

Palm Sunday

March 20, 2016

Scriptural Meditation

*But Jesus answered, "If they keep quiet, these stones will start shouting." Luke 19:40*

~Gathering the Family of God~

The Peal of Our Church Bell

Welcome and Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ

Prelude

*Processional*

by L. Nelson

Call to Worship

One: Sing for joy! The Master comes!

All: **Riding on a colt, he enters in victory!**

One: If all shouting stopped, the rocks would ring with joy.

All: **But there will be some who will not sing or shout.**

One: There will be some who will cling to their fear.

All: **Be ready, O Jerusalem, for your king truly is coming!**

**Hosanna in the highest! Amen.**

Prayer of Invocation

\* Gathering Song

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

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\* Prayer of Reconciliation

*Let us remain standing and express ourselves to God.*

All: **God of righteousness, we would rather sing hosannas with a cheering crowd, than stand up for our convictions in the face of an angry mob; we would rather dine at your table with those we call friends, than admit we are not different from those we consider enemies. We would rather view ourselves as your champions, than admit how easily we might betray you with a kiss. Forgive our fickle faith, and strengthen our resolve to be your disciples. Amen.**

\*A Time for Contemplation (a private time for you and God)

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

One: God does not turn away when we fail to be faithful. God does not reject us when we do not trust fully. God continues to love us, to forgive us, to restore us.

All: **It is God who helps us; it is God who saves us. It is all we need or ever will need.**

One: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

God's Word for Little Ears

Heifer Project

Recognition of Birthdays and Anniversaries

A Song of Blessing (Adapted from an Irish Blessing, Tune: *Amazing Grace*)

All: **May joy and peace surround you, contentment at your door,  
And happiness be with you now, God bless you evermore.**

Children's Musical Offering

*Shout Hosanna!*

by Rob Evans

Chorus 1: **Jumping up and down, jumping up and down,  
Jumping up and down, shout hosanna! HOSANNA!**

1) **Here comes Jesus, riding on a donkey,  
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna to the King!**

2) **Wave the branches of the trees before Him,  
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna to the King!**

Chorus 2: **Jesus is alive, Jesus is alive,  
Jesus is alive, shout hosanna! HOSANNA!**

3) **Here comes Jesus, rising up in glory,  
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna to the King!**

4) **He's alive, let's tell the world the story,  
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna to the King!**

~Hearing God's Word~

Prayer for Understanding God's Word

All: **Let us remember this week, how Jesus came to Jerusalem, what he did, what he refused to do, and what was done to him. Let us live within this story. Let this story feed our spirits, stretch our minds, fill our imaginations, and warm our hearts, to the glory of God. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

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One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson

Luke 19:28-40

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One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Message

*Journey Inward/Journey Outward  
The Decision to Move Forward*

Pastor Kim Nelson

~Responding to God's Word~

\*Affirmation of Faith

*Let us stand and affirm our faith.*

All: **We believe in God above us, Maker and Sustainer of life,  
Of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.**

**We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,  
Born of a woman, a servant of the poor, Tortured and nailed to a tree.**

**A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.**

**He descended into the earth to the place of death.**

**On the third day he rose from the tomb.**

**He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present,**

**And his kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us, The Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,**

**Life-Giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness,**

**Source of resurrection and eternal life. Amen.**

[An Affirmation of Faith from Iona]

Invitation to Become a Joyful Giver

**Giving of our Tithes and Offerings & Friendship Pad**

*Please take a moment to sign your name and contact information in the pew pad.*

**Offertory Anthem** *Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed* by Douglas Wagner

1. Alas, and did my Savior bleed, And did my sovereign die?  
Would he devote that sacred head For sinners such as I?
2. Was it for sins that I have done He suffered on the tree?  
Amazing pity, grace unknown, And love beyond degree!
3. Well might the sun in darkness hide And shut his glories in,  
When Christ, the great Redeemer, died for the creature's sin.
4. Thus might I hide my blushing face While his dear cross appears,  
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, And melt mine eyes to tears.
5. But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe:  
Here, Lord, I give myself away. 'Tis all that I do.

[(Shaker Tune), Text by Isaac Watts 1707, (#212)]

**\*Doxology** (Tune: *Amazing Grace*)

**All: Praise God the Father, Praise His name  
Praise Jesus Christ, Our Lord.  
And praise the Spirit with them one  
Now and forevermore.**

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**Prayers of the People followed by Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**All: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Sung Prayer Response** *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* (# 471)

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer,  
When I call, answer me,  
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer,  
Come and listen to me. (Repeat)**

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**~Going Forth to Serve God~**

**Life in Our Church Community**

**\*Song of Sending Forth** *What Wondrous Love is This?* # 215

**\*Benediction**

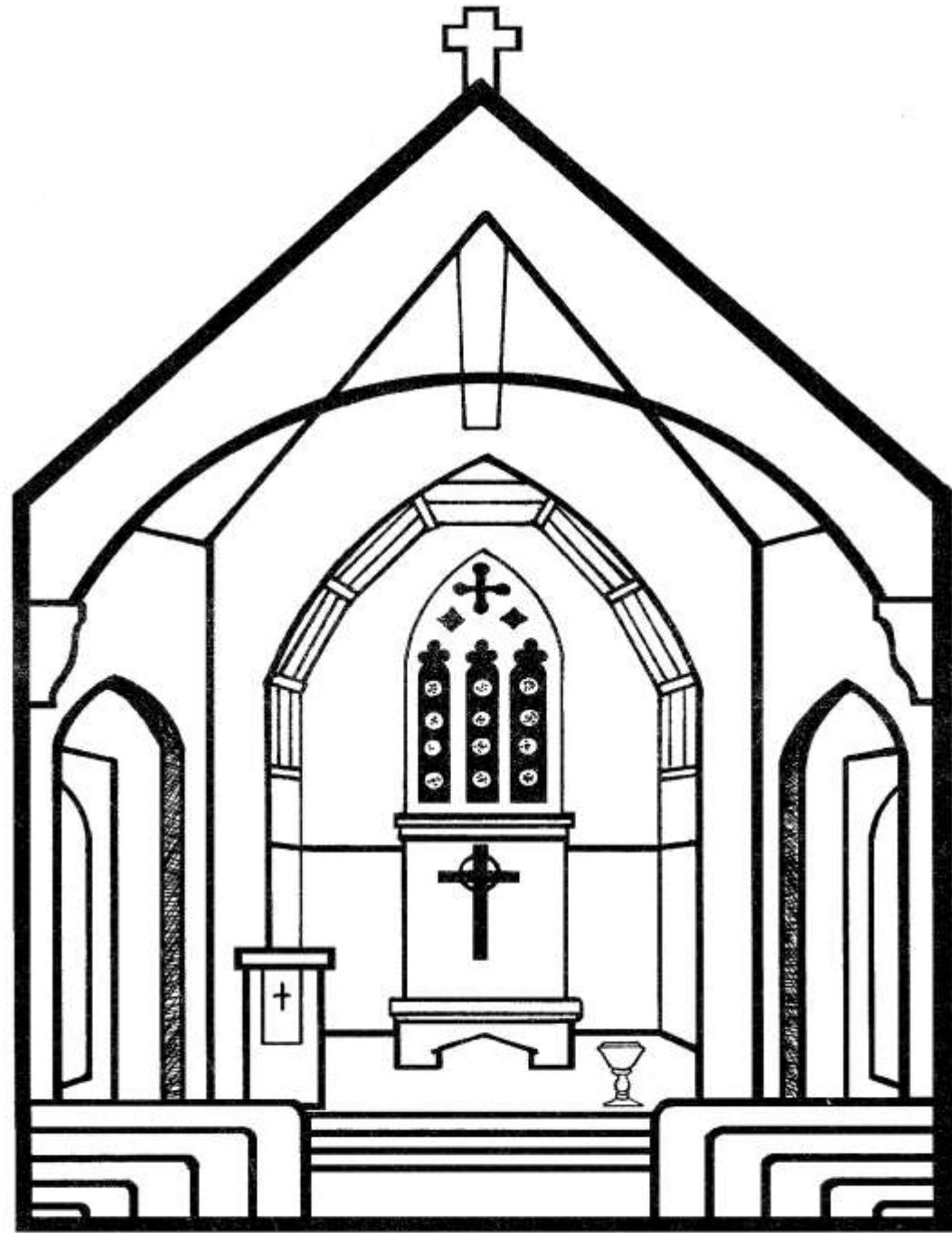
**\*Postlude** *Jesu Kreuz* by J. S. Bach

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\*Please stand, if you are able.

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