



Palm Sunday

April 1, 2012

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY MARK 11:1-10 Rev. Cyd Cowgill

PROCESSION OF PALMS.....arr. Phillips
Come Christians, Join to Sing

INTROIT.....Smith
Antiphonal Hosanna

WORDS OF WELCOME.....Mary Peris

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *(Children ages 3 yrs-1st grade are invited to gather on the steps with Rev. Cyd.)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Elder: Blessed are those who delight in worship!
Blessed are the ones who come in God's name!

**PEOPLE: LET ALL WHO FOLLOW CHRIST SING GOD'S PRAISE.
BECAUSE OF GOD'S HELP, WE ARE NOT DISGRACED.**

Elder: Awake from your sleep; God is asking for your best.
Remain alert; much will be required of you.

**PEOPLE: THE COST OF LOVE IS WORTH ANY PRICE.
TO LIVE BY LOVE IS TO FIND FULFILLMENT.**

Elder: Give thanks for God's reign among us.
Praise God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

**UNISON: HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST HEAVEN!
LET EVERY TONGUE WELCOME CHRIST'S REIGN! HOSANNA!**

WORSHIP HYMN.....**CH. 192**
All Glory, Laud, and Honor

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.....Nathan Loftis

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

We rejoice, O God, in the day you have made. On this Palm Sunday, we empty ourselves before you so there will be room for your entrance into our minds and hearts. We bring to you our suffering and sorrow. In our distress and brokenness, we turn to you. We give thanks for the cross to which we draw near, and for Jesus, whose confident witness gives us the strength to live as your people. We will trust in you, Lord God. May your face shine on your servants. We ask these things in the name of Christ, who taught us to pray saying, "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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever." Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**.....**CH. 35**

THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING (pg 594)Isaiah 50:4-9

ANTHEM.....arr. Harlan
King Jesus Rides in Majesty

SECOND READING (pg 586)Isaiah 43:18-19

SERMON.....Rev. Cyd Cowgill
Suffering

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

MINUTE FOR MISSION AND STEWARDSHIP INVITATION.....David McCrickard

OFFERTORY.....Brannan
Morning Song

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

What you have done for us is marvelous in our eyes, gracious God. Our gifts can never match your goodness toward us. Your saving grace, your healing light, your personal sacrifice are so far beyond our imagining! We can only offer ourselves, all we have and all we are, in response to the sacrifice of Christ Jesus. Receive, O God, our humble service. Amen.

***THE DOXOLOGY**.....**CH. 46**

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....**CH. 194**
'Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Mary Peris

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Tom Larson

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....arr. Whitworth
Whiter Than Snow

The Lord's Table is open for all people. Christ has set the table before us. It is by His invitation we are fed. You may eat the bread as it is passed and drink the cup at the conclusion of the Words of Institution.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE CHURCH GOES FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

***HYMN OF INVITATION.....CH. 202**

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

During the singing of the Hymn of Invitation, we invite anyone wishing to become a Christian or wishing to unite with this congregation, to please come forward.

***EXTINGUISHING THE CHRIST CANDLE.....Nathan Loftis**

***DRAPING THE CROSS.....Corbyn Milam**

***BENEDICTION**

PEOPLE: From triumph to tragedy, from cheers to tears, these are the next steps into Holy Week.

LEADER: **MAY THOSE WITHOUT HOPE TAKE HEART IN CHRIST.
MAY THOSE WITH NO HOME FIND SHADE AT GOD'S RIGHT HAND.**

PEOPLE: At the foot of the cross, may we lay our burden down.

UNISON: **CHRIST, BE OUR HELP.
CHRIST, BE OUR HOPE. AMEN.**

POSTLUDE.....Hughes

Trumpet Fanfare for a Festival

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Charles Kelly, Betty McCrickard, Marla Terry, Kaitlyn McNelis



*Thank you for worshipping at West Side Christian Church today.
We hope you received a blessing this morning, and that
you will experience God's presence in the week ahead.
See you next Sunday!*



Bread of Life Ministry

*We offer a loaf of fresh bread to first time visitors.
Please indicate your presence during worship.*



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When God Takes Our Suffering



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