

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
April 9, 2017 at Eleven o'clock
Sixth Sunday of 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

Voluntary: Trumpet Tune in D.....David N. Johnson

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: Hosanna, Hosanna, Jesus Christ is King.....Matthew Phelps
Hosanna, Hosanna Jesus Christ is King. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

† Greeting.....Stacy Gonzalez
Liturgist: *God has prepared the way.*
People: **We celebrate the arrival of Jesus.**
Liturgist: *Look, He is coming!*
People: **We shout hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**
Liturgist: *Open your hearts to receive the Savior.*
People: **We are ready to receive all that God has offered us.**

Anthem: Sing Glad HosannasMark Patterson
Sing glad hosannas to welcome the King of kings. Sing glad hosannas, rejoice let your praises ring! Blessed is he who comes this day, who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is he who comes this day, his glory shall be restored. Hosanna, hosanna, exalt him forever more. Wave your palm branches high to welcome the King of glory. Lift your praise to the skies. This is the day of triumph and praise. This is the day we rejoice.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Loving God,
we confess that we often fail to see things as they really are.
We celebrate our own victories
and turn our backs on those who face defeat.
We rejoice in your resurrection
without walking with you towards your crucifixion.
Forgive us, God, and open our eyes
to see the suffering and the pain.
Give us courage to stay with you through the whole journey.
May we not allow any of your children to be left behind us. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

† Gloria Patri.....No. 71

**Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination for Palm Sunday

Holy God, waken our ears to your voice; teach us to listen and not turn backwards. Speak to us through your love on the cross that we may know your mercy, freely given, and show to all the world the glory of Jesus' name. Amen.

Lesson from the Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11.....(pew Bible, page 802)

Lesson from the Epistle: Philippians 1:1-11.....(pew Bible, page 953)

Response to the Lesson

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

† Hymn No. 278: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna.....Ellacombe
The children are invited to come forward to join Michael at the chancel during the last stanza of the hymn.

Sermon: That Your Love May Overflow.....Michael Williams

† Affirmation: I Corinthians 15:1-6 and Colossians 1:15-20.....No. 888

† Passing of the Peace

Liturgist: *As a forgiven and reconciled people,
let us exchange signs of reconciliation and love.
The peace of Christ be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

(You are invited to pass the peace of Christ to those around you.)

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: Sing Joyfully Unto GodWilliam Byrd

Sing joyfully unto God our strength; sing loud unto the God of Jacob.
Take the song and bring the timbrel, the pleasant harp and viol.
Blow the trumpet in the new moon, ev'n in the time appointed,
and at our feast day. For this is a statute for Israel and a law of the
God of Jacob. *(Psalm 81:1-4)*

† DoxologyNo. 95

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 142.....Wer Nur Den Lieben Gott
If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: When Jesus Wept.....William Billings

Voluntary: Toccata in B Minor.....Eugene Gigout
*The postlude is the final Alleluia of our worship.
All are invited to remain for a time of joyful prayer.*

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

Head Usher: Barbara Cragg

The palms used in today's service were provided by the Flower Fund which 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."

The rose on the Communion Table is to celebrate the coming of Lucy Mei to bless John and Elizabeth McGuire and their son, Liam, who have welcomed this child as their own on February 27, 2017.

Prayer of Illumination for Palm Sunday was written by Blair Gilmer Meeks.

The Sanctuary Choir. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, organist-director. Caitlin Dowling, assisting at the organ. The Asbury Choir, Matthew Phelps and Bethany Wilson, co-directors. Chapel Choirs I and II. Caitlin Dowling, conductor.

Today marks the end of the Children's Choir season for this spring. We are grateful for the time, talent, and dedication of all the leaders who have taught the children throughout the 2016-17 year: Susy Gillette, Mary Frances Harrell, Bethany Wilson, Matt Phelps, Tyler Bowman, Pam Rice, Andrew Risinger, Sedina Tsikata, Christina Egan, and Caitlin Dowling. Children's Choirs will begin a new season this fall.

Hymnic Notes: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" is a traditional Palm Sunday processional that combines praise to Jesus, Redeemer and King, with accounts of his passion. The tune ST. THEODULPH is named after the 8th century author of the original Latin text.
(Hymnic notes by Carlton Young)

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Preaching: Michael Williams
"That Your Love May Overflow"

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Philippians 1:1-11

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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