



The Worship of God

Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024 | 10:00a

Inspired by the bold and boundless hospitality of Jesus, we are “open to all,” which means we welcome and accept all people into the life of our Church without regard to race, gender, sexual orientation, age, economic status, political affiliation, physical or mental capacity, or religious belief. We believe that God’s call is given to all people, and we embrace the Spirit that continues to cross boundaries in order to unite the world.

Masks are encouraged but not required for anyone. We encourage you to make the best decision for yourself and your family.

Prelude

“Toccatà”

Dr. Kevin Estes, organ
John Weaver

Call to Worship and Invocation

Rev. Tara Gibbs

*Opening Hymn

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

ELLACOMBE

**Hosanna, loud hosanna
the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple
the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them,
close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.**

**From Olivet they followed
‘mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving,
and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven
rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children
should on his bidding wait.**

**"Hosanna in the highest!"
That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer,
the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence
eternally rejoice.**

Welcome of Our Guests

Rev. Carrie Veal

*If you are our guest today, please text “guest” to 980.340.8900
so we may offer you our gratitude for joining us today.*

*Passing of the Peace

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Gospel Reading – Mark 11:1-11 (NRSV)

Nancy Culp

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this: ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

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

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple, and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

People: Thanks be to God.

* Hymn

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

ST. THEODULPH

Refrain:

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

**Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and Blessed One. [Refrain]**

**The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present. [Refrain]**

Invitation to Offering

Rev. Tara Gibbs

*There are several ways to give:
scan the QR code below, go to pushpay.com/g/myersparkbaptist,
or drop your offering in the plate.*



Offertory Anthem

Chancel Choir with McKenzie Coleman, soloist

“Ride On, King Jesus”

arr. Moses Hogan

Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, the conquerin’ king.
Oh, ride on, King Jesus, ride on. No man, can a-hinder me.
I was but young when I begun. No man, can a-hinder thee.
But now my race is almost done. No man, can hinder thee.
Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, the conquerin’ king.
Oh, ride on, King Jesus, ride on. No man, can a-hinder thee.
King Jesus rides a milk white horse. No man, can a-hinder thee.
The river of Jordan he did cross. No man, can a-hinder thee.
Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, the conquerin’ king.
Oh, ride on, King Jesus, ride on. No man, can a-hinder thee.
He’s the King and the Lord of all. No man, can a-hinder thee.
Jesus is the first and he’s the last. Jesus is the Lord, Lord of Lords.
Jesus is the Prince, Prince of peace. No man, can a-hinder thee.
Ride on, King Jesus, no man, can a-hinder thee.
Ride on, King Jesus, ride on!

*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology

ST. THEODULPH

**Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King!**

*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Carrie Veal

Gospel Reading – Mark 15:6-15 (NRSV)

Marcy McClanahan

Now at the festival Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed the murder of Romans during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, ‘Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?’ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, ‘Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?’ They shouted back, ‘Crucify him!’ Pilate asked them, ‘Why, what evil has he done?’ But they shouted all the more, ‘Crucify him!’ So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

People: Thanks be to God.

Musical Reflection

Dr. Kevin Estes, organ

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

“The Palestinian Crucifixion”

Solemn Procession of the Cross

Chancel Choir
Ralph Karl Sydow

“Surely, He Hath Borne Our Grievs”
Surely, he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows;
he was wounded for our transgressions.
He was bruised for our iniquities.
Surely, he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows.

Lord's Prayer

Our God who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Solemn Procession of the Cross

“Adagio in g minor”

Susan Blumberg, violin
Tomasco Giovanni Albinoni

*The cross is carried out, followed by the ministers, the choir, and congregation.
Please bring your palm branch and worship bulletin and draw near to the cross.*

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Carrie Veal

**Eternal God,
before the cross of Jesus,
we bring the brokenness of our lives and the world around us.
Before the cross of Jesus,
we confess our ease in shouting “Hosanna,”
while later denying him three times.
Before the cross of Jesus,
our pretense falls away and we are reminded
that the first cross we are called to carry is our own.
Before this cross we confess
that we often shout crucify or remain silent rather than living
in full solidarity with the crucified of the world. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

Leader: Beyond the stark reality of this cross,
we glimpse the promise of something new.
People: Before the cross of Jesus,
we discover the way to healing and new life.

Raising of the Cross

Instrumental Solo

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

Susan Blumberg, violin
Passion Chorale

The congregation is invited to lay their palms at the foot of the cross at the conclusion of the service.

***Immediately following Worship, you are invited to Heaton Hall
to view the Stations of the Cross.***

STATIONS of the CROSS

Visit the art exhibit
in Heaton Hall



The Stations of the Cross are a series of images portraying the crucifixion of Jesus and the events leading up to his execution. For hundreds of years, Christians have reflected on images like these, especially during Lent and Easter.

These particular images are compelling because they were painted by men who have also been condemned to die.

seeking:



honest questions
for deeper faith

holy-week

Good Friday

march 29 @ 7p

Easter Sunday


march 31 worship @ 10a
easter prelude @ 9:30a

Cross bearers are:
Julie Barfield
Mike Bowen
Allen Davis
Tim Emry
Richard Harris
Carla Hines
Marcy McClanahan



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Our Covenant

We, the members of the Myers Park Baptist Church, are a people on a journey of faith. By God's grace we are experiencing love through Jesus Christ and in the community of the faithful. We are discovering in this experience our freedom to become new creatures and our responsibility to be faithful stewards of our lives and of this world.

We will be open to all new light, strengthened by God and each other in our faith. We will sustain a critical examination of Scripture, belief and ritual as interpreters of God's active presence in the world. We will accept controversy as a reality of life together and an opportunity for growth toward maturity. We covenant to be a community of God's New Creation and affirm that we are open to all and closed to none.

We covenant together to nurture this church as a community of faith and as an instrument for reconciliation in the world: by worship, by Christian education, by the dedication of our personal and material resources and by all the other ways we express the significance of our lives with God and one another.

We covenant together to be priests celebrating God's presence in community and in the world, believing we are participants in God's kingdom on Earth.

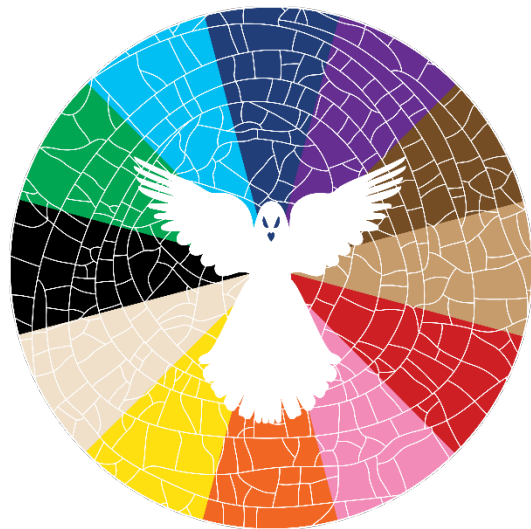
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