

April 5th, Palm Sunday

Prelude "The Palms" arr. Jean Baptiste Faure (Merle Lobban, St Andrews PC)
"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. Albin C Whitworth

Welcome

Introit African American Hymnal #225 "Ride on King Jesus"
(Barbara Wesley & Helen, Trinity United PC)

Opening Prayer (Pastor Linda Graham, St Andrews PC)

Call to Worship (Pastor Linda Graham, St Andrews PC)

Humble and riding on a donkey,

we greet you;

Acclaimed by crowds and children,

We cheer you;

Moving from the peace of the countryside to the corridors of power,

You are giving the beast of burden

A new dignity;

You are giving majesty

A new face;

You are giving those who long for redemption

A new song to sing.

With them, with heart and voice, we shout:

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

Opening Hymn #89 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (Laurie DiSabatino, Kirkridge PC)

Call to Confession (Pastor Linda Graham, St Andrews PC)

We sing, we wave our branches, we shout "Hosanna!" Then, we turn away, to go back to our old ways, our old lives, our old sins. But God is in the business of granting forgiveness and filling us with new life. Let us confess to the One who comes to fill us with grace.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

With eager hearts and open hands, we welcome Jesus, until he refuses the power we offer him, choosing to become our servant. We pick up the faith we had laid on the ground before him, and put it back on the shelf where it belongs. Our pride keeps us from being able to follow him all the way to Calvary.

Have mercy upon us, God of Holiness. As you come to us, you bring healing for our brokenness, peace for our troubled lives, hope for our doubting minds. May we empty ourselves of everything that keeps us from following you, so we may receive these gifts, and more, from Jesus Christ, our Savior.
(time for silent and personal prayer)

Declaration of Pardon (Pastor Linda Graham, St Andrews PC)

The Lord is our strength and might. Jesus is our salvation.

In Jesus our sins are forgiven.

In Jesus our cries are answered.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Time for Young Christians (Pastor Robbie Carnes, FPC Fenton)

Special Music "Oceans" (Madeline Gibb, FPC Fenton)

Prayer of Illumination (Elder Bob Killewald, Holly PC)

Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week we turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, and to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Stir up within us the gift of faith that we may not only praise him with our lips, but may follow him in the way of the cross.

First Scripture Reading (Elder Bob Killewald, Holly PC)

Anthem "Pie Jesu" (Laurie DiSabatino, Kirkridge PC)

Second Scripture Reading (Elder Waldo Bronson, Trinity United PC)

Sermon (Pastor Lindsey Carnes, Trinity United PC & FPC Fenton)

Response Hymn #88 "All Glory, Laud and Honor" (Laurie Di Sabatino, Kirkridge PC)

Affirmation of Faith (Pastor Lindsey Carnes, Trinity United PC & FPC Fenton)

Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna! Rejoice for the Lord is in our midst.

Jesus was beloved by the poor and the outcast

but he was a threat to people with power.

Jesus stood against the Temple,

so he was a threat to the Sadducees.

Jesus healed on the Sabbath and ate with sinners,

so he was a threat to the Pharisees.

Jesus took the titles of "Lord," "Son of God," and "King."

those were the Caesar's titles: he was a threat to the government.

Jesus came without violence

yet he disturbed the peace.

Jesus came proclaiming the Kingdom of God

and the kingdoms of this world were frightened.

He comes with joy and hope.

He comes to set us free from fear.

Lord, help us to love your Kingdom more than the kingdoms of this world.

For thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hosanna!

Hosanna! Glory to God in the Highest Heaven. AMEN.

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (Pastor Glenn Grant, Kirkridge PC)

Offering Introduction (Luke 19) (Pastor Glenn Grant, Kirkridge PC)

Join in the chorus! Give honor to Jesus Christ and bring your offering of praise to him. Rejoice in the coming of our Lord. Lay your treasures at his feet.

Offertory "Blessings" (composed and played by Eddie Barney, Trinity United PC)

Doxology (Merle Lobban, St Andrews PC)

Prayer of Dedication (Pastor Glenn Grant, Kirkridge PC)

What can we offer
that you have not already offered us?
What can we do
that you have not already done for us?
Lord Jesus Christ,
in your gifts to us,
you have provided us the way
to live and serve you.
In both your triumph and your suffering,
you deserve our praise.
Through the gifts we now offer,
we express our longing to serve
and to follow wherever you go. Amen.

Communion

Closing Hymn #91 "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!" (Laurie DiSabatino, Kirkridge PC)

Charge and Benediction

Passing from joy into sorrow and on to elation,
we come to Christ this holy week.
Today is only a part of the story.
**Jesus 'triumph leads to his death,
his death to his resurrection.**
May the journey of this week lead you
into the fullness of Christ's love.

Postlude "Postlude in E Flat" arr. George Blake (Merle Lobban, St Andrews PC)