Lord's Day Service for Palm Sunday 2023



Call to Worship: Where God Calls Us Into His Presence

The Call from God's Word:

[congregation standing]

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God's People Respond with a Hymn of Praise: (based on Psalm 145:10) Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



Salutation and Response:

[based on Matthew 28:19, Ruth 2:4 and Luke 19:38]

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit

Amen!

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

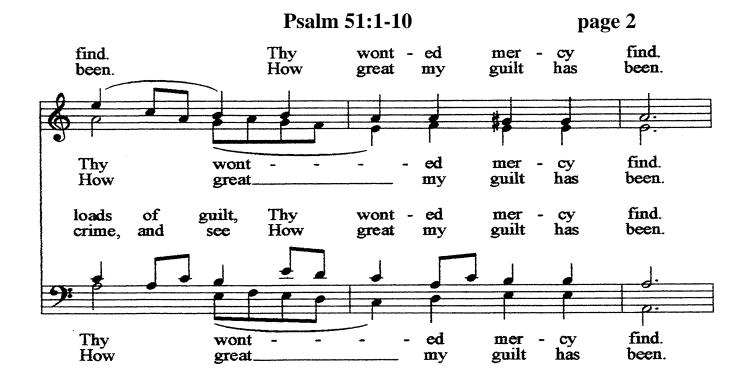
Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!

Confession of Sins: Where God Cleanses Us In Christ The Call for Confession from God's Word:

"Now as Jesus drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation." *Luke 19:41-44*





- 3. 4A•gainst Thee, Lord, a•lone,
 And on•ly in Thy sight,
 Have I trans•gressed, and, though condemned
 Must own Thy judg•ment right.
- 4. 5In guilt each part was formed
 Of all this sin•ful frame;
 In guilt I was con•ceived, and born
 The heir of sin and shame.
- 5. 6Yet Thou, whose search ing eye
 Doth in ward truth re quire,
 In sec ret did with wis dom's laws
 My ten der soul in spire.

- 6. 7With hys sop purge me, Lord,
 And so I clean shall be;
 I shall with snow in white ness vie,
 When pur i fied by Thee.
- 7. sMake me to hear with joy
 Thy kind for giv ing voice;
 That so the bones which Thou hast broke
 May with fresh strength re-joice.
- 8. 9Blot out my cry•ing sins,
 Nor me in an•ger view;
 10Cre•ate in me a heart that's clean;
 An up•right mind re•new.

Silent Confession: "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief." 1 Timothy 1:15

Those who are willing and able are invited to kneel for our time of confession.

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

We confess to Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and before all the company of heaven, that we have sinned, in thought, word and deed, through our fault, our own fault, our own most grievous fault; wherefore, we pray Almighty God to have mercy upon us, to forgive all our sins, and to make clean our hearts. For we pray in the Father's love, pleading the shed blood of Christ His Son, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

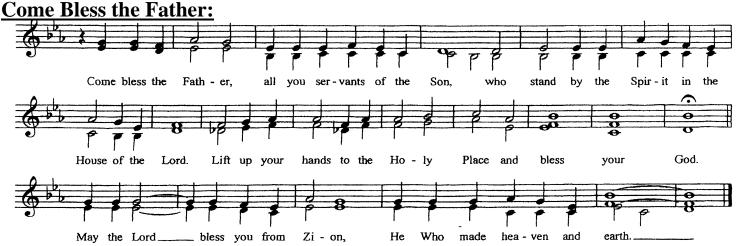
Assurance of Pardon and Forgiveness: From the Gospel of John

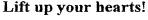
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Though our sins do stand against us, the punishment for them has been taken away in the finished sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ, for "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus." "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." We have been cleansed and clothed in the righteousness of Jesus. And not only that, we are now **in** Christ and **in** Him we are in the heavenly places, in the very midst of the blessed Trinity with the Saints of all the ages, from every tongue, tribe and nation prepared to worship in the beauty of holiness.

Come, let











Truly it is proper and right that we should at all times and in all places give praise to you O Lord, so with the angels and all the company of heaven and with the Church on earth, we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you & singing:

God's People Sing a Hymn of Thanks:

[congregation standing]



Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 820 Tr. by John Mason Neale, 1854; alt.

ST. THEODULPH 7.6.7.6.D. Melchior Teschner, ca. 1615

Consecration: Where God Equips & Prepares His People

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" Romans 12:1,2

THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD:

The Triumphal Entry: Responsive readings for Palm Sunday:

Mark 11:7-10

"Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it.

And many spread their clothes on the road, and others cut down leafy branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:

"Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of Jehovah!"

Blessed is the kingdom of our father David That comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!""

Luke 19:37-40

Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, saying:

"Blessed is the King who comes in the name of Jehovah! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples."

But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out."

Revelation 15:3-4:

They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying:

"Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints!

Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name?

For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, for Your judgments have been manifested."

God's People Sing a Hymn of Preparation:

Crown Him with Many Crowns



God Speaks to Us Through His Word: Scripture, Prayer for Illumination, and Sermon

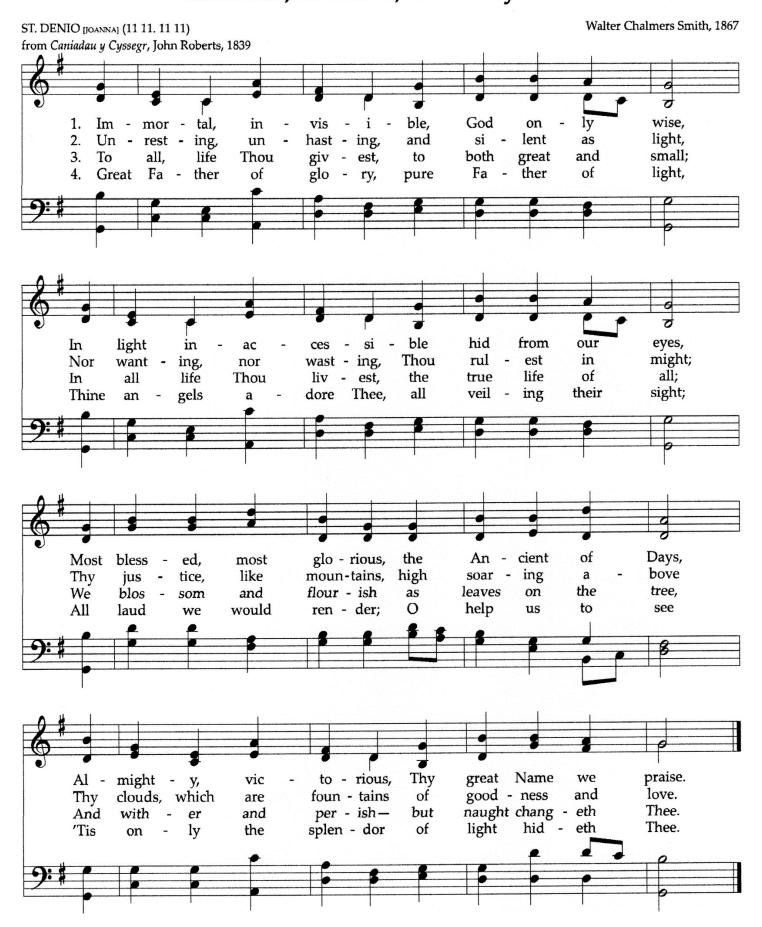
"The Faithfulness of Jesus"

From Pastor John Stoos

Based on Luke 9:51

[&]quot;Blessed is the man whom You instruct, O Jehovah, and teach out of Your law." Psalm 94:12

God's People Sing a Hymn of Response: [congregation standing] Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



The Heidelberg Catechism – Holding forth faith in Jesus Christ as our only comfort in life and in death, we read responsively the weekly questions from the Heidelberg Catechism as a personal and eloquent reminder of what we must know to live and die in that comfort. Lord's Day 14

35. What is the meaning of "conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary?"

That the eternal Son of God, who is [1] and continues true and eternal God,[2] took upon Himself the very nature of man, of the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary,[3] by the operation of the Holy Spirit;[4] so that He might also be the true seed of David,[5] like unto His brethren in all things,[6] except for sin.[7] [1] Jn. 1:1; Rom. 1:3–4. [2] Rom. 9:5. [3] Gal. 4:4; Jn. 1:14. [4] Matt. 1:18–20; Lk. 1:35. [5] Ps. 132:11. [6] Phil. 2:7. [7] Heb. 4:15; *1 Jn. 5:20.

36. What benefit do you receive from the holy conception and birth of Christ?

That He is our Mediator,[1] and with His innocence and perfect holiness covers, in the sight of God, my sin, wherein I was conceived.[2] [1] Heb. 2:16–17. [2] Ps. 32:1; *1 Jn. 1:9.

Member Covenant Signing: The Pitts Family & The Holst Family

"Then the king stood in his place and made a covenant before the Lord, to follow the Lord, and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant that were written in this book. And he made all who were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin take a stand. So the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers."

Il Chronicles 34:31,32

"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." Acts 2:42

Response to God's Word through the Tribute Offering [read in unison]

"Give to the Lord the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come into His courts. Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth. Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns; The world also is firmly established, It shall not be moved; He shall judge the peoples righteously. Psalm 96:8-10

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings:

With the singing of Psalm 100:1-3, & the Doxology

Words composed by William Kethe, 1561

- 1: All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice. Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell; Come ye before Him and rejoice.
- 2: Know that the Lord is God indeed; Without our aid He did us make; We are His folk, He doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.

5: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The Great Prayer, Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Communion: Where God Communes With His People

Preparation for Communion: Congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared His table for all who love and trust Him for their salvation. All those who have repented of their sins, have been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and are not under discipline from Christ's Church are welcome at this table. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as our Lord our God will call.

<u>Our Confession of Faith</u> – The Apostle's Creed [sung with music by Amber Bartels]



THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE (Peace Offering, Gift of Life)

A Word of Encouragement -- Giving of Thanks -- Breaking of the Bread

God's People Sing a hymn of thanks and celebration:

(Sung as a representative of each family comes forward to receive their bread and wine)

Holy, Holy, Holy!



Feasting At The Lord's Table: A simple act of obedience on the 1st day of a new Week

Partaking of the bread together -- Giving Thanks -- Partaking of the wine

[&]quot;For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes." I Corinthians 11:26

Commissioning: Where God Sends Out His People

"Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." Matthew 9:35-37

Final Responsive Reading: Psalm 118 (2 pages) [congregation standing]

[118:1] Oh, give thanks to Jehovah, for He is good!

For His mercy endures forever.

²Let Israel now say,

"His mercy endures forever."

³Let the house of Aaron now say,

"His mercy endures forever."

⁴Let those who fear Jehovah now say,

"His mercy endures forever."

⁵ I called on Jehovah in distress;

Jehovah answered me and set me in a broad place.

⁶ Jehovah *is* on my side;

I will not fear.

What can man do to me?

⁷ Jehovah is for me among those who help me;

Therefore I shall see my desire on those who hate me.

⁸ It is better to trust in Jehovah

Than to put confidence in man.

⁹ It is better to trust in Jehovah

Than to put confidence in princes.

¹⁰ All nations surrounded me,

But in the name of Jehovah I will destroy them.

¹¹ They surrounded me,

Yes, they surrounded me;

But in the name of Jehovah I will destroy them.

¹² They surrounded me like bees;

They were quenched like a fire of thorns;

For in the name of Jehovah I will destroy them.

¹³ You pushed me violently, that I might fall,

But Jehovah helped me.

¹⁴ Jehovah is my strength and song,

And He has become my salvation.

¹⁵ The voice of rejoicing and salvation

Is in the tents of the righteous;

The right hand of Jehovah does valiantly.

¹⁶ The right hand of Jehovah is exalted;

The right hand of Jehovah does valiantly.

¹⁷ I shall not die, but live,

And declare the works of Jehovah.

¹⁸ Jehovah has chastened me severely,

But He has not given me over to death.

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness;

I will go through them,

And I will praise Jehovah.

²⁰ This is the gate of Jehovah,

Through which the righteous shall enter.

²¹ I will praise You,

For You have answered me,

And have become my salvation.

²² The stone *which* the builders rejected

Has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ This was Jehovah's doing;

It is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day Jehovah has made;

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ Save now, I pray, O Jehovah;

O Jehovah, I pray, send now prosperity.

²⁶ Blessed *is* he who comes in the name of Jehovah!

We have blessed you from the house of Jehovah.

²⁷ God is Jehovah,

And He has given us light;

Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ You are my God, and I will praise You;

You are my God, I will exalt You.

²⁹ Oh, give thanks to Jehovah, for *He is* good!

For His mercy endures forever.

God's People Go Forth Singing God's Word!



Then Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people and blessed them, and he came down from offering the sin offering and the burnt offering and the peace offerings. Leviticus 9:22

"And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit *be* with you all. Amen." *Philippians 4:19-20; 2 Corinthians 13:14*

Let us go forth singing Simeon's Prayer & the Gloria Patri



~Worship begins promptly at 1:00 p.m. ~ Today's pulpit supply: Pastor John Stoos ~

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For all who claim the Name of Jesus, that we would live in a manner worthy of our calling, serving one another to the glory of God. May we be humble in all our interactions, having patience & bearing with one another in love, uniting in the bond of our Savior, worshipping Him in spirit & in truth, seeking His face in prayer, & faithfully studying His Word.
- For our expectant mothers, Marianne Poindexter, Alma Ryan, and Marie Choban, that their babies would continue to grow healthy & strong; for Baby Theodore Poindexter, who will need heart surgery soon after he is born, that the procedure would restore him to health & he would quickly recover & be able to be home with his family; & for renewed energy & strength for all of the mothers in our midst.
- For the family & friends of Pastor Jim West, as they mourn his death on March 25th: comfort & peace in the midst of great grief while resting in the hope of the resurrection.
- For the families in Tennessee who are grieving over the death of loved ones after the horrific attack, that they would look to Jesus for the peace that passes all understanding, & find strength in the comfort of the Holy Spirit.
- For all who are dealing with illness, injury, other health issues, grief, or personal trials, that our Lord would grant patience, healing, wisdom, comfort, & trust in the perfect will of the One Who does all things well.
- For family members & friends who are under discipline, unsaved, or have strayed from the faith, that our Lord would bring them to repentance & restore them to the fellowship of Christ's church; & that we would boldly & lovingly proclaim the truth to them at every opportunity, standing strong in the Lord & in the power of His might.
- For churches who are in need of pastors, elders, & deacons, that our Lord would continue to raise up Godly men to lead these flocks, & for those men who are currently serving, that they may have strengthened faith & abundant wisdom as they minister to their congregations.
- For the saints throughout the world who are suffering & dying in the Name of Jesus, that they would find strength, comfort, & hope as they fully trust in God's goodness. And also for their persecutors, that their hearts would be softened to the Gospel.
- For President Biden, Vice President Harris, Governor Newsom, & all
 elected & appointed officials, that they would recognize their need to
 depend on God for knowledge, wisdom, & the courage to do what is
 right, reject all counsel that violates righteousness, & bring dignity,
 honor, trustworthiness, & integrity to their positions, remembering their
 accountability to Almighty God, Who is angry with the wicked every day.
- For the Church worldwide, that the Word of God would be faithfully preached, believed, & obeyed, & that His Name would be glorified as we seek to obey His Word & love our neighbors.

Our fellowship lunch follows today's worship service. We welcome all to be our guests & to sing as we ask the Lord's blessing:

Be present at our table Lord, Be here and everywhere adored. These mercies bless and grant that we May feast in Paradise with Thee.

We thank Thee Lord for this our food, For life and health and every good. By Thine own hand may we be fed, Give us this day our daily bread.

Weekly Meetings (also detailed on our website):

Men's Fellowship Breakfast:

~ Meets at 8:00am on Wednesdays at Denny's on Sunrise; reading <u>A New Day of</u> <u>Small Beginnings</u> by Pierre Courthial. Contact Pastor Stoos

Sacramento Area Bible Study:

~ Meets at 7:00pm on Tuesdays at Richard Otterstad's. Contact Patrick Avanto.

Grass Valley Area Book Study:

~ Meets for potluck at 6:00pm, study starts at 7:00pm on Wednesdays at rotating locations; viewing <u>The Holiness of God</u> video series by R.C. Sproul. Contact John Pekarek.

Ladies' Book Study:

~ Meets at 9:00am on Saturdays at the Stoos home. Reading <u>How To Be Free From</u> <u>Bitterness & Other Essays on Christian</u> <u>Relationships</u> by Jim Wilson. Contact Linda Stoos.

Vallejo Area Study:

~ Meets at the Kendrick home every two weeks. Contact Damell Kendrick.

Birthday

Seneya Kendrick ~ April 5th

<u>Anniversary</u>

Phil & Cherie Smith ~ March 31st

Hall Takedown Today

John Sifford, John Pekarek, Jonathan Liberati, Birken Vogt & Sons

Next Week's Playground Duty

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