

Order for the Public Worship of God

The Seventeenth Day of April, Two Thousand and Eleven

Palm Sunday

8:15 and 11:00 a.m. • The Sanctuary

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please assume a quiet and respectful attitude of worship.
Please silence your mobile device.*

BRASS AND ORGAN PRELUDE: "Festival Fanfare" Charles Callahan
Ben Lewis, trumpet; Lenora Morrow, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP Timothy L. Russell

BRASS AND ORGAN FANFARE

✦FIRST GOSPEL READING: John 12:12-15 Albert L. Throckmorton (8:15)
Gregory T. Wilkinson (11:00)

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took palm branches and went out to meet him, crying out,

**"Hosanna!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
even the King of Israel!"**

And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

**"Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt."**

✦PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 235 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" St. THEODULPH

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM: "Lo, He Comes!" John Horman

Lo, He comes! Sing we "Hosanna!" Lo, He comes, let us sing to the Lord!
Enter His gates with shouts of thanksgiving, into His courts with songs of praise.
Come, let us march in glad procession. Loud Hosannas now we raise.
Open your heart and welcome the Savior, join with the song that has no end.
This is the day for which we have waited; the coming of our Lord is surely at hand.

*Junior Cherub, Senior Cherub, and First Grade Choirs
Mimi Vestal, Director · Mary Lawrence Flinn, Accompanist*

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord Jesus Christ,
to Whom the children sing "Hosanna"
and Who alone is worthy of universal praise,
we confess that we, like the first disciples,
are often confused and doubting and disobedient,
and we have failed to worship and serve You as we ought.
Please forgive our wayward thoughts, our unkind words,
our sinful actions, and our hardened hearts.
We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.
Set our hearts afire to love You
and our tongues free to praise You.
Kindle our minds with new thoughts
and our lives with new purpose
that we might truly exalt You,
our Lord and King, now and forevermore. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦GRATEFUL RESPONSE..... OLD HUNDRETH

**It is a truth of greatest worth,
Almost too wonderful to be,
That God’s own Son should come to earth,
And die to save a wretch like me.**

**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.**

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS TO THE KING..... Darrin S. Anthony

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “Hosanna to the Living Lord”..... Robert C. Lau

Hosanna to the living Lord!
Hosanna to the incarnate Word!
The Lord of hosts is with us,
We praise His holy name.
To Christ, Creator, Savior, King,
Let earth, let heav’n hosanna sing!
Hosanna Lord! Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna Lord Your angels cry;
Hosanna Lord, Your saints reply.
Come see the mighty works of God,
Now praise His holy name.
Above, beneath, and around,
Both dead and living swell the sound:
Hosanna Lord! Hosanna Lord!
Hosanna in the highest.

Come now and look at the works of the Lord,
The glorious things He has done on earth,
Be still, be still and know that He is God,
And have no fear if the earth is moved,
Or the mountains fall into the sea.

So in that last and dreadful day
When earth and heav’n shall melt away,
Take us to Your glorious kingdom to live eternally.
Your flock, redeemed from sinful stain,
Will swell the sound of praise again.
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

*Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE..... LASST UNS ERFRUEN

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes of Israel sing: Hosanna, Hosanna!
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road
With palms and scattered garments strowed.
We praise Thee. We praise Thee. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna!**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die: Hosanna, Hosanna!
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O Christ, Thy power and reign.
We praise Thee. We praise Thee. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna!**

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)..... Lance E. Stockton

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

GOSPEL READING..... Luke 19:28-48
(page 878 in pew Bible)

SERMON *Delusions of Grandeur?* Michael Ramsden

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

◆HYMN OF TRIUMPH: No. 310 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"DARWALL

◆BENEDICTION

◆CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Flourish for an Occasion" W. Harris

◆Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

We consider it a privilege to have our children in worship with us. If your small children become restless and vocal, we invite you to the children's room especially designed for them at the rear of the Sanctuary. They are also welcome in the nursery. Older children should also be encouraged to come to church prepared to stay in their pew throughout the service.

One of our pastors will be available after the service to pray for you or to offer helpful direction regarding your spiritual life. He will be in the Gathering Room, which is the first room on your left as you exit the southwest door of the Sanctuary (closest to the pulpit). You may also send your confidential email to pastor@2pc.org with questions about your spiritual life.

Paraments: For Holy Week, the pulpit fall is a deep red, silk damask signifying the blood of Christ upon which is embroidered a black Latin Cross stitched in black silk edged in gold, bearing a crown of green thorns signifying life and that "though He die, yet shall He live." The Bible Markers for that week display the same green crown of thorns. These paraments will hang through Good Friday.

Our Guest Speaker: Michael Ramsden has been the European Director of RZIM Zacharias Trust since its foundation in 1997. He grew up in the Middle East, returning to the UK to work for the Lord Chancellor's Department and to study. While at Sheffield University doing research in Law and Economics, he taught Moral Philosophy and lectured for the International Seminar on Jurisprudence and Human Rights in Strasbourg. He is a passionate evangelist and apologist for RZIM Zacharias Trust and is also Lecturer in Christian Apologetics at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University, where his main involvement is with the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics.

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St. John Passion

Sunday, April 17, 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary

The Chancel Choir and Chamber Orchestra will present portions of J.S. Bach's monumental *St. John Passion* tonight to begin Holy Week observance. This oratorio features stunning choral settings and integrates beautiful arias and chorales with the reading of the passion story.

Admission is free. Nursery is available for children 4 and under.