

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11:00 a.m.

PALM SUNDAY

April 9, 2017

"Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in." Psalm 24:7

PRELUDE

It Is Finished

Franz Josef Haydn

INTROIT

Lo, He Comes
Kinder and Children's Choirs

John Horman

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
People: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Minister: Lo, your king comes to you;
People: Triumphant and victorious is he,
Minister: Humble and riding on a donkey,
People: On a colt, the foal of a donkey.

*HYMN

No. 196

Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

(The congregation is invited to the chancel to receive palms during the singing of the hymn, returning to the pews by the side aisles.)

Refrain

*All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One.

Refrain

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present.

Refrain

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Refrain

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!

Refrain

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, we bow our heads before you, acknowledging our unworthiness and our sin. We have strayed from your straight path, walking not kindly with each other, or humbly with you, or honorably with ourselves, afraid of that which we should not fear, and seeking that which we should not desire. We confess our infidelity to your Son, we who like ancient Jerusalem have often welcomed him with protestations of loyalty, and before the week ended have crucified him. Have mercy upon us. Rebuke our waywardness and folly, and grant us true repentance, that our sins may be forgiven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PETITION

No. 223, stanza 1

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

No. 624, stanza 5

Our hope is in no other save in thee; our faith is built upon thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure, that in thy strength we evermore endure.

***WORDS OF PEACE**

Minister: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace
of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: Peace be with you.
(Please greet your neighbors with words of God's peace.)

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers at this time.)

INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM

Life Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates
Chancel Choir

William Mathias

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord Jesus Christ, who as on this day entered the rebellious city where you were to die; enter into our hearts and subdue them wholly to yourself; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 21:1-11, 27:32-37

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SERMON

“Ride On To Die!”

Dr. Williams

“The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!’ ”

Matthew 21:9

***HYMN**

No. 197

Tune: ELLACOMBE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation and Profession of Faith

***The Apostles' Creed**

Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Baptism

Response

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign,
With this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.

Welcome

All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share
with us in his ministry for we are all one in Christ.

Prayer

THE PRAYERS AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Ride On, King Jesus

Hall Johnson

***DOXOLOGY**

No. 223, stanza 4

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)**

***HYMN**

No. 198

Tune: ST. DROSTANE

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

Phoenix Processional

Dan Locklair

*Congregation please stand.