

# The Lord's Service

Palm Sunday

March 25, 2018

\*All who are able, please stand.

Prelude

\*Song of Praise with Greeting

*Majesty*

*How Majestic Is Your Name*

Majesty, worship His majesty.

Unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise.

Majesty, kingdom authority

Flow from His throne, unto His own, His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.

Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.

Majesty, worship His majesty.

Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all Kings.

(1981 Rocksmith Music)

O Lord, our Lord,

How majestic is Your name in all the earth. (2x)

O Lord, we praise Your name. O Lord, we magnify Your name:

Prince of Peace, mighty God; O Lord God Almighty.

(1989 Word Music)

Welcome and Announcements

*Please send your children (age 3 thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade) to the Narthex  
to help wave palm fronds*

# God Calls Us

In silent meditation, prepare to meet the *majestic* God in worship.

## Choral Call of Acclamation

### *Forever King*

Who is God, that we should praise Him? Who is He, that we should sing?

Who is this exalted Savior, crowned the everlasting King?

Why fall at His feet in worship, alleluias to Him bring?

Architect of every atom, author of each passing hour,  
Chief of all the changing seasons, maker of each field and flower,  
Speaking all into existence, God of majesty and power!

Morning stars, all sing together, shout for joy, ye sons of God!  
Rocks and stones, O be not silent, streams and rivers, give Him laud!  
Clouds that frame the dome of heaven, sound your thunder and applaud!

Can creation fail to praise Him? How can we refuse to sing?

Come, fall at His feet in worship, Alleluias to Him bring!

Reigning in eternal brightness, crown our Christ forever King!

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Rocks and stones, o be not silent, streams and rivers, give Him laud!  
Clouds that frame the dome of heaven, sound your thunder and applaud!

(Forrest 2013 Beckenhorst Press)

## \*Call to Worship

LEADER: Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker  
of heaven and earth.

PEOPLE: **I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise  
shall continually be in my mouth.**

LEADER: My soul shall make its boast in the Lord. The  
humble shall hear of it and be glad.

PEOPLE: **Oh, magnify the Lord with me and let us  
exalt His name together.**

\*Salutation

Pastor Bennett

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang:  
Through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them close-folded to His breast,  
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,  
The victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud;  
The Lord of earth and angels rode on in lowly state,  
Nor scorned that little children should on His bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,  
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heav’n our King.  
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,  
And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice!

## God Cleanses Us

### Reading of the Law of God

LEADER: Hear now the Covenant of your God, which He has commanded you to keep saying, “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.  
You shall have no other gods before Me.

PEOPLE: **You shall not make for yourself an idol.**

LEADER: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

PEOPLE: **Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.**

LEADER: Honor your father and your mother.

PEOPLE: **You shall not murder.**

LEADER: You shall not commit adultery.

PEOPLE: **You shall not steal.**

LEADER: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

PEOPLE: **You shall not covet.”**

LEADER: Have you fully obeyed the Lord in all that He has commanded? Have you loved the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength and your neighbor as yourself?

PEOPLE: **No, but we have sinned in thought, in word, and in deed.**

LEADER: Then confess your sins to the Lord for with Him there is mercy and abundant redemption.

### Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

Merciful God,  
we humble ourselves in Your presence,  
confessing our sinfulness in Your sight.  
We have broken Your holy law.  
We have not sought first Your kingdom and  
righteousness.  
We have been anxious and troubled about many things,  
and have neglected the things that belong to our peace.  
We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves,  
or done to others as we would have them do unto us.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father,  
who has given us Your Son, Jesus Christ,  
to save Your people from their sins;  
forgive us, we pray,  
cleansing us from all unrighteousness,  
and renew a right spirit within us;  
through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ,  
our Lord and Savior. Amen

### Declaration of Pardon

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the good news...  
...The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: **And also with you!**

# God Consecrates Us

Old Testament Reading

Elder John Wykoff

Isaiah 44.6-8 (p. 604)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

Choir

*Sing My Tongue the Glorious Battle*

Tell how, when at length the fullness of the appointed time was come,  
Christ, the Word, was born of woman, left for us His heavenly home;  
Showed us human life made perfect, shone as light amid the gloom,  
Shone as light amid the gloom.

Thus, with thirty years accomplished, went He forth from Nazereth,  
Destined, dedicated, willing, wrought His work and met His death.  
Like a lamb He humbly yielded, on the cross His dying breath,  
On the cross His dying breath.

Faithful cross, thou sign of triumph, now for us the noblest tree,  
None in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit thy peer may be;  
Symbol of the world's redemption, for the weight that hung on thee,  
for the weight that hung on Thee,

Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle, sing the ending of the fray,  
Now above the cross the trophy, sound the loud triumphant lay.  
Tell how Christ, the world's Redeemer, as a victim won the day.  
The world's Redeemer won the day.

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\*Doxology

No. 731

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 the Church

Pastor Bennett

\*Hymn

No. 235

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Ministry in Music

Jeremy Gaines

*The Holy City*

Scripture Lesson

John 18.33-19.16 (p. 904)

Sermon

Pastor Mullinax

## YOUR KING AND HIS KINGDOM

\*Hymn

No. 246

*Man of Sorrows! What a Name*

\*Confession of Faith (in unison)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,  
died, and was buried;

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of  
God the Father Almighty.

From there He will come to judge the living  
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic<sup>†</sup> church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*Gloria Patri

No. 735

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.

<sup>†</sup> "catholic" -- universal

# God Commissions Us

\*Benediction

Pastor Mullinax

Postlude

*We Sat Down in Tears*  
from *St. Matthew's Passion*, J.S. Bach

*Palm Sunday begins with pomp and fanfare as we remember Christ's entry into Jerusalem; but as we turn our attention toward our Savior's betrayal, suffering, and death, which we mark later this week, the postlude invites you to reflect on and enter into His passion.*