

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Order of Service for the Worship of God

April 9, 2016 ~ Palm Sunday ~ Passion Sunday ~ Beginning of Holy Week ~ 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE Carolyn Wallace

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *We Will Glorify the King of Kings* Chancel Choir

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP ~ Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-20, 22-29**

L: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

P: Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever!"

L: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

P: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

L: The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

P: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

L: This is the day which the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P: Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

L: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.

P: The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the corners of the altar!

L: You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, I will extol you.

P: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER ~ Holy God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – we ask your blessing as we gather for worship, and as we enter Holy Week. Draw us ever closer to you, and fill with us awe and humility as we remember your saving acts in Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

***HYMN** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* #297

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION ~ From *When We Gather*, Rev. James G. Kirk

Holy Lord, great God of love, who sent Jesus among us because of your desire to seek and save us, hear our confession and forgive our sin. Forgive us for invoking Christ's name for selfish reasons, calling on you to satisfy our wants, but practicing obedience only when there is no cost to our comfort. Forgive our leisurely approach to faith, claiming to believe but failing to show commitment, when Jesus gave so much by suffering and dying in his sacrifice for us. Teach us true discipleship, and guide us in the way of Christ.

(Silent prayer and personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON ~ From Philippians 2: 6-8

L: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI** #813

ANTHEM *Were You There?* Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S LESSON ~ *Children through 5th grade may go to Junior Church afterward*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Zechariah 9: 9-10 ~ Page 824 in the pew Bible

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on an ass, on a colt the foal of an ass. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River [Euphrates] to the ends of the earth.

1st GOSPEL LESSON ~ Matthew 21: 1-11 ~ Page 855 in the pew Bible

And when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion: See, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee."

2nd GOSPEL LESSON ~ John 12: 12-18, 20-33 ~ Pages 936-937 in the pew Bible

The next day a great crowd who had come to the [Passover] feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written: "Fear not, daughter of Zion; see, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him, and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came

to Philip, who was from Beth-saida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew went with Philip and they told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves their life loses it, and whoever hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, they must follow me; and where I am, there shall my servant be also; if anyone serves me, the Father will honor them. Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify thy name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing by heard it and said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world, now shall the ruler of this world be cast out; and I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to show by what death he was to die.

L: This is the word of the Lord; **P: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON	"Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday"	Rev. Frank Wyche
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	<i>The Apostles' Creed</i>	Inside front cover of hymnal
*HYMN	<i>All Glory, Laud and Honor</i>	#300
OFFERING AND OFFERTORY		
*DOXOLOGY		#815
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
JOYS AND CONCERNS, MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		
*HYMN	<i>O Sacred Head, Now Wounded</i>	#316
*BENEDICTION		
*CHORAL CLOSE	<i>Lead Me to Calvary</i>	Chancel Choir
POSTLUDE		Carolyn Wallace

*Those who are able may stand.

BOLDFACE TYPE indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

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