

Immanuel Presbyterian Church



11:00am Traditional Worship Service

Palm Sunday of Holy Week

April 2, 2023

*Discovering and displaying Christ
in here and out there*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY

(*Please stand as you are able)

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

ST. FLAVIAN

WELCOME

PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRELUDE

The Palms with Jerusalem from The Holy City

arr. Roberson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118

One: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter, and give thanks to the Lord.

All: We will give You thanks, for You have answered us; You have become our salvation.

One: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

All: This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

arr. Monk

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: Like the people who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem and then later pronounced "crucify him," we are often fair-weather disciples who deny Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Remembering the events of Jesus' last week helps us see ourselves for what we are: sinner-saints in need of a Savior. In honesty and hope, we confess now our sins to our forgiving God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Gracious God, having heard your Word, we thankfully remember the life of our Lord Jesus Christ on this earth. Yet we also acknowledge our failure to respond earnestly and faithfully to his witness. We often mistake Jesus for a mere earthly king, friendly companion, or problem-solver, failing to see him as the ruler of all creation. We do not appreciate the depth of his passion and sacrifice on the cross, failing to acknowledge him as our way of salvation. Even in this Lenten season, we have not walked faithfully in the way of Jesus Christ. Forgive us, we pray, and bring us ever more fully into the joy of union with Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Psalm 118

One: Hear the good news: Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. In Christ, God answers us and sets us free! Brothers and sisters, be at peace—your sins are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God.

*SUNG RESPONSE

Lord, Have Mercy

Swee Hong Lim

Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 2/2 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the response, with lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy.' below it. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with lyrics 'Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy on us.' below it. The music is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OFFERTORY

Stabat Mater

Lachenauer

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Genevan Psalter

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Bless these gifts and our lives, O God, for we offer them in the name of Jesus, our Lord. He emptied himself that we might be filled. He humbled himself that we might be lifted up. We pray that these gifts be used to proclaim the gospel which fills lives that are empty and lifts up those who need help. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Seven Last Days

by Joel Raney

PROLOGUE

PALM SUNDAY

*Open the Gates of Jerusalem
Blessed Are They*

MONDAY

A House of Prayer

TUESDAY

I Surrender All
Becky Diebold, soprano

WEDNESDAY

On the Night He Was Betrayed

THURSDAY

Think of Me and Remember

FRIDAY

Why Have You Forsaken Me?
Xhong Liu, baritone

SATURDAY

Were You There?

Please exit the Sanctuary in silence after the final candle has been extinguished.

Participants:

Rev. Dr. John Tittle, Pastor
Clay Whittington, Director of Music Ministries
Kris Goorsky, Director of Christian Formation
Debby Johnson, lay reader
Ed Vander Woude, audio visual
Becky Diebold, hymn leader

Musicians

Gabriella Beltran, oboe
Jonathan Cain, cello
Susan Hendrix, violin
Sandy Russell, flute
Lori Stuckey, piano

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Hymns are selected from the Presbyterian Blue Hymnal (available at your seats) and the Glory to God hymnal.



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