

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday

## PREPARATION, PROMISES, AND PRAISE

*(We invite you to quiet yourself in preparation for the worship of God when you hear the prelude music.)*

*Almighty and ever-living God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

## WELCOME AND INVITATION TO SHARE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” arr. Busarow

Call to Worship The Rev. Robert Smith

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

**People: Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!**

Leader: Lo, your king comes to you;

**People: triumphant and victorious is he,**

Leader: humble and riding on a donkey,

**People: on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

—Zechariah 9:9

\*Hymn “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” No. 235

\*Prayer of Adoration

\*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**O King of Glory, we confess that our praise of your majesty has often been faint, our performance as citizens of your kingdom treasonous. For we have surrendered to the enemy by our secret and our known sins. For our treason you died, Lord Jesus. For our restoration, you rose again. Draw us closer to you in this holy week, that our eyes may catch the vision of your tears, and our hearts, the wonder of your grace. By the Holy Spirit’s continuing discipline, let us be loyal and loving servants of the King. Praise be to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal. God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free. Receive the forgiving love of God. Thanks be to God!

\*Gloria Patri No. 735

*(Let the children come forward during the singing of the Gloria.)*

## LISTENING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Children’s Time The Rev. Robert Smith

\*Hymn “Lift High the Cross” No. 263

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Page 606

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem “Hosanna in the Highest” Music

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11 Page 977

Sermon “Hosanna in the Highest”

The Rev. Robert Smith

## RESPONSE IN DEDICATION AND OBEDIENCE

Prayers of the People of God and Our Lord’s Prayer

\*Affirmation of Faith “The Apostles’ Creed” Page 845

**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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen**

Offering of Ourselves to God and to One Another

Our Greetings

Offertory “Benedictus” Thiman

Our Gratitude

“The Doxology” No. 731

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” No. 252

Benediction “Threefold Amen” No. 740

Postlude “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty” arr. Cassler

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\*The Congregation is asked to stand, as you are able.

**Reminders**

**Elders:** Stuart Bain, Bill Gearhart

**Sound System:** Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown

**Greeters:**

**Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):**

- April 2 - Sandy McCullar
- April 9 - Ed & Linda Kappus
- April 16 - Teal Bennett
- April 23 - Bud & Jesse Derey
- April 30 - Nancy Gillespie

**Narthex (10:00-10:30):**

- April 2 - Charles Speck
- April 9 - Jesse & Bettie Barnard
- April 16 - Ron & T.K. Sharpley
- April 23 - Andrea Guillard
- April 30 - Deborah Mattern

**Deacons on Duty:**

- April 2 - Karen Brooks, LynnWimmer
- April 9 - Pat Guerrant, Debbie Bennett
- April 16 - Sidney Keyes, Carolyn Keyes
- April 23 - Brenda White-Edwards, Linda Brown
- April 30 - Marica Ridenhour, Sheila Harms

**Acolytes:**

- April 2 - Bryleigh Trevett
- April 9 - Elizabeth Rice
- April 16 - Charlotte Bain
- April 23 - Bryleigh Trevett
- April 30 - Emma & Kylie Woolard

**Nursery:**

- April 2 - Nancy Gillespie
- April 9 - Karen Brooks
- April 16 - Wendy Andree
- April 23 - Bill Brooks
- April 30 - Don Andree

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**CALENDAR**

- Today, 4/2 Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Diaconate Mtg., 11:45 am
- Monday, 4/3 Church office closed on Mondays; Sisters in Bible Study (SIBS), 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, 4/4 Sisters in Bible Study (SIBS), 10:00 am; Men’s ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, 4/5 FirstKids, 6:00 pm; Carillonners, 7:00 pm
- Thursday, 4/6 Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 pm
- Friday, 4/7 Chapel open, noon – 3pm; Good Friday Vespers Service, 7:00 pm

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*Hearing devices are located in the Narthex to assist in listening to today's service.*

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- Pastor: The Rev. Robert D. Smith
- Director of Music & Children’s Ministries: Mrs. Patricia K. Trail
- Director of Youth & Christian Education: Mr. Pete G. Guillard
- Organist: Mr. William Turner
- Handbell Director: Dr. Erma Rose