



HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

MARCH 25, 2018

10:30 A.M. SERVICE



Christ's Entry into Jerusalem, by Hippolyte Flandrin c. 1842

Our service begins with a procession of the palms to recall the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The palms we wave reflect the fragility of the celebration since a mere five days later the crowd's adulation turns to hatred. In Philippians, we read Paul's account of Jesus' ministry. Paul sums up the humiliation and the glory of Jesus that we prepare to honor this week. The gospel narrative is a retelling of the passion of Christ, drawing from the gospel of Mark.



We Welcome Our Guests

Highlands United Methodist Church affirms that nothing can separate anyone from the love of God. We invite all to worship, wonder, and discover God's grace as we aspire to create a safe space for all to participate fully in the life of this community of faith. We are called to shine as a beacon of hope, grace, belonging and respect for all people. Regardless of age, gender identity, ethnicity, sexual orientation, family, financial status, nationality, physical or mental ability, past or future, there is room for you at Highlands.

- † All children are welcome to stay in worship, or a nursery is provided for ages 4 and younger. An usher will be happy to direct you there. Children ages 4 to 2nd grade are encouraged to come to the chancel when called to the Children's Moment and may then attend Children's Church or return to be with their family. If you are visiting today or this is your child's first time in Children's Church, we ask that a parent accompany their child downstairs in order to provide emergency contact information and meet our staff.
- † Children's bulletins, books, and crayons are available from the ushers for use in worship.
- † Please visit the Bread for the Journey table in the Greeting Space after worship for a delicious homemade treat and information about Highlands. Feel free to call or email the church with any questions or pastoral care needs. We would love to have the opportunity to visit with you.
- † Parking is free on Sundays at all metered street spaces near the church, at the Hotel Highland Parking Deck on Magnolia Avenue, and in the Highlands Bar and Grill lot on 11th Avenue South.

ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

PREACHING – THE REVEREND MIKAH HUDSON
LITURGISTS – THE REVEREND DEB WELSH AND REGGIE HOLDER
CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST – RICHARD PHILLIPS

*Congregation please stand. Words in bold are spoken or sung by the congregation.

Serving for Altar Guild: Lynn L'Eplattenier
Serving as Ushers: George Gaskin, Mattie Gaskin
Serving as Communion Stewards: Dinah Hughes, Michelle Jones, Judy Mills, Michele Nailen,
Jim Shannon, Jimmy Shannon, Romona Shannon
Serving as Acolytes: Jack Halliday, Sam Jones, Hannah Wheeler, Lydia Wheeler
Serving as Vergers: Brian Bellenger, Andrew Salser
Lay Reader: Michele Nailen
Piper: Ryan Morrison

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on Valet will ich dir geben
All Glory, Laud and Honor
Opus 51, No. 2

Alexandré Guilmant (1837-1911)

*THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Hosanna to the Son of David! **Hosanna in the highest!***
*Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest!***

Sisters and brothers in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we begin this solemn celebration in union with Christians throughout the world. Our Lord Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem in triumph to complete his work as our Savior; to be rejected, to suffer and die, and to be raised from the dead. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

*PALM PROCESSION

*THE GOSPEL OF THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" 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.

***THANKSGIVING OVER THE PALMS**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

***HYMN IN PROCESSION 280**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ST. THEODULPH

Organ Improvisation: Noel Rawsthorne

(Refrain) All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer,
King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One.
(Refrain)

2. The company of angels are praising thee on high,
And we with all creation in chorus make reply.
(Refrain)

3. The people of the Hebrews with psalms before thee went;
Our prayer and praise and anthems before thee we present.
(Refrain)

4. To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
(Refrain)

5. Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.
(Refrain)

***GREETING**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

CHORAL INTROIT

He Comes!

Natalie Sleeth

The Children's Choir

Refrain:

He comes! He comes! He comes in the name of the Lord, our God!

He comes! He comes! He comes in the name of the Lord!

Let all rejoice with heart and voice, and thankful be!

The chosen one, God's only Son, O blessed is he!

Children ages 4 to 2nd grade are dismissed to Children's Church

LITURGY OF THE PASSION

COLLECT

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray: God of all-redeeming grace, in your great love you gave your only Son to die for the sins of the whole world. Help us by your Holy Spirit to worship you with reverence, and to enter with joy into the celebration of those mighty acts whereby you bring us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PSALM 31:10-18 (Sung by The Choir)

Anglican Chant: Charles Harford Lloyd (1849-1919)

10 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble *
and mine eye is consumed for very heaviness; yea, my soul and my body.
11 For my life is waxen old with heaviness * and my years with mourning.
12 My strength faileth me, because of mine iniquity * and my bones are consumed.
13 I became a reproof among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbours *
and they of mine acquaintance were afraid of me; and they that did see me without conveyed themselves from me.
14 I am clean forgotten, as a dead man out of mind * I am become like a broken vessel.
15 For I have heard the blasphemy of the multitude *
and fear is on every side, while they conspire together against me, and take their counsel to take away my life.
16 But my hope hath been in thee, O Lord * I have said, Thou art my God.
17 My time is in thy hand; deliver me from the hand of mine enemies * and from them that persecute me.
18 Shew thy servant the light of thy countenance * and save me for thy mercy's sake.

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 2:5-11
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*SEQUENCE HYMN 285

To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord

KINGSFOLD

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 14:53-72; 15:25-39

THE SERMON

The Reverend Mikah Hudson

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Musical Communion Setting C: Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

*INVITATION, CONFESSION, AND PARDON 12

*THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. And also with you.

GREETINGS AND PARISH NOTICES

THE OFFERTORY

Alleluia
The Choir
Alleluia. Amen.

Randall Thompson (1899 -1984)

Text, Traditional

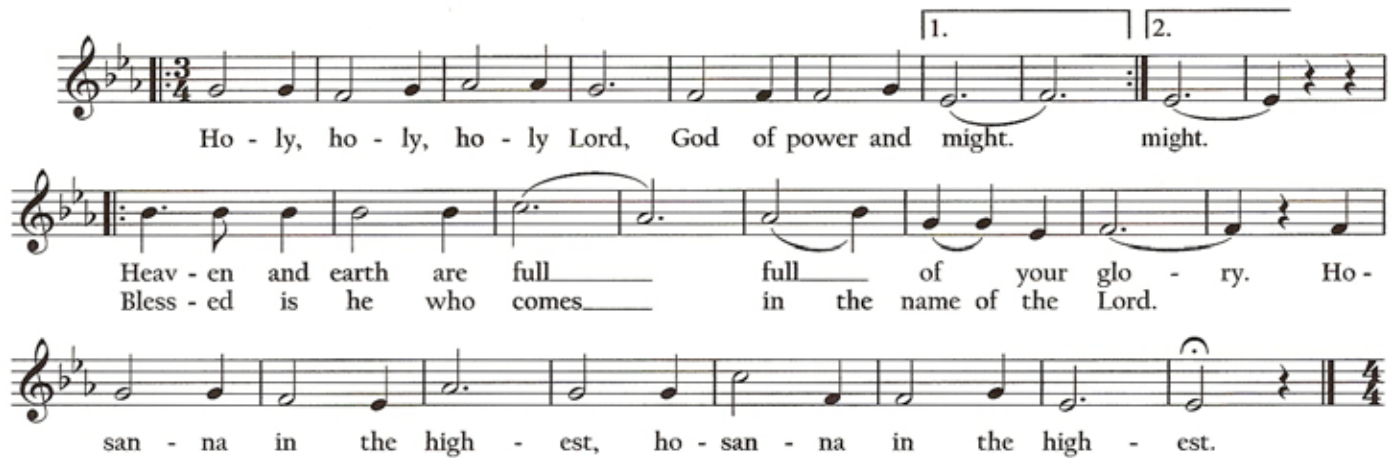
*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might. might.

Heav - en and earth are full full of your glo - ry. Ho -
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men, a - - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER 895

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore gracious Lord, so to receive the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Agnus Dei

The Choir

*Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.*

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Text, Traditional Latin

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

ANTHEM

Very Bread

The Choir

*Very bread, good shepherd, tend us, Jesus, with Thy love befriend us;
Thou refresh us, Thou defend us, Thine eternal goodness send us, in the land of life to see;
Thou who all things canst' and knowest, Grant us with The Saints, tho' lowest,
Where the heav'nly feast Thou showest, fellow heirs and guests to be.*

Randolph Currie (b.1945)

Text, St. Thomas Aquinas from Lauda Sion

ORGAN SOLO

*Chorale Prelude on **Herzlich tut mich verlangen**
(O Sacred Head, Now Wounded)*

Georg P. Telemann (1681-1767)

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

*HYMN 286

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

PASSION CHORALE
Organ Improvisation: T. Tertius Noble

*THE BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Hosanna!

The Choir

Ralph L. Grosvenor (1924-1979)

After the retiring procession of clergy and choir, all leave in silence.

We welcome today in our worship service guest piper Mr. Ryan Morrison.



Highlands *Holy Week Services*

Maundy Thursday, March 29 at 6:30 PM – Holy Communion in the Sanctuary

Liturgy for Good Friday, March 30 at NOON in the Sanctuary

Good Friday Service of Tenebrae, March 30 at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday – April 1

8:30 AM and 10:30 AM Service of Holy Communion in the Sanctuary

with members of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra

All Are Welcome!



Vision Statement

*Highlands United Methodist Church is a community of disciples of Christ;
a beacon of hope, inviting all to become new persons in Christ to be sent
into the world to share the Gospel and to serve our neighbors;
and a sanctuary for those in need of God's love and grace.*

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