

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

April 9, 2006

PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

The Sixth Sunday in Lent

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

THE PEOPLE GATHER. . .

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

"Hosanna in the Highest"

C. Courtney

The Call To Worship

O Lord, open to us the gates of righteousness
so that we may enter them, and give You praise.
**We will give thanks to You, for You hear our prayer,
and You have become our salvation.**
We bless Your name from the sanctuary!
**Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever.**

The Prayer of Adoration

Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem

Mark 11:1-10

Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

*The Hymn 89

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

*The Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God, we confess that we are as fickle as the crowds in Jerusalem. When everything seems to be going well, we join the hosanna chorus, but in times of weariness or rebellion, praise can turn to insult. We hide our faith when it is under attack and link ourselves with the scoffers. When there is opportunity to speak a good word for Jesus Christ, we are often silent. Our church lifts an uncertain word before the world, for we, its members, have not been faithful. We need Your forgiving love today, O God, more than ever. Hear our prayer, in Jesus' name. . . (time for silent confession). . .

*The Choral Response

*The Assurance of Pardon

* Gloria Patri

p. 579 in the Hymnal

*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**
(Please exchange this ancient greeting with worshippers seated near you.
Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ.)

Minute for Mission

One Great Hour of Sharing

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The *Old Testament* Lesson: *Mark 11:1-11*

p. 57 in the pew Bible

The *Psalter* Lesson: *Psalms 31:9-16* p. 622 in the pew Bible
The Anthem "Salvation is Created" P. Tschesnokoff
The *Epistle* Lesson: *Philippians 2:5-11* p. 240 in the pew Bible
The Anthem (11:00 a.m.) "Jesus Saw the Flowers" E. Copes
Carol Choir

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 91 "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!"

The *Gospel* Lesson: *Mark 15:1-39* p. 64 in the pew Bible

Silent Meditation

The Homily "To Carry the Load"
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

AND TO MAKE PROPER RESPONSE. . .

*The *Apostles Creed* p. 14 in the Hymnal

The Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer p. 16 in the Hymnal

The Service of Offering
The Gathering of Our Gifts

The Offertory

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

God of extravagant generosity, we bring costly sacrifices to honor You. Our gifts are a measure of our gratitude to You. May they communicate good news to the world, not as a faint whimper, but as a rousing proclamation. May they sustain the weary and witness to unbelievers. May the act of giving increase our own devotion even as it opens new possibilities for neighbors we have not yet met. In Jesus' holy name. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME.

*The Hymn 101 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude



A meeting of the congregation has been called for today beginning with the 11:00 am worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to act on the recommendation of the Church Nominating committee to elect members as elders, trustee, as well as a representative to the Endowment Fund Committee. The ballot/list of biographies of members nominated to serve are in the bulletin.