

St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2017



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Sunday, April 9, 2017

9:00A.M.

PALM SUNDAY

PRELUDE: Lift Up Your Head, O Mighty Gates, Truro arr. Charles Callahan

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Open the ancient gates so that the glorious king may come in.

People: Who is this glorious king?

Pastor: He is our Lord, our strong and mighty savior.

People: Open the gates so that the glorious king may come in.

People: It is God who made us, to whom we belong. We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture. (from Psalm 100)

*HYMN 192 All Glory, Laud, and Honor St. Theodulph

CALL TO PRAYER, PRAYER, AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of grace and God of glory, we have forgotten that You love us in spite of our sins. We remember Your unqualified love which reaches us in our greed, in our self-centeredness, and in our indifference to the needs of others.

We are chastened by how easy it is for us to pass by on the other side of the road and cry "Hosanna" while neglecting the call to be more faithful disciples. As we lay our faults and failings before You, kindle and rekindle a true and deep understanding of all that Jesus Christ has done for each of us. Then use us to take our share in the bringing in of His Kingdom.... (moment of silent reflection)

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND THE PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Zechariah 9:9-10

SPECIAL MUSIC: Ah, Holy Jesus, Herzliebster Jesu arr. Nancy Raabe

GOSPEL LESSON: St. Matthew 21:1-11

*HYMN 191 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty! Canonbury

SERMON: "SPECTATORS OR PARTICIPANTS?" Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

**HYMN 95 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Duke Street

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY:

Poem

Zdenck Fibich

*THE DOXOLOGY

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CALL TO PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: and also with you.

Leader: Let us pray...

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*using trespasses*)

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. And 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.

*HYMN 234

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Diadameta

BENEDICTION (unison)

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; may the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among us and remain with us, and all God's people. Amen.

POSTLUDE: God, My Lord, My Strength, Pan But

arr. Nancy Raabe

WELCOME NOTES FOR THIS PALM SUNDAY

AT THIS VERY HOUR we are St. Andrew's Christian Community at worship. We strive to be a community to which ALL are welcome. Enjoy friends, old and new, and let us be receptive to God's leading in our lives. Enjoy the reception after worship, and with thanks to those who have prepared it.

TAIZE ON TUESDAYS. On each of the Tuesdays in Lent there will be an opportunity to gather to spend time in prayer and meditation in the sanctuary. Time: noon to one.

EASTER DAY FLOWERS. **Easter Day will soon be upon us – April 16.** Order forms with information for Easter flowers and lilies will be found on the lounge piano. Please make checks out to First Christian Church and place in the basket alongside. Thank you in advance.

SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK:

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2017. A worship service will be held here in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. We will be uniting with the other Christian congregations which worship here.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVE AT NOON. Once again we are privileged to join the other Christian congregations for this all important service of Remembrance of Christ's crucifixion.

EASTER DAY, APRIL 16, 2017. At 9:00 a.m. Let EVERYONE come to celebrate the greatest day in all of human history. CHRIST AROSE FROM DEATH. A magnificent brass quartet will help lead the celebration.

NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY. A bus trip is being planned for Tuesday, May 2, 2017 to the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. We will enjoy a private tour with afternoon tea. Sign up list on the lounge piano. Any questions? Please see Barbara Pour.

SPRING VISIONARIES. We have spare copies of this lively and colorful St. Andrew's newsletter. Please feel free to share them among your friends and neighbors. Our thanks to the production team of Joyce Brown, Barbara Lewis and Deirdre Tanton.

OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY are shared at this time with the family and friends of Dr. Max English who died on April 3, 2017 at the Gilchrist Center. Max was an enthusiastic supporter of St. Andrew's a highly respected medical doctor and a great friend to so many. He was aged 97 and lived at Blakehurst. A Memorial Service will be planned later. A private family burial took place yesterday.