ahead of you. Forgive us when we play it safe.**

This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: “Say to Daughter Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

**God, forgive us for forgetting that you are always coming toward us. You are drawing near, like a king on a donkey. Help us find you in our midst.**

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

**Creator God, forgive us for the moments when we choose greed over generosity, or when we choose our self-image over our loyalty to you. Give us the courage to be unabashed in our faith. Give us the strength to throw our coats on the road.**

The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

**Son of David, give us the conviction to shout your name from the rooftop. Give us the wisdom to sing, “Hosanna!”**

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?” The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

**With hope in our hearts we pray to you, Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.** *(Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession.)*

**CHORAL PETITION 437** *You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!* WAYFARING STRANGER  
**You are the Lord, giver of mercy!**  
**You are the Christ, giver of mercy!**  
**You are the Lord, giver of mercy!**

### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

**Nothing can separate us from God’s love. We are loved, forgiven, and sent out to serve. Hosanna! Amen.**

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

David McCowen

### SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 31:9-16

Pew Bible p. 478 (OT)

### MUSICAL OFFERING

*My Song is Love Unknown*

J. Baptiste Calkin  
Arranged by Molly Ijames

### SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:1-11

Pew Bible p. 21 (NT)

### CHILDREN’S LESSON

### SERMON

*Seeking: Where are you headed?* Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

### †HYMN 200

*A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd*

CHRISTIAN LOVE

### SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

After each scripture reading the reader will say, “The Word of the Lord.” All are invited to respond, “Thanks be to God.”

### MUSICAL OFFERING

The text is by Samuel Crossman, a minister of the Church of England and noted hymn writer. The music was composed by J. Baptiste Calkin, an English composer, organist and music teacher. This arrangement is by Molly Ijames, an American composer widely recognized for her numerous choral compositions, piano collections, and instrumental arrangements.

## †AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in a God who walks headfirst into the world's suffering, who lights a candle in the darkest night, who pulls back the curtain so we can see the stars.

We believe in a God who does not shy away from the truth, who is bold in seeking justice, and humble in taking power.

We believe in a God who sees our hurt and wraps love around it, cocooning us in hope, tethering us to one another.

We believe in a God who is always carrying us from the pain of the world into the hope of a new day.

That is where God is headed. That is where we follow. May it be so. Amen.

## SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS OF GOD'S CHURCH, COMMUNITY & WORLD

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

#### †Offertory Response

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

TALLIS' CANON

#### Prayer of Dedication

### THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### Invitation

#### Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.

#### Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

#### Communion of the People

#### Prayer After Communion

### GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

#### †HYMN 198

*Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*

ST. DROSTANE

#### †CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

#### †SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC *O Haupt voll Blut und Wunden*

Johann Kuhnau

#### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

In the act of remembering that is the Lord's Supper, we receive and trust the love of Christ present to us and the world. Through it, we are renewed and empowered to be the church, the body of Christ, in the world.

The invitation is not just for Presbyterians or "church members." Access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All are invited to receive the bread and cup, regardless of age or understanding, to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

Today, communion will be served by intinction. Congregants proceed via the center aisle to receive the bread (gluten-free bread and individual cups of juice are available), which they then dip into the chalice of non-alcoholic grape juice. Worshipers return to their pews by the side aisles. If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, we will come to you in your seat.

#### RIDE ON! RIDE ON IN MAJESTY!

This triumphant hymn played in a minor key, rather than the key in which it was written, sets the tone as we depart to walk through Maundy Thursday and Good Friday on our way to Easter.

#### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Because we have been forgiven in Christ, we can forgive one another. We demonstrate this by sharing Christ's peace with one another.

## CALENDAR

### **Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Chancel Bells

### **Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

8:00 PM AA Meeting

### **Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**

### **Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 PM Light of Grace  
7:30 PM Chancel Choir

### **Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 PM Maundy Thursday  
Worship & Simple Dinner

### **Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Church at Prayer  
7:30 PM Good Friday Worship  
8:00 PM AA Meeting

### **Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**

### **Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 AM Worship in the Garden  
9:00 AM Easter Fellowship  
Egg Hunt  
Sunday School (Zoom)  
10:00 AM Worship - Easter

## PRAYER CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

If you have a prayer concern, please complete a Prayer Request Card, and place it in the offering plate, or contact the office. Please update the office about any changes in the condition of your loved ones.

**Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes on the death of her father**

**Marco and Jonathan Compton on the death of their father.**

**Marcia Noble's daughter, Michelle**

**Robert Hall**

**In the Nursing Home, Home Care, or Assisted Living:**

**Milly Ball** at home

**Peggy Benedict** at home

**Elinor Bryan** Westminster Village

**Henry Tribble** The Villages

**Ron Weber** at home, **Betty Weber**

Camelia Place

## WELCOME

We invite you to join St Andrews, a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), in ministry and in worship.

Please note your presence on the list in the narthex so that members of our church family may welcome you. Your presence is a joy for us.

The parlor in the Narthex has two dedicated childcare volunteers who will stay with young children during worship. For school-age children, the PRAYground is available, near the front of the sanctuary, offering educational and interactive materials.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**One Great Hour of Sharing** In a world of disaster, hunger and oppression, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education and opportunity. We will take this special offering in worship this morning. If you would like to give, please write Great Hour on the memo line of your check, or if giving online, select Mission and put 'Great Hour' in the Notes.

**Holy Week** Please see your bulletin insert and your *Lampighter* newsletter for information about celebrating Holy Week at St. Andrews. There are invitations in the Narthex to invite family, friends and neighbors to visit St. Andrews; take some to share.

**Maundy Thursday** Everyone is welcome to join us for worship and a simple dinner on Thursday, April 6th in Heffner Hall. There is no need to RSVP or bring anything.

**Easter Fellowship** Easter Breads is a St. Andrews' tradition sharing fellowship, coffee, and pastries on Easter morning. We will also have crafts and activities for our children, including an egg hunt. Please plan to join us next Sunday at 9:00 AM in the courtyard and if you are able, bring your favorite pastry or bread to share.

**Rise Against Hunger** Many thanks to St. Andrews, Cristo Congregation, Light of Grace, Boy Scout Troop 129, the Kiwanis Club, and to all our family and friends who came out last Sunday afternoon to help with Rise Against Hunger.

**Lunch and Learn & Church at Prayer** will not meet during Holy Week.

**TFM** We welcome the Tucker Farmer's market back to our front lawn this week. They will be here on Thursdays from 4-7 PM through the fall growing season.

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