

St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2016



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Sunday, March 20, 2016

9:00 a.m.

PALM SUNDAY

PRELUDE: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name Coronation
arr. Stephen P. Johnson

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.

(from Psalm 24)

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 PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Zechariah 9: 9-10

SPECIAL MUSIC: O Sacred Head Surrounded Passion Chorale
arr. Mary Beth Bennett

GOSPEL LESSON St.Luke 19: 28-42

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

SERMON: "LET THE GATES BE OPENED" Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

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

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Were You There arr. Mary Beth Bennett

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 THE 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

THE BENEDICTION (unison)

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge of the 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: I am the Bread of Life Suzanne Toolan, arr. Lynn Trapp

WELCOME NOTES FOR THIS PALM SUNDAY FOR PEACE

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.

ALL GUESTS AND VISITORS ARE INVITED to "sign in" the guest book at the entrance of the Sanctuary. Please remain for a wee while in the church lounge after worship to enjoy a light reception. We continue to thank those who have prepared it.

WINTER/SPRING VISIONARIES. We have spare copies of this lively and colorful St. Andrew's Newsletter. Please feel free to take a few and share them around among your friends and neighbors.

ORDERS FOR EASTER LILIES AND FLOWERS. Everyone is invited to participate and contribute to our 2016 Easter celebration. Forms are on the lounge piano. Checks please to First Christian Church.

MAUNDY THURSDAY GATHERING AND WORSHIP at 7:00 P.M. We are all invited for this special experience of meditation and remembrance, along with the other Christian congregations who worship here.

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE at 12 Noon here in the sanctuary. Once again we will be joining the other Christian congregations for a meaningful time of meditation, Scripture lessons and prayers. Open to everyone.

EASTER DAY CELEBRATION here at church, Sunday, March 27, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. Great music with extra abundance of brass instruments as well as great hymns. Bring your friends, your family, your neighbors as well as yourself to celebrate the greatest day in the history of humanity.

PASTORAL CARE is high on our list of priorities. So please do not hesitate to contact our pastor, Ernest Smart, at any time, either for yourself or someone you know. Best contact number is 410-893-9470.

Thought for the Week Ahead:

Christianity is not a voice in the wilderness, but a life in the world.

-Christian Observer-