

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD
March 28, 2010, 11:00 am - Palm Sunday

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Gwalchmai* R. Purvis

WELCOME

TOLLING OF THE CARILLON

PALM PROCESSIONAL

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

INTROIT Chorale: *All Things Fashioned He With Care* (from St. John Passion)
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

All things fashioned he with care
In his hour of parting:
Son to mother gives he there,
Her to him for guarding.
O, man, set your life aright:
Love your God and neighbor.
Death no more is fraught with fright,
Sweet your rest from labour.

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 118

Leader: Let us give thanks, for the Lord is good;

All: *The steadfast love of God endures forever!*

Leader: The Lord is our strength and our might,

All: *The Lord has become our salvation. Let us worship God!*

+*HYMN 88 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ADORATION

Leader: Trusting in God's mercy, let us pray.

All: *God our King,*

You entered your city Jerusalem not on a war horse,

but peacefully on a donkey,

demonstrating what your Kingdom looks like.

We confess that we often live according to a worldly kingdom,

selfishly seeking after worldly power. Jesus came as our King.

We confess that we rebel just as Israel did long ago.

You came to the world as a light shining in the darkness.

We confess that our hearts are dark

and that we have not loved the light.

Forgive us, we pray. And by the power of your Spirit,

guide us to be loyal and loving servants of Christ the King,

in whose name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, receive the Good News. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven, we are given new life!

People: *Thanks be to God. Amen.*

*GLORIA PATRI 579

ANTHEM *Ruht wohl (Rest Well)* from *St. John Passion* J. S. Bach

Ruht wohl, ihr heiligen Gebeine
Die ich nun weiter nicht beweine,
Ruht wohl und bringt auch
mich zur Ruh!
Be fully at peace, you holy bones,
which I will no longer bewail;
Be fully at peace and bring also me
to this peace!

Das Grab, so euch bestimmet ist
Und ferner keine Not umschließt

Macht mir den Himmel auf
Und schließt die Hölle zu.

The grave – which is appointed to you
and from now on no distress will
enclose

opens to me the gates of heaven
And closes the gates of hell.

THE WORD

OFFERTORY

The Legend
Pyotr I. Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

Christ, when a child, a garden made,
And many roses flourished there;
Three times a day he watered them,
And planned to weave a wreath so fair..
So when the roses were in bloom,
He called the neighbor children in;
They picked the flowers, every one,
till in the garden there were none.
"How will you weave yourself a crown,
Now that the flowers all are gone?"
"You have forgotten that the thorns
are left for me," the Christ-child said.
And from the thorns they made a crown,
A prickly wreath for his dear head,
and drops of blood adorned his brow,
instead of roses blood instead.

*DOXOLOGY (592) and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE READING John 12:12-19 NRSV

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,
'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—
the King of Israel!

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:
'Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!

His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. The Pharisees then said to one another, 'You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!'

SERMON The Rev. Jana R Reister

*HYMN 91 *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!* St. Drostan

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER (page 16, Blue Hymnal)

*HYMN 89 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* Ellacombe

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *To God All Glory Given* R. Sawyer

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*Please stand as you are able. + Latecomers may be seated.

During the tolling of the carillon we invite you to remember all who work for peace in our world today.

We thank Anne Mulder for serving as liturgist this morning.

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Mary Lyon and John and Nancy McCullough, in memory of their loved ones.



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maunder Thursday – April 1st—7:30 pm Worship Service
Sacrament of Communion & Tenebrae
Thomas D. York, preaching

Good Friday – April 2nd—12 noon
Community Service Hosted by Knox Church
Rev. Dr. Timothy L. Bias, preaching

7:30 pm - Knox Music Series presents
JS Bach's, *St. John Passion* (at Knox)

Easter Day – April 4th
9:15 am - Fresh Spirit Easter Service, Knox Commons
11:00 am - Festival Service, Sanctuary

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