



# PALM SUNDAY

THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

MARCH 25, 2018

# MORNING WORSHIP

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## THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

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*Heavenly Father, Who has so loved the world as to send Your dear Son Jesus Christ to seek and to save the lost: We give thanks for the grace by which He laid aside celestial glory and came among us as a servant, meek and lowly, the Friend of sinners, and the Companion of the poor. We remember with joy that the common people heard Him gladly, and the multitude welcomed Him with palm branches and songs of praise. Grant us grace, O God, to join with all our hearts in the spiritual triumph of the Prince of Peace. Amen.*

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

Lift Up Your Heads

arr. Michael Burkhardt

The Striking of the Hour

† The Call to Worship      Hebrews 12:1-2; Matthew 21:9      Mr. Curles

Minister:      Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

**People:      Hosanna to the Son of David!**

Minister:      Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!

**People:      Hosanna in the Highest!**

† Congregation, please stand as able

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† The Processional Hymn No. 235      *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*      ST. THEODULPH

*On Palm Sunday we celebrate the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem five days before His crucifixion. The ministers and children in first through sixth grades process with palm branches, joined by the Chancel Choir. May we rejoice this morning in the Son of David, our Prophet, Priest, and King!*

† The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

† The Lord's Prayer      (Inside front cover of the *Trinity Hymnal*)

The Reading: "Jesus Anointed at Bethany" according to John 12:1-11

The Silent Confession of Sin

The Reading: "The Triumphal Entry" according to John 12:12-19

The Corporate Prayer

**Lord Jesus Christ, Who on this day did enter the rebellious city where You were to die: Enter into our hearts, we beseech You, and subdue them wholly to Yourself. As Your faithful disciples spread their garments in the way, covering it with palm branches, make us ready to lay at Your feet all that we have and are. After having confessed and worshiped You upon earth, may we be among the number of those who shall hail Your eternal triumph and bear in our hands the palms of victory, when every knee shall bow before You, and every tongue confess that You are Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Reading: "Jesus Predicts His Death" according to John 12:20-36

† The Hymn No. 261      *What Wondrous Love Is This*      WONDROUS LOVE

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## The Morning Offering

### The Christian Greeting

The Anthem

*Hosanna to the King!*

arr. Lloyd Larson

Chancel Choir

Hosanna to the King of Kings! Hosanna, let the praises ring!  
Hosanna to the King of Kings! Hosanna, let them ring!  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna!  
Hosanna to the King of Kings! Hosanna to the King!

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!

Hosanna to the King of Kings! Hosanna, to the King!

### The Personal Meditation and Preparation of the Heart

*Children aged four through kindergarten may leave to attend Children's Church.  
Please pick up your children from the Children's Chapel in the Covenant Building (E-100).*

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The Sermon

**EIGHT DAYS OF PROVIDENTIAL PRECISION:**  
*From the Triumphal Entry to Resurrection Morning*  
Matthew 21:1-11

Mr. McRoberts

✠ The Sacrament of Baptism (11:00)

The Words of Institution

The Hymn No. 469 *How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place* (stanzas 1-4) ST. COLUMBA

The Sacrament of Baptism to Infants

The Introduction of the Covenant Families

**HENRY GAUSE HUDSON**

*Parents:* Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hudson (Georgia Ann)

*Assisting:* Ruling Elder/Shepherd Ken Williams

**CAROLINE ELIZABETH STRANGE**

*Parents:* Mr. and Mrs. Thad Strange (Lauren)

*Assisting:* Ruling Elder/Shepherd Ken Williams

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The Confession of Our Faith

The Apostles' Creed

(Inside front cover of the *Trinity Hymnal*)

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The Covenant Vows

*Vows of the Parents*

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do your own?

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3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate them to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

*Vow of the Congregation*

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of their child?

The Baptisms

The Covenant Prayer

The Sacrament of Baptism to Adults

The Introduction

Mr. William Allen Wright

The Baptism Vows

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Christ?

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4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
  5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

The Baptism

Mr. William Allen Wright

*Assisting:* Ruling Elder/Shepherd Robert Hogan

The Covenant Prayer

✠ The Hymn No. 198      *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!*      TRURO

✠ The Benediction of God's Grace and the Congregation's AMEN

Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. **AMEN.**

✠ The Quiet Reflection, Meditation, and Personal Application

*Following the 11:00 service, the congregation is encouraged to greet the covenant families at the front of the church. Join them in their excitement, thanksgiving and anticipation of God's faithfulness to His covenant promises. Please use this time to assure these parents that you will indeed be there for them in prayer, with encouragement, as a source of refuge and partnership, as well as an aid in instructing their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord.*

✠ The Postlude      Toccata on All Glory, Laud and Honor      arr. Michael Burkhardt

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# LORD'S DAY VESPERS

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PRELIMINARY PREPARATION • 5:45 P.M.

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6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

Homily

SINCE YOU ASKED:

*“Was David Really a Man After God’s Own Heart?”*

Acts 13:21-23

Mr. Cooper



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