

# Lord’s Day Worship

## A DIVINE SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL

### PALM SUNDAY

April 10, 2022

#### PRELUDE

#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*Quiet our minds, O God, and gladden our hearts; that, as we come together to worship you, we may draw near to your presence and find that this place is indeed the very gate of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

#### SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

## GOD CALLS US

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Zechariah 9:9*

#### †HYMN OF PRAISE

*"All Glory, Laud, and Honor" . . . . . Selection 235*

#### †SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF PRAISE

Pastor: We gather to worship in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

**People: Amen!**

The LORD be with you!

**And also with you!** Ruth 2:4

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;

**Of whom shall I be afraid?** Ps. 27:1b

For we have died, and our life is hidden with Christ in God.

**When the Christ who is our life appears,** Col.  
**we also will appear with him in glory. Alleluia!** 3:3-4

Let us pray together:

**Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!**

## GOD CLEANSSES US

Search me, O God, and know my heart!

**Try me and know my thoughts!**

See if there be any grievous way in me,

**And lead me in the way everlasting.** Ps. 139:23-24

*+Silent Prayer of Confession +*

**Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed. Therefore, O Father, we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

#### †DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Now lift up your heads, and hear these words of comfort and good news from the Scriptures...

*"Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil."*

*Zephaniah 3:14-15*

Our heavenly Father, in his great mercy, has given his only Son to die for you, and for his sake forgives you all your sins; wherefore as Christ's minister and by his authority, I declare to you that all of your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen!**

†*“Doxology” . . . . . Selection 733*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below: Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise him above, ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## GOD CONVERSES WITH US

OLD TESTAMENT READING . . . . . Hosea 11:1-9

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT READING . . . . . Romans 5:6-11

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

†GOSPEL READING . . . . . Luke 6:27-36

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

#### †HYMN OF PRAISE

*“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” . . . . . Selection 247*

†We Respond by Confessing Our Faith . . . . . *Apostles' Creed*

**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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

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

†*“Gloria Patri” . . . . . Selection 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.

SERMON TEXT . . . . . Luke 23:32-43

*"The God Who Forgives" . . . . . Pastor Josh Anderson*  
A Sermon for Palm Sunday

## GOD COMMUNES WITH US

#### †COMMUNION HYMN

*“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” . . . . . Selection 252*

#### †The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise!**

Pastor: It is indeed right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks unto you, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, in union with the saints who have gone before us and the whole church on earth, we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory be to you, O Lord Most High!**

#### INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

#### Prayer of Preparation & Faith

**We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your steadfast love, which endures forever. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Father, to partake of the body and blood of your son Jesus Christ, that we may grow into his likeness, and evermore abide in union with him, and he with us. Amen.**

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Bread

Pastor: Alleluia, Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:

**All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

#### ‡Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Wine

Pastor: Let us confess the mystery of our faith:

**All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

GOD COMMISSIONS US

†Prayer of Dedication

All gracious God, who of your infinite love gave your only begotten son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins and rise again for our justification, and have made us partakers of your divine nature through the gift of the Holy Spirit; accept the fruits of our labors which we now present to you in this offering and also our very selves as we stand before you; and hear us as we pray as your Son taught us: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen!

†Hymn of Praise

“O God, to Us Show Mercy” ..... Selection 437

†Pastoral Benediction

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

People: Amen!

†Those who are able are invited to stand.

Luke 23:32-43

[32] Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. [33] And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [34] And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. [35] And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” [36] The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine [37] and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” [38] There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

[39] One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” [40] But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? [41] And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” [42] And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” [43] And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”



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