

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, April 9, 2017

The Christian Year: Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

10:30 AM Morning Service

*"But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners,
Christ died for us." Romans 5:8*

[Please turn off cell phones and observe silence when the prelude begins.]

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

***Call to Worship** **Psalm 118:22, 24-26**

Minister: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

People: **This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Minister: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: **Save us, we pray, O LORD; O LORD, we pray, give us success!**

Unison: **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!**

***Hymn of Adoration** **No. 235**
All Glory, Laud, and Honor

***Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation**

O Son of God and Son of Man: You were incarnate and did suffer and die, rise and ascend for my sake. Your departure was not a harbinger of separation, but a pledge of return. You will come to raise my body from dust, restore me body and soul and deliver me into eternal glory. This corruptible shall put on incorruption; this mortal, immortality; this natural body, a spiritual body; this weak body, a body of power. Beyond the grave is resurrection, judgment, acquittal and dominion. O Lord, ever keep me in this faith and ever looking for Christ's return. Amen.

***Confession of Faith** **THE WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM, Q 27**

Minister: Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?

People: **Christ's humiliation consisted in His being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time. Thanks be to God!**

***Gloria** **Tune: Hyfrydol**
God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises thee;
We, thy creatures, would adore thee now and through eternity.
Saved to magnify thy goodness, grant us strength to do thy will;
With our acts as with our voices thy commandments to fulfill.

Psalter Reading (responsive reading, p. 828) **Psalm 118**

Hymn of Preparation **No. 469**
How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place

Public Confession **Isaiah 53**

(All)

He was oppressed, and He was afflicted; yet it was the will of the LORD to crush Him; He has put Him to grief.

(Women)

He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces, He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.

(Men)

Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

(Women)

But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.

(Men)

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way;

(All)

And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Pastoral Prayer

Words of Encouragement

Minister: "Fear not, for you will not be ashamed; be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced....for your Maker is your husband, the LORD of hosts is His name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth He is called....For a brief moment I deserted you, but with great compassion I will gather you. In overflowing anger...for a moment...I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you....my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed," says the LORD, your Redeemer.

Unison: **Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name!**

***Hymn of Thanksgiving** **SH 11**
Speak, O Lord

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology** **Tune: Old Hundredth**
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. Amen

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

***Reading of The Holy Scriptures** **John 1:10-13**

***The Prayer for Illumination**

Sermon **Dr. Mark Futato**

"MIXED RESPONSES"

***Hymn of Response** **No. 237**
Ride On, Ride On in Majesty
(verses 1-2)

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation and Instructions

All who have professed faith in Jesus Christ and have been baptized and who are communicant members in good standing in an evangelical church are invited to come to participate in this sacred Sacrament of the Church. This is not a Presbyterian table, and we do not restrict it as such; it is the Lord's Table. However, the church alone grants access to the table and must guard it from the leaven of unrighteousness (1 Cor. 5:6-8). Therefore, if you have not repented and trusted in Christ or if you are harboring sin in your life or if there is any person from whom you are estranged, please do not participate in this meal. We invite you instead to use this time to reflect and ask God to speak to your heart and give you more light and understanding. Children who have not been admitted to the table by the church should also refrain from partaking of the Supper.

*For those who prefer, the outer ring of the tray is grape juice.
Please hold the bread and cup until all have been served
so that we may partake together.*

***Hymn of Response** **No. 237**
Ride On, Ride On in Majesty
(verses 3-5)

***The Benediction**

Postlude

**Denotes congregation standing, if able.*