



# LITURGY

## Order of Worship

March 25th, 2018

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Palm Sunday

### ✠BLESSING OF THE PALMS ✠

#### \*WELCOME

#### \*PROCLAMATION

Pastor: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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**ALL: Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

#### \*SCRIPTURE READING

**Matthew 21:1-11 (ESV)**

*The Triumphal Entry*

<sup>1</sup> Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup> “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your King is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”



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*This liturgy was written by the Rev. Dr. Scotty J. Williams  
and was celebrated in St. Gallen, Switzerland at  
All Souls Protestant Church which is now dissolved.*

<sup>6</sup> Then the disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and He sat on them. <sup>8</sup> Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> And the crowds that went before Him and that followed Him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” <sup>10</sup> And when He entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup> And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

### \*PRAYER OF APPROACH

Pastor: Let us pray....

**ALL:** Our Lord Jesus, on the first Palm Sunday, You entered Jerusalem to give Your life. We ask that You enter our hearts this very hour, and heal them by Your steadfast love. Lord, as Your first disciples blessed Your coming, spreading garments and branches before Your way, make us ready to lay at Your feet all that we have and all that we are. In Your gracious name we pray. Amen.

### \*PROCESSION OF PALMS

We will walk around St. Mangen before going into the sanctuary. Be sure to wave your palm branches and say, “Hosanna” as you walk along!

### + SONG OF APPROACH

“Hosanna”

*words and music by Carl Tuttle, 1999*

Hosanna, Hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna, Hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest!

*Lord we lift up Your name  
With hearts full of praise  
Be exalted, O Lord, my God!  
Hosanna in the highest!*

Glory, Glory  
Glory to the King of Kings!  
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Glory to the King of Kings!

*Lord we lift up Your name  
With hearts full of praise  
Be exalted, O Lord, my God!  
Hosanna in the highest!*

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

† THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The people join hands*

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.

† SONG OF ADORATION "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

*words and music by Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin, 2011*

[CHORUS]

*Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul  
 Worship His holy name  
 Sing like never before, oh my soul  
 I'll worship Your holy name*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning.  
 It's time to sing Your song again.  
 Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,  
 Let me be singing when the evening comes

[CHORUS]

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger.  
 Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.  
 For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
 10, 000 Reasons for my heart to find

[CHORUS]

And on that day when my strength is failing.  
 The end draws near and my time has come.  
 Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,  
 10, 000 Years and then forever more

[CHORUS]

## † CONFESSION OF SIN

Pastor: Brothers and Sisters, as we bless the Lord, with all our souls, let us go to Christ our King in prayer....

**ALL:** O Lord, we confess to You and to one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as we love ourselves. For this we are truly sorry, and we humbly repent for the sake of Your name. Lord, have mercy on us and forgive us that our cry for salvation, “Hosanna”, may be fulfilled. To You and You alone we pray. Amen.

(Confess in Silence)

## † SONG OF CONFESSION

“Trisagion”

*words by the Eastern Church, 433; music by Fernando Ortega, 2011*

Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One.  
Have mercy, Have mercy on us.

## † CONFESSION OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Brothers and Sisters, our God (Who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love) loves us just as we are. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Church of Jesus Christ, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all of our sins. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**ALL:** In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made righteous!  
Thanks be to God!

## Apostles Creed

## † CONFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: Let us confess our faith together saying:

**ALL:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended to the dead;  
On the third day He rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
And He is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy \*catholic Church,  
The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
**Amen.**

\* The word *catholic* means “universal” (not the Roman Catholic Church), and shows that Christ and his Gospel are for all people.

## † PASSING OF PEACE

Pastor: Friends, the peace of the Lord be with you!

*People: And also with you!*

Pastor: Please take this time to offer the peace of Christ to those around you.

## † SONG OF PEACE

## “This Little Light Of Mine”

*words and music by African-American Spiritual, Unknown*

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine. (3x)

*Let it shine!*

*Let it shine!*

*Let it shine!*

Everywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine. (3x)

*Let it shine!*

*Let it shine!*

*Let it shine!*

Jesus gave it to me, I’m gonna let it shine. (3x)

*Let it shine!*

*Let it shine!*

*Let it shine!*

Shine, shine, shine, I’m gonna let it shine. (3x)

*Let it shine!*

*Let it shine!*

*Let it shine!*

All in my home, I’m gonna let it shine. (3x)

*Let it shine!*

*Let it shine!*

*Let it shine!*

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine. (3x)

*Let it shine!*

*Let it shine!*

*Let it shine!*

## † OLD TESTAMENT READING

## Isaiah 41:4-10 (ESV)

*Fear Not, For I Am With You*

Lector: Children of God and friends of Christ, hear these words from the prophet Isaiah:

<sup>4</sup> Who has performed and done this, calling the generations from the beginning? I, the LORD, the first, and with the last; I am He.

<sup>5</sup> The coastlands have seen and are afraid; the ends of the earth tremble; they have drawn near and come. <sup>6</sup> Everyone helps his neighbor and says to his brother, “Be strong!” <sup>7</sup> The craftsman strengthens the goldsmith, and he who smooths with the hammer him who strikes the anvil, saying of the soldering, “It is good”; and they strengthen it with nails so that it cannot be moved.

<sup>8</sup> But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, My friend; <sup>9</sup> you whom I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest corners, saying to you, “You are My servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off”;

<sup>10</sup> Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

Lector: This is the Word of God for you, the people of God!

*People: Thanks be to God!*

## † NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 14:1-9 (ESV)

*Jesus Anointed At Bethany*

Pastor: And now friends, a reading from the Gospel of Mark.

Listen and hear the Word of God:

<sup>1</sup>It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest Him by stealth and kill him, <sup>2</sup>for they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people.”

<sup>3</sup>And while He [Jesus] was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as He was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over His head. <sup>4</sup>There were some who said to themselves indignantly, “Why was the ointment wasted like that?” <sup>5</sup>For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor.” And they scolded her. <sup>6</sup>But Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to Me. <sup>7</sup>For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have Me. <sup>8</sup>She has done what she could; she has anointed My body beforehand for burial. <sup>9</sup>And truly, I say to you, wherever the Gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her.”

Pastor: This too is the Word of God for you, the people of God!

People: *Thanks be to God!*

## MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Scotty J. Williams

*Faith or Fear?*

## † WORSHIP IN GIVING

If you are our guest today, please feel under no compulsion to give, but if you choose to give, we thank you and pray that you are blessed.

## † DOXOLOGY

*words by Thomas Ken, 1674; music by Louis Bourgeois, 1551*

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise \*him, all crea-tures  
here be - low; praise \*him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## † INVITATION TO THANKSGIVING (Eucharist)

Pastor: In the ancient Church a greeting was given at the breaking of bread, and like those before us I greet you with the joy of God. Friends, the Lord be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

*People: We lift them up to the Lord.*

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.*

Pastor: Let us pray...It is our duty and delight that we should  
(Chant) everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to You, O God, through Jesus Christ, Who calls us to follow His way of humble service and love. And so with the Church on earth, all creation and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn....

## † SANCTUS words by Reginald Heber, 1826; music by John B. Dykes 1861

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

All, Thy works shall praise Thy Name in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and Might - y!

God in three Per - sons bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

## † WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND INSTRUCTION

Pastor: On the night He was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take this and eat of it; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me until I come again."

And in the same way, after supper, He also took the cup, and said, "Take this and drink of it; this cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me."

Gracious Father, we thank You for sending Your Son Jesus Christ, Who gave His life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send down Your Holy Spirit upon these Your gifts of bread and wine that they might be for us His body and His blood. Amen.

Friends, in the breaking of His body, Christ received our brokenness and gave us the blessings of heaven. Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of faith in Him.

**ALL: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

Pastor: Behold the gifts of God for you, the people of God. Let us keep the feast!

## DISTRIBUTION

All Souls Protestant Church welcomes all baptized Christians and those who wish to follow Jesus to come to the Table and receive Communion. We take the elements by *intinction* or dipping the bread into the cup, so once you receive the bread please hold on to it that you might dip it into the cup. To ensure that all can partake our bread is gluten-free, and we use grape juice.

## † SONG OF THANKSGIVING “When The Saints Go Marching In”

*words and music by African-American Spiritual; Unknown*

O when the saints go marching in,  
 O when the saints go marching in,  
 O Lord, I want to be in that number  
 When the saints go marching in.

O when the sun refused to shine,  
 O when the sun refused to shine,  
 O Lord, I want to be in that number  
 When the sun refused to shine.

O when they crown Him Lord of all,  
 O when they crown Him Lord of all,  
 O Lord, I want to be in that number  
 When they crown Him Lord of all.

O when the saints go marching in,  
 O when the saints go marching in,  
 O Lord, I want to be in that number  
 When the saints go marching in.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Friends, as we prepare to leave this place of rest, and go back into a restless world, let us pray with all our hearts, souls, and minds saying: Blessed are You, O Lord.

*People: Hosanna in the highest!*

Pastor: Jesus, Light of the World, how quickly those who ran to You with joy turned away, and even Your friends betrayed You. Let us walk with You through this Holy Week, remain in Your presence, and never deny that You are our Savior: Blessed are You, O Lord.

*People: Hosanna in the highest!*

Pastor: Jesus, Light of the World, we pray that You touch the hearts and minds of the leaders of this world, this nation, and this canton. Lord, grant wisdom and courage to those serving in the Bundesrat, Landeskirchen, and all offices in both Church and State: Blessed are You, O Lord.

*People: Hosanna in the highest!*

Pastor: Jesus, Light of the World, enfold Your loving arms around those who are ill, desperate, or hopeless, and those who worry and care for them. We pray especially for those facing the works of terror and war in the Unites States and the Middle East, and for our brothers and sisters at Imago Dei Anglican Church. Lord strengthen them with hope and peace as they face the beauty and brokenness of life: Blessed are You, O Lord.

*People: Hosanna in the highest!*

Pastor: Jesus, Light of the World, we pause in this moment to offer You our other heartfelt intentions and petitions (pray in silence)....: Blessed are You, O Lord.

*People: Hosanna in the highest!*

Pastor: Jesus, Light of the World, as we begin this Holy Week, fill our spirits with Your matchless grace, that we may all be drawn together in Your great love: Blessed are You, O Lord.

*People: Hosanna in the highest!*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Gracious Father, as we re-experience the events of this day, and of the week that is upon us, help us to see the times in our lives when we, too, have deserted Jesus and resisted His work to change our loves. Grant us the willingness to accept His rule as King, and give us the grace to be Christians in heart who are loving, holy, and like Your Son. We ask all this through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, both now and forever. Amen.



† SONG OF SENDING

“Lord, I Want To Be A Christian”

words and music by Unknown, African-American Spiritual

N.C. D G/D D

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;  
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov-ing in my heart, in my heart;  
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho-ly in my heart, in my heart;  
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je-sus in my heart, in my heart;

D A Bm G D G/D D

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more lov-ing in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more ho-ly in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be like Je-sus in my heart.

D G D Bm

In my heart, in my heart, in my heart, in my heart,

D A7 Bm G D

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more lov-ing in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more ho-ly in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be like Je-sus in my heart.

† BENEDICTION

Irish Blessing

Pastor: May the road rise to meet you,  
 May the wind be always at your back,  
 May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
 May the sweet and fragrant rain of God's blessing fall  
 soft upon your lives,  
 And until we meet again, brothers and sisters, family  
 and friends in Christ  
 May Almighty God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
 hold you in the hollow of His hand.

† CONGREGATIONAL AMEN

Threefold (Danish) Amen

A - men. A - men. A - men.