

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
March 20, 2016 at Eleven o'clock
Sixth Sunday in Lent
Palm Sunday

Everyone is welcome at West End! We seek to be the loving light of Christ in Nashville and beyond. We gather as the people of God with a wide range of religious backgrounds, education levels, political and theological perspectives, and we value that diversity. We welcome and celebrate the gifts God has given to all without regard to gender, race, sexual orientation, economic or family status, ethnicity, or mental or physical ability. We believe God loves everyone unconditionally!

GATHERING

Prelude: Valet will ich dir geben, BWV 736..... J. S. Bach

Welcome Michael Williams
Please take a moment to record your attendance in the registration pad found near the center aisle, pass it to your neighbor, and then pass the pad back to the center. First-time guests are encouraged to list your address and telephone number or e-mail address so we may share additional information about our church with you.

Introit: Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!..... John Dykes

† Processional Hymn No. 280: All Glory, Laud, and Honor..... St. Theodulph

† Greeting Nancy Hawthorne
Liturgist: *We join with the crowd that eagerly awaited the coming of Jesus.*
People: **Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God! Hosanna in the highest!**
Liturgist: *Fulfilling prophecy, Jesus entered the city riding humbly on a donkey.*
People: **Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God! Hosanna in the highest!**
Liturgist: *Like the crowd in Jerusalem 2000 years ago, we greet Jesus proclaiming,*
People: **Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God! Hosanna in the highest!**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Holy God,
we confess that we have acted
like the people praising Jesus riding into Jerusalem.
They were excited and filled with anticipation.
Yet, within a few short days,
they were scattered, disillusioned, and frightened.
We, too, long to join the triumphal procession,
only to find ourselves burdened by the past,
fearful of the future, and reluctant to accept the way of the cross.
Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week
turn our hearts again to the life, death,
and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

† What Wondrous Love Is This (Verse 1)..... No. 292

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to
bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

(Please be seated.)

Anthem: Hosanna to the Son of David Thomas Weelkes

Hosanna to the son of David.
Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna. Thou that sittest in the highest heavens.
Hosanna in excelsis Deo.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, Word made flesh, let us hear this word open to your voice. Silence our agendas, confound our expectations, and clear the cobwebs from our ears. We know that you can, we pray that you will, and we wait with great anticipation. Amen.

Lesson from the Gospel: Luke 19:28-40 (pew Bible, page 854)

Response to the Lesson

Liturgist: *The Word of God for the people of God.*
People: **Thanks be to God.**

† Hymn No. 142..... Wer nur den lieben Gott
If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee
The children are invited to come forward to join Michael at the chancel during the last stanza of the hymn.

Sermon..... Michael Williams
Is the Rabbi from Nazareth Really the One Who Comes in the Name of the Lord?

† Affirmation of Faith of the United Church of Canada No. 883

Joys & Concerns of the Church..... Becky Peeler

Salutation

Liturgist: *The Lord be with you.*
People: **And also with you.**
Liturgist: *Let us pray.*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

Offertory: Sanctus from *Requiem* Gabriel Fauré

Translation from Latin: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

† Doxology No. 95

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 278: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna..... Ellacombe

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Amen Orlando Gibbons

Postlude: Finale from Sonata No.1 in D minor Alexandre Guilmant
All are invited to remain seated for a time of reflection.
If you leave, please do so quietly.

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

Head Usher: Barbara Cragg

The Flower Fund provides flowers for West End's worship service when none have been donated. If you would like to contribute, please mark your check or envelope "Flower Fund."

Music Participants: Sanctuary Choir with harpist Paula Bressman; Andrew Risinger, conductor. Organists this morning are Andrew Risinger and Caitlin Dowling.

All are invited to attend any and all the Holy Week worship services and events:

Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion will be held this week at 7:30p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Good Friday service will be held this week at noon in the Sanctuary.

Easter Breakfast takes place between the services at 9:45a.m. Easter Sunday in the Gymnasium.

Identical Easter Sunday services are at 8:45a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (On Easter Sunday morning West End members are being asked to park in the garage of the Caterpillar building freeing up spaces in our parking lot for guests. Access is gained by entering the garage via Hayes Street.)

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Preaching: Michael Williams

“Is the Rabbi from Nazareth Really the One Who Comes in the Name of the Lord?”

Luke 19:28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They said, “The Lord needs it.” Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

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