

# THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

**The Lord's Day, March 25, 2018**

*The Christian Year: Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday*

**10:30 AM Morning Service**

*So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying out,  
"Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,  
even the King of Israel!"  
John 12:13*

[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 24:7-10

Minister: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

People: **Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!**

Minister: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

People: **Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory!**

Unison: **Come, let us sing and praise our King!**

### \*Hymn of Adoration No. 198 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!*

### \*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation

**King of Glory, Divine Majesty:** Every perfection adorns your nature and sustains your throne. The heavens and earth are yours; the world is yours and its fullness. Your power created the universe from nothing; your wisdom has managed all its multiple concerns, presiding over nations, families, and individuals. Your goodness is boundless: all creatures wait on you, are supplied by you, are satisfied in you. How precious are the thoughts of your mercy and grace! How excellent is your lovingkindness that draws men to you! Teach us to place our happiness in you, our blessed King, never seeking life among the dead things of earth or asking for that which satisfies the deluded. You have attended to our happiness more than we can do. You have not neglected us, but in love and in pity, you have provided us a Savior. In His name we come to you. Amen.

*from The Valley of Vision*

### \*Confession of Faith THE WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM, A 23-27

Minister: Christ, as our Redeemer, executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in His estate of humiliation and exaltation.

People: **Christ executes the office of a prophet in revealing to us, by His Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.**

**He executes the office of a priest, in His once offering up of Himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.**

**He executes the office of a king, in subduing us to Himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all His and our enemies.**

Unison: **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. 246

*Man of Sorrows! What a Name  
(verse 5 a cappella)*

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: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever. . . . In my anguish I cried to the Lord, and He answered by setting me free. . . . The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. (Psalm 118:1, 5, 14)

Unison: **Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.**

\*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 660  
*O God beyond All Praising*

## 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 Luke 19:28-40

\*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Rev. Seth Wallace  
**"CHRIST THE KING!"**

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

\*The Benediction

Postlude

*\*Denotes congregation standing, if able.*

**Cookies & Catechism, immediately following this service**

**Maundy Thursday Service, 6:00 p.m.  
Good Friday Service, 12:00 p.m.**