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Presbytery of the Mid-South, Synod of Living Waters.

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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Tune: Ellacombe

Grace Notes Hand Bell Choir

musical arrangement by Barbara B. Kinyon

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 89

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Ellacombe

Opening Sentences

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **The Maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Hosanna in the highest!**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the Amen.)

O God, we praise you for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ, who today entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Grant that we who bear our palm branches may follow him in the way of the cross and that, united with Christ and all the faithful, may one day enter in triumph the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens, where with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

Prayer of Confession

Unison

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.

We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way.

**We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,
and great when we are small.**

We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.

Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ our Savior ...

Silent Prayers of Confession
Assurance of Pardon – Epistle

Philippians 2:5-11

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 88 All Glory, Laud, and Honor Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

Pastor: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

Welcome and Announcements

The children come to the Baptismal Font for a

Time for Young Christians

Old Testament

Isaiah 50:4-9

Psalms 24:1-8b, 10b

Unison

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,
the world and all who dwell in it.

For God has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? Who shall stand in God's holy place?

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their soul to what is false, nor swear deceitfully.

They will receive blessing from the Lord.

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty.

The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Anthem King Triumphant Ruth Elaine Schram, 2007

Hail to the King Triumphant! Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. We know the prophecy of Zechariah; we know the promise that was foretold, that we would see our blessed Messiah, that He would be riding on a colt! Here he comes! We throw our cloaks and our coats before Him; we lay the branches at his feet. We wave the palms as we adore Him; it is the Promised One we greet. He comes in the name of the Lord.

Gospel

Matthew 11:1-11

Sermon

Casing the Joint

Mike Krech

“Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at Everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.” Mark 11:11

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 93 Ah, Holy Jesus Herzliebster Jesu

Apostles' Creed Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional

Gloria Patri 579 Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

Offertory Sentence

Offertory And No Bird Sang Douglas E. Wagner, 1983

Calm was the wind and dark was the sky when our Lord came to die. Lone on the cross for our sins He did hang and no bird sang. Women and men with anguish and fear then to His cross drew near. Hushed then to feel the bitter pang and no bird sang. *Kyrie, eleison.* Lord, have mercy, God's will be done. No bird sang in the sky when Christ did come to die. (-- Douglas E. Wagner)

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

The congregation sits.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, According to Mark

Using the text provided in the bulletin insert,
members of the church read Mark 14:10-15:39.

The **congregation** speaks the lines **in bold print**,
stands where indicated (at the mention of Golgotha) and remains standing to sing

Hymn 76 My Song Is Love Unknown Love Unknown

Benediction

Please remain standing as the choir and pastor recess.

Postlude Entree Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church. Today is Palm Sunday, as we observe Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on the Sunday prior to his crucifixion. It is also Passion Sunday as we read the Passion Narrative, the account of the crucifixion and some of the events leading to it.