

April 5, 2009 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Palm Sunday

Liturgical Color: Purple

Preparation for Worship and Announcements

Dr. Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Procession

Gordon Young

Chiming of the Trinity

*Call to Worship

Patricia Lindell, Prayer Warrior Coordinator

Leader: Blessed are those who delight in worship. Blessed are the ones who come in God's name.

People: **Give thanks to God, all who assemble here. God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Let all who follow Christ sing God's praise. Because of God's help, we are not disgraced.

People: **Open the gates of righteousness that we might enter. The works of God are marvelous in our eyes.**

Leader: This is the day our God has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: **Hosanna! Let every knee bend before Jesus! Let every tongue welcome Christ's reign! Hosanna!**

*Hymn No. 278

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Ellacomb

Call to Confession (*You are invited to the altar for personal prayer time.*)

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Sovereign God, we confess that we are as fickle as the crowds in Jerusalem. When everything seems to be going well, we join the hosanna chorus, but in times of weariness or rebellion, praise can turn to insult. We hide our faith when it is under attack and link ourselves with the scoffers. When there is opportunity to speak a good word for Jesus Christ, we are silent. Our church lifts as uncertain word before the world. For we, its members, have not been faithful. We need your forgiving love today, O God, more than ever. Hear our prayer! Amen.

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

God answers us and offers salvation. In the mystery of God, One came among us, fully human, yet fully divine, to lead us to the throne of grace. Though in the form of God, Jesus emptied himself, taking a slave's role in humble service to humanity. This was for our sakes, that we might bend our knees before God in humility and trust. We are saved in God's steadfast love! Amen.

Anthem

Little Grey Donkey

Natalie Sleeth

Musik Makers and Angel Choir with Leeann Pundt, tone blocks.

Scripture Reading

Mark 11:1-11

Pages 57 & 58 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Hosanna!

Craig Courtney

Chancel Choir with Marisa Rogers, hand drum

Pastoral Prayer

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Offering

Offertory

Improvisation on "Were You There?"

David Cherwin

***Doxology No. 95**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Old 100th

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

Children's Message

Kathy Kelly

All children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary for a special message. Following Children's Time, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

***Hymn No. 277**

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

Stories of Jesus

Sermon

"The Message"

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion No. 12

INVITATION

CONFESSION AND PARDON

THE PEACE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Musical setting A, page 17)

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

(All are welcome to share in communion served by intinction. Please come forward using the center aisle as directed by the ushers. After receiving the elements, you are invited to the altar rail for prayer, commitment, recommitment to Christ, confession and comfort, or you may return to your seat using the side aisles.)

Hymn No. 292

What Wondrous Love Is This

Wondrous Love

***Benediction**

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

***Benediction Response No. 666**

Shalom to You

SHALOM

***Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.***

***Postlude**

**Please stand if you are able*

Nursery Provided

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