Palm Sunday March 24, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP - 10:00 A.M.

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: "You will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and 'coming with the clouds of heaven.' "-Mark 14: 62

BAND CHORALESNola R. Knouse, leader WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Rev. Ginny Hege Tobiassen CHORAL INTROIT: *Hosanna*Edward Leinbach, Salem Composer (1823-1901) *Choir Allelu, Allelu*Traditional Children's Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

LITURGY: Palm Sunday, pages 49-53

Where indicated, we will sing "Hosanna," number 239 in the Book of Worship. The children's choir will sing part 1, and the congregation will respond with part 2.

ADVENT AND PALM SUNDAY

(Standing)

Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, all the earth! The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people together will see it. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Rejoice greatly, shout for joy! See, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and brings salvation.



ADVENT/PALM SUNDAY

We praise you, the Lord God of Israel! You came to the help of your people and have set them free.

You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, a descendant of your servant David.

You promised through your holy prophets long ago that you would save us from our enemies, from the power of all those who hate us.

You have shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and have remembered your holy covenant.

With a solemn oath to our ancestor Abraham, you promised to rescue us from our enemies and allow us to serve you without fear,

So that we might be holy and righteous before you all the days of our life.

By your tender mercy you cause the bright dawn of salvation to rise on us,

To give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The voice of the messenger echoes from the desert, calling us to prepare the way of the Lord and to make a straight path on which he may come. Let us confess our sins, so that our crooked ways will be made straight and the rough ways smooth.

(Kneeling or sitting)

(for Advent)

(for Palm Sunday)

Gracious Lord Jesus, you come to us with the good news of salvation, but too often we fail to notice. You come to us day by day, yet we close the doors of our hearts when it seems convenient to do things our own way. We ignore your presence and your leadership. We have failed to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God. Forgive us, merciful Lord. May we live so that the world will know that you have come. Amen. Our sovereign Redeemer, we join the people of Jerusalem offering our own shouts of praise and celebration at your coming. Although we welcome you today with the multitude on Palm Sunday, we confess we have also stood with the condemning crowd on Good Friday. Our thoughts, words, and deeds have cried, "Crucify!" We turn to you for help and forgiveness, gracious Savior; not because we deserve it, but because you are forgiving. Save us from our sinful ways, and restore us to a life of loyalty to you. Amen.

Through John the Baptizer, we hear the Lord's promise: Turn away from your sins, and God will forgive your sins.

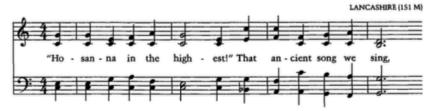
(Sitting)

ADVENT/PALM SUNDAY





(The following hymn is used for Palm Sunday.)



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ADVENT/PALM SUNDAY



Eternal God, Ruler of all ages, graciously you come to us in order that we might come to you, through the merit of Jesus Christ, strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

Help us and all your children to respond to the call of your gospel with faith, love, and hope.

God of faith, you created humanity to serve and praise you; and even when we rebelled against you, you promised to send a Savior to redeem us from our sins:

Strengthen our faith in your saving work through Christ. As you chose the people of Israel to hear the promise of redemption through the prophets, may people today believe in your good will for all that you have made.

God of love, you fulfilled your promise of a redeemer in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ:

Grant us the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we may share your love with the sick and the afflicted, with the poor and the homeless, with the victims of injustice and discrimination, and with all who are experiencing times of trouble. God of hope, you comfort us through our Savior's promise to return in glory at the end of time:

As we await the coming of the Prince of Peace, let us not despair. We long for you to inspire all the nations and peoples of the world to turn to cooperation and nurture, rather than to hatred and destruction.

God of faith, love, and hope, to you and to you alone we pray:

For you are our God, the only God, forever and ever. Amen.

(Standing)

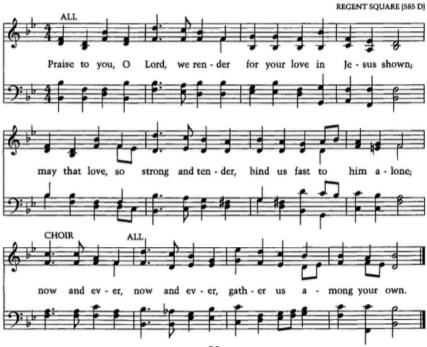
(Here the Hosanna, page 239, or another suitable hymn may be sung.)

Lord, you have kept the promise you made to our ancestors, and have come to the help of your servant people.

You remembered to show mercy to Abraham and Sarah and to all their descendants forever!

We praise you, Lord. You are enthroned in glory, yet you came and continue to come for all who will receive you. We praise you, for you are good, and your mercy endures forever.

To you be glory and power, forever and ever. Amen.



CONFIRMATION AND AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

(If the Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated in the same worship service, those affirming baptism join in the opening paragraphs of that service, and continue with the appropriate Affirmation forms beginning on page 171.)

(Standing)

In grace God called and chose the people of Israel and established with them a covenant: I will be your God and you will be my people. In that relationship they were to be freed from sin and become a blessing to all. Then God came to us in Jesus Christ and fulfilled that covenant for all people. Through Christ's life, death, and resurrection, God made for us a new covenant of grace.

We come before you with joy, O God, to claim the promises of your covenant.

Our Lord Jesus Christ instituted baptism as the visible means of entry into the new covenant. Baptism is a gift of God. In this sacrament, through grace and the power of the Holy Spirit, we are united with Christ, are cleansed by his saving work, enter into the fellowship of the church, and are called to a life of faith and willing obedience.

Claimed by God in baptism, we pray that through the power of the Holy Spirit our lives may faithfully affirm the blessings of Christ's new covenant.

(The minister addresses the candidates.)

As you present *yourselves* before God and this congregation, we call upon you to profess your faith.

Do you believe in God as your Creator and loving heavenly Father, in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, and in the Holy Spirit as your Comforter and Sustainer, according to the Holy Scriptures?

I do.

(Candidates may profess their faith by means of the Apostles' Creed, the baptismal profession of the early church. The congregation may be invited to join in the Creed as an affirmation of their own baptism.)

Lord, make us one with all your children as we profess our faith, saying:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Ancient text reads "catholic," which means "universal."

(The minister addresses the candidates.)

Do you in this faith turn away from sin, evil, and selfishness in your thoughts, words, and actions; and do you intend to participate actively in Christ's church, serving God all the days of your life?

I do.

(The minister addresses the congregation.)

Do you affirm *these children* of God as *members* of this congregation, and accept your obligation to love and nurture *them* in Christ?

We do.

The Rite of Confirmation

(The minister addresses the candidates for confirmation.)

In the presence of God and this congregation, do you confirm the covenant into which you were baptized, relying on the Holy Spirit to strengthen and guide you into ever increasing maturity in your relationship with Christ and the church?

I do.

(Sitting)

Let us pray:

Almighty God, you have received *these* person(s) into your covenant through baptism. You have provided for *their* growth, enlightened *their* mind(s) with your truth, and enabled *them* to offer *themselves* to you. We ask that you accept the vows *they have* made today. Defend and strengthen *them* with your Holy Spirit, empower *them* for your service, and sustain *them* all the days of *their lives*.

Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM



(The candidates for confirmation present themselves. The minister, laying hands upon the head of each, names the candidate, and pronounces a text of Scripture.)

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace;

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM



(Confirmands standing)

By affirming your baptismal covenant in public worship today, you have taken another step in your journey with God. You have entered into a new relationship with God and this congregation. We charge you in God's name always to remain faithful to Christ and the church, and to be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Reaffirmation of Faith

(The congregation sitting, the candidates present themselves, and the minister gives them the following greeting and charge.)

______, you have affirmed your faith and baptismal covenant before God and this congregation, and, by the grace and strength of Christ, have declared your desire and promise to renew your Christian discipleship. We welcome you with joy and thanksgiving.

May the Lord be with you. Build *yourselves* up on your most holy faith, led by the Holy Spirit. Keep *yourselves* by grace in the love of God, as you wait for our Lord Jesus Christ in his mercy to give you eternal life.

Transfer of Membership

(The congregation sitting, the candidates present themselves, and the minister gives them the following greeting and charge.)

_____, through baptism, profession of faith, and Christian service, you have already entered into the life of the Church Universal, and today we rejoice to welcome and receive you into the fellowship of this congregation. Continue faithfully in the good way you have chosen in Christ, and may the Holy Spirit bless you in your life among us. May we all, through grace, be enabled to support and encourage one another in Jesus Christ our Lord.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

(Standing. During the singing of the following hymn, the minister and others, according to local practice, give the right hand of fellowship to all who have been baptized or who have publicly affirmed their baptism on this day.)



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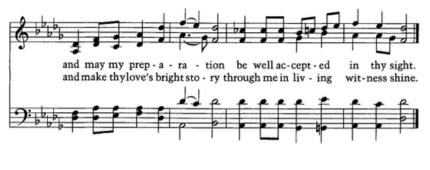
Isaiah 50: 4-9a Psalm 31: 9-16 Philippians 2: 5-11

During the singing of the next hymn, children age 3 and up are welcome to follow Godly Play leaders to continue their worship in CE-106.



^{7.8.7.8.}D. TEXT: Paul Gerhardt (1653). Tr. Arthur Tozer Russell (1851), alt. Edward T. Mickey, Jr. (1963) LEINBACH TUNE: Edward W. Leinbach (1870). Arr. Margaret Leinbach Kolb (1966), alt.

ADVENT



GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 11: 1-11Rev. Tobiassen

SERMON - Why a Parade?

HYMN - My Lord, You Wore No Royal Crown*......T. Germany

- My Lord, you wore no royal crown; You did not wield the pow'rs of state, Nor did you need a scholar's gown Or priestly robe, to make you great.
- You made no mean or cunning move, Chose no unworthy compromise, But carved a track of burning love Through tangles of deceit and lies.
- So when we stumble, set us right, Command our lives as you require; Let all your gifts be our delight, And you, our Lord, our one desire.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The offertory provides an opportunity to reflect on the many ways that we can express our gratitude in response to God: with time, treasure, talents, and testimony. For financial giving online: Use the Moravian Ministries Foundation giving portal at <u>https://mmfa.info/giving-portal/.</u> Click the "Give Now" button on any page of the Home Church website. For more information, go to HomeMoravian.org/online giving. You can make one-time or recurring gifts. Text HOME to 73256 on your phone. OFFERTORY INVITATION

ANTHEM - Zion at Thy Shining GateGeorge Guest (1984) Choir

Lo, the King of Glory waits, haste thy monarch's pomp to greet, strew thy palms before his feet. Christ, for thee their triple light, faith and hope and love unite; this the beacon we display to proclaim thy advent day. Come and give us peace within, loose us from the bands of sin, take away the galling weight laid on us by Satan's hate. Give us grace thy yoke to wear, give us strength thy cross to bear, make us thine in deed and word, thine in heart and life, O Lord. So when thou shalt come again, judge of angels and of men, we with all the saints shall sing Alleluias to our King.

DOXOLOGY OFFERTORY PRAYER PRAYERS FOR TRUTH AMIDST FALSEHOODS**

It is not true that this world and its inhabitants are doomed to die and be lost.

This is true: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him shall not die, but have everlasting life.

It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty, death and destruction.

This is true: "I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

It is not true that violence and hatred shall have the last word, and that war and destruction have come to stay forever.

This is true: To us a child is born, to us a son is given, in whom authority will rest, and whose name will be Prince of Peace.

It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil that seek to rule the world.

This is true: "To me is given authority in heaven and on earth, and lo, I am with you always, to the end of the world."

It is not true that we have to wait for those who are specially gifted, who are the prophets of the church, before we can do anything.

This is true: "I will pour out my Spirit on all people, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your young people shall see visions, and your old folk dream dreams."

It is not true that our dreams of liberation of humankind, our dreams of justice, of human dignity, of peace, are not meant for this earth and its history.

This is true: "The hour comes, and it is now, that true worshippers shall worship God in Spirit and in truth." Amen.



TEXT: Henry Hart Milman (1791-1868), alt.

TUNE: John Frederick Wolle (1888)

L.M. PALMARUM (22 I) POSTLUDE - Excerpt from *March Religieuse: Lift Up Your Heads Op. 15, No. 2....*Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - Hymn 832, The Grace of Our Lord

While singing, we extend the right hand of fellowship.



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**"Prayer for Truth Amidst Falsehoods" provided through the Moravian Ministerial Association, from "Liturgy for a Spirit-Driven Lent." Author(s) anonymous.

Joining today by transfer of membership:

Rick and Jordan Carter, Elizabeth, Charlotte, Alexandra and Katherine; 601 Glen Echo Trail, 27106.

Benny and Roma Welch; 111 Prague Circle, 27106.

Corey Williams; Belo Home, 455 S. Main Street, Apt. 313, 27101.

We extend a cordial welcome to all visitors this morning and invite you to join us again whenever possible. Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Register, pass it both ways in your pew, and greet those near you. After the service, pick up a beverage in the Lovefeast Serving Room off the Sanctuary, and enjoy fellowship in the Sanctuary or outside.

The palms are placed in the Sanctuary today in loving memory of *Bill and Lena Petree* and *Carroll and Mary Parks Weathers* by their children, Bill and Katherine Weathers Petree.

PERSONALS

We extend our sympathy to: ...the family of George R. Ernst, who died on March 17.

SUNDAY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

GODLY PLAY, CE-106 (ages 3 and up), Jesus the King

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (in person and via zoom), 11:15 a.m.: Bible Discussion, Club Room and Zoom <u>https://bit.ly/42JohxN</u>

Scripture Encore, CE 101 and Zoom https://bit.ly/3YVhLn7 Faith & Justice, CE 204 and Zoom https://bit.ly/49nE5tK

CHILDREN & YOUTH POWER HOUR, 11:15 a.m.-12 p.m.: Christian Education Building and 3rd floor

Wednesday Night Fellowship, Wednesday, April 3

Community Meal at 5:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall 6:45 p.m. - Program Meal: fried chicken legs, succotash, stewed tomatoes

Reservations for supper are encouraged by 5 p.m. on Monday. Contact the church office at (336) 722-6171 or <u>jshore@homemoravian.org</u> to make your reservation.

Tear off and place in offering plate

Wednesday Night Fellowship Reservation

\$5 per adult, \$3 per child ages 4-11, children 3 and under eat free

Name___

_____ Attending this week only (#) _____ Adult (#)

Child

Gluten Free (#) _____ Vegetarian (#) ____

2024 HOLY WEEK

Private Communion - Our pastoral care team will be holding private communion for members who are unable to attend the Maundy Thursday communion. If you would like a pastor to celebrate the Lord's Supper with you in your home, please call Jane Shore in the church office, 336-722-6171.

Ushers are needed for the Sunrise Service on March 31. Home Church needs to fill nearly 60 usher positions. Ushering is a great way to participate in this special service, welcome visitors and worship in community. If you would like to usher, please contact David Holston by email: david@sunnysideministry.org or 336-687-6095.

Our youth will be washing graves on Good Friday, March 29, as a service project for families who are not able to. Contact Jane Shore at 336-722-6171 or <u>jshore@homemoravian.org</u> with the names and location of the graves to be washed. All requests for grave washing need to be in the church office by noon on Monday, March 25.

Home Church members have an opportunity to decorate graves in God's Acre in preparation for Easter Sunday on Saturday, March 30 at 9:00 a.m. ALL are welcome to come and encouraged to bring flowers and/or greenery. Bring your gloves and clippers. Our areas to decorate are located through the second arch; look for sections marked "Home Church." For questions, call Cheryl Wilson at 336-345-9693.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Sunday, March 24 to Wednesday, March 27, 7 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Communion, March 28, 7 p.m.

Crucifixion Service, Friday, March 29, 2:15 p.m.

Good Friday Lovefeast, Friday, March 29, 7:30 p.m.

There will be a Nursery for ages 0-3 offered for the Good Friday lovefeast, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Great Sabbath Service of Music and Worship

Saturday, March 30, 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024 Sunrise Service - 6:15 a.m. Worship - 10:00 a.m., NO Sunday School Nursery - 9:30 a.m.

Holy Week services, Sunrise service and Easter morning worship will be livestreamed this year at <u>www.homemoravian.org</u>.

Salem Congregation staff will remove the remaining Easter flowers April 8. If you wish to keep any arrangements used in God's Acre during Easter please have them removed before Monday, April, 8.

CALENDAR

Sunday - 9:30 a.m. - Nursery, CE-105 10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship, Palm Sunday 10:20 a.m. - Godlv Plav. CE-106 11:00 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship, Lovefeast Serving Room 11:15 a.m. - Bible Discussion Sunday School, Club Room & Zoom Scripture Encore, CE-101 & Zoom Faith & Justice, CE-204 & Zoom "Power Hour," Children & Youth, CE Building 2:15 p.m. - Easter Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary 7:00 p.m. - Holy Week Reading, Sanctuary Monday - 5:00 p.m. - Christian Formation Meeting, RB-225 7:00 p.m. - Holy Week Reading, Sanctuary Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. - Men of the Church, Club Room 10:30 a.m. - Living Faith Group, Club Room 3:00 p.m. - Finance Committee, Club Room 5:30 p.m. - Candle Tea Committee, Zoom 7:00 p.m. - Holy Week Reading, Sanctuary Wednesday - 7:00 a.m. - Breakfast, Cagney's Restaurant 11:00 a.m. - Service for George Ernst. Sanctuary 7:00 p.m. - Holy Week Reading, Sanctuary Thursday - 7:00 p.m. - Holy Week Reading, Sanctuary Friday - 9:00 a.m. - Youth to clean graves 2:15 p.m. - Crucifixion Service, Sanctuary 7:30 p.m. - Good Friday Lovefeast, Sanctuary Saturday - 9:00 a.m. - All members invited to decorate graves, God's Acre 7:00 p.m. - Great Sabbath Service of Music, Sanctuary Next Sunday - 6:15 a.m. - Sunrise Service 9:30 a.m. - Nursery, CE-105 10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship, Easter 10:20 a.m. - Godly Play, CE-106

Save The Date - Home Church Day at Laurel Ridge! Come and worship on the mountain Sunday, May 5, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Mark your calendars and join us Sunday, May 5, for a day of fun, fellowship and worship on the mountain.

Sunnyside Ministry Food Needs for this month are: canned fruit, canned soup, canned vegetables, canned meat, and crackers. We provide food to more than 650 families each month. These are your neighbors, more than 1800 family members. So anything you can provide is helpful. You can bring donations to Sunnyside Ministry on Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Friday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. or you may put them in the large white box in the West Vestibule.

Virginia Hege Tobiassen, Pastor Glenn Siebert, Director of Music Jonathan Williams, Organist Becky Hodges, Director of Christian Formation Cambria Dyess, Youth Ministry Coordinator 529 S. Church Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101, 336-722-6171 home1771@homemoravian.org www.homemoravian.org (10 a.m. Morning Worship is broadcast on WSJS-AM 600)