



Palm Sunday

March 20, 2016

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

PROCESSION OF THE PALMS

CHOIR PRELUDE.....Gregg Swewll
Hosanna! Jesus Comes

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT.....Pastor Mark
(Children ages 3 yrs. - 2nd grade are invited to gather on the steps of the altar.) †

*CALL TO WORSHIP.....Emily Vinson

Leader: Morning after morning, God grants us a new day;
wake up to the joys and challenges life presents.

PEOPLE: **THIS IS THE DAY THAT GOD HAS MADE;
LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT.**

Leader: God equips us to face whatever the day may hold;
watch and listen as God offers to teach us.

PEOPLE: **WE GATHER, SEEKING A BLESSING IN THE NAME OF GOD.
WE COME, THANKING GOD FOR THE GIFT OF SALVATION.**

Leader: See the gates of righteousness thrown open for us;
enter to praise God's marvelous works.

UNISON: **GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE ENDURES FOREVER!
BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO COMES IN GOD'S NAME.**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.....Evelyn Bley

*WORSHIP HYMN.....Chris Tomlin
In Christ Alone (vs. 1, 2, 3, 4)

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

We stand together, mighty God, for You have sustained us through weary days and anguished nights. We join the shouts of welcome, "Blessed is the One who comes in God's name. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." This is a day of celebration. There is joy in the air. We have witnessed the transforming power of Jesus' compassion. However, there are ominous overtones. There are voices that say peace is a mirage and love will not endure. We cling to our faith that Your steadfast love embraces life and death, that we are surrounded and upheld by Your goodness. We ask these things in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying, "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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever." Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI.....CH. 35
Glory Be to the Father

THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING (pg. 492).....Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

ANTHEM.....L. O. Emerson
Lift Up Your Heads

SECOND READING (pg. 854).....Luke 19:28-40

MESSAGE.....Pastor Mark E. Poindexter

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

OFFERTORY.....Brooke Ligertwood
Hasanna

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O God, we are grateful for Your Grace that is new every morning and thankful that the gates of righteousness are open to us. We bring our gifts to Your altar. We dedicate our offerings and ourselves that the reign of Jesus Christ may be realized and celebrated wherever Christians gather to worship and everywhere we scatter to serve. May every knee bow at the name of Jesus and every tongue confess that Christ is the world's salvation. May the needs of all Your children be addressed by those who confess Jesus Christ. Amen.

*GIVE THANKS.....CH. 528
Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 118
Glorious Is Your Name, O Jesus

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Bob Nutting

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Mary Redmon

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....Chris Tomlin
Holy is the Lord

*The Lord's Table is open for all people. Christ has set the table before us. It is by His invitation we are fed.
You may eat the bread as it is passed and drink the cup at the conclusion of the Words of Institution.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE CHURCH GOES FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

***HYMN OF INVITATION.....CH. 190**

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

During the singing of the Hymn of Invitation, we invite anyone wishing to become a Christian or wishing to unite with this congregation, to please come forward.

***BENEDICTION**

***TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

***POSTLUDE.....Phill McHugh**

In the Name of the Lord

‡ Children Preschool – 2nd grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder
3rd – 8th grades attend LIVE BIG!

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Jimmy Jarvis, Katie Mills, Brian Mills, April Hughes



Thank you for worshipping at West Side Christian Church today.

We hope you received a blessing this morning, and that you will experience God's presence in the week ahead. We look forward to seeing you next Sunday!



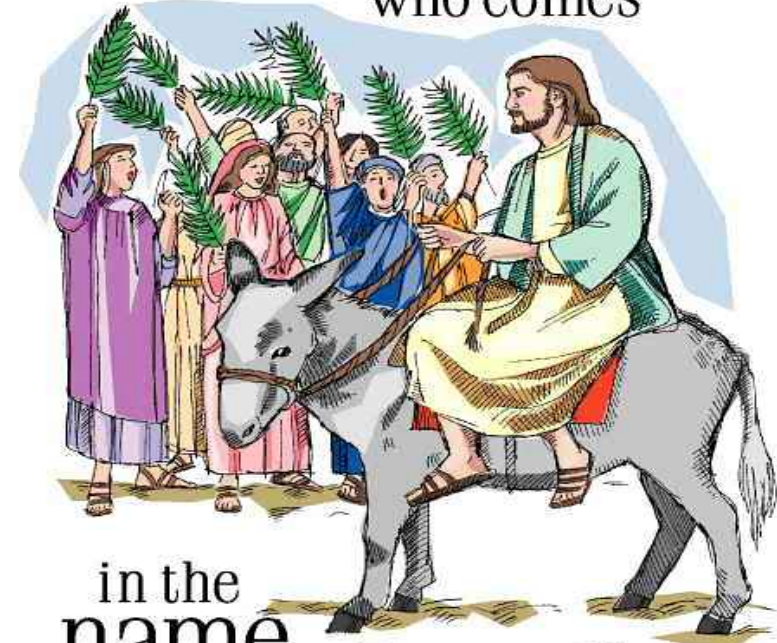
The Welcome Loaf

We offer a homemade loaf of bread to first time visitors as an expression of our appreciation for your presence. Please see a greeter at the door following worship to receive your loaf.



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*“Blessed is the king
who comes*



*in the
name
of the Lord!”*

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