

April 17, 2011 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.*

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Chiming of the Trinity**

Caroline Dorn

**Prelude**

*The Procession*

Charles Callahan

**\*Call to Worship**

Richard Pinckney

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

**People let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: This is the gate of the Lord;

**People: the just shall enter through it.**

Leader: This is the Lord's doing:

**People: it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Leader: Save us, we beg you, O Lord.

**People: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord,**

Leader: The Lord is God, and God has given us light.

**People: Praise God on the way to the altar with branches.**

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever** *(Based on Psalm 118:19-29)*

**\*Hymn No. 280**

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

St. Theodulph

**\*Call to Confession**

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

The Lord has need of us. The Lord asks us to come to the mercy seat, bringing our wounded hearts and our anguish, to lay our burdens before God that we may arise in wholeness and joy to follow Christ. Let us confess our sins.

**\*Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Save us, O God, for we are surrounded by danger and we live in death's shadow. Forgive us when we fail to stand with the suffering, when fear causes us to close our eyes to wrongdoing, when weakness makes us turn back from following you. Lift us up to the hope and healing of the cross; make us bearers of the love of Jesus, poured out for the world. In his name. Amen.

**\*Silent Prayer**

**\*Words of Assurance**

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

God does not forsake us. In times of terror and suffering we are not alone. In Christ, we are strengthened as we watch and pray. We receive courage to love in the face of ridicule and to act for truth amid the oppressive forces of deceit. Love is at the heart of creation, bringing us to new beginnings, to resurrection life in all its fullness.

**\*A Modern Affirmation**

Pastor: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true Church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

**All: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri No. 70**

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.***

- Anthem** *Wave Your Branches* Thomas Pavlechko  
Musik Makers and Angel Choir
- †\***Gospel Reading** Matthew 21:1-11 Page 27 (NT) in pew Bibles  
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**
- Anthem** *Ain't No Rock Gonna Shout for Me* Lloyd Larson  
Chancel Choir
- Pastoral Prayer** The Reverend Terry C. Martin
- Lord's Prayer (In Unison)**
- Offering**
- Offertory** *Beautiful Savior* arr. Karen Kuehmann  
Joyce Nickles, organ and Rhonda McGinnis, flute
- \***Doxology # 95** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* Old 100th
- \***Prayer of Thanksgiving** The Reverend Terry C. Martin
- Children's Message** Alice Balentine  
*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 Anthem** *Festival Anthem on Ellacombe* See Insert  
*(Hosanna, Loud Hosanna)*  
The congregation is invited to sing verse three with the choir.
- Sermon** "Now What?" The Reverend Terry C. Martin
- \***Hymn No. 159** *Lift High the Cross* Crucifer
- \***Benediction**  
Leader: Let this mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus,  
People: **who became a servant that we might be free,**  
Leader: humbling himself to death on the cross  
People: **for the salvation of the world.**  
Leader: The peace of Christ go with you.  
People: **And also with you. Amen.**
- \***Postlude**
- †Sermon Text  
\* *Please stand if you are able* *Nursery Provided*

***Wave Your Branches***

Thomas Pavlechko

*Wave your branches,  
Wave them high,  
Jesus now is riding by.  
Wave your branches,  
Shout and sing  
Loud hosannas to your King.*

*Wave your branches,  
Wave them now  
With Jerusalem's cheering crowd.  
Wave your branches,  
Shout and sing  
Loud hosannas to your King.*

*Wave your branches,  
Wave them high,  
Jesus now is riding by.  
Wave your branches,  
Shout and sing  
Loud hosannas to your King.*

*Wave your branches high!*

**Instrumentalists:**

**MaryAshlyne Perkey, bass xylophone**

**Marisa Rogers, alto metallophone**

**Rhonda McGinnis, flute**

**Joyce Nickles, piano**

**Handbells: Julia Baker, Madeline Johnson, Noel Johnson, Schuyler McGinnis**

***Ain't No Rock Gonna Shout for Me***

Lloyd Larson

*Here comes the Lord ridin' on a donkey  
with people waving branches and callin' him "King."  
Here comes the Lord ridin' through Jerusalem.  
If the people don't shout, the rocks will cry out!*

*Rocks, keep silent! Jesus comes to set me free.  
Rocks, keep silent! I'm gonna' shout in victory!  
Rocks, keep silent! Jesus reigns in majesty.  
Ain't no rock gonna shout for me.*

*Here comes the Lord as thousands throng to see him.  
Children stand on tip-toe to see the King.  
Here comes the Lord; excitement in the air.  
If the people don't shout, the rocks will cry!  
Oh, yes, the rocks will cry out!*

*Rocks, keep silent! Jesus comes to set me free.  
Rocks, keep silent! I'm gonna' shout in victory!  
Rocks, keep silent! Jesus reigns in majesty.  
Ain't no rock gonna shout for me.*

*Here comes the Lord; hosannas fill the air.  
The people bow and worship the promised King!  
Here comes the Lord. "Hosanna in the highest!"  
If the people don't shout, the rocks will cry out!*

*Rocks, keep silent! Jesus comes to set me free.  
Rocks, keep silent! I'm gonna' shout in victory!  
Rocks, keep silent! Jesus reigns in majesty.  
Ain't no rock gonna shout for me.*

# Festival Anthem on ELLACOMBE

CONGREGATION

Jennette Threlfall, 1873  
John of Damascus (c. 675-749)  
Issac Watts, 1715; alt.

ELLACOMBE  
from *Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Württembergischen  
Katholischen Hofkapelle*, 1784; alt. 1868  
Arranged by DAVID LANTZ III  
(ASCAP)

(on cue) *f*

(Palm Sunday) "Ho - san - na \_\_\_ in the high - est!" That  
(Easter) Now let the \_\_\_ heav'ns be joy - ful, Let  
(General) There's not a \_\_\_ plant or flow'r be - low But

an - cient song we sing, For Christ is \_\_\_ our Re -  
earth \_\_\_ the song be - gin, Let the round \_\_\_ world keep  
makes \_\_\_ Your glo - ries known: And clouds a - rise, and

deem - er, The Lord \_\_\_ of heav'n our  
tri - umph, And all \_\_\_ that is there -  
tem - pests blow, By or - der from Your

King. O \_\_\_ may we ev - er praise \_\_\_ Him With \_\_\_  
in; Let \_\_\_ all things seen and un - seen Their \_\_\_  
throne; While \_\_\_ all that bor - rows life from \_\_\_ You Is \_\_\_

heart and life and voice, And in His \_\_\_ bliss - ful  
notes of glad - ness blend, For Christ the \_\_\_ Lord is  
ev - er in Your care, and ev - 'ry - where that

pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!  
ris - en, Our joy \_\_\_ that has no end.  
we can be, You, God, \_\_\_ are pres - ent there.