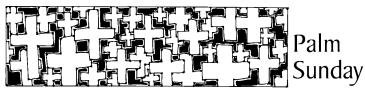


Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

March 24, 2024 11:00 a.m.



PRELUDE

Hosanna! F. D. Ashdown

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

PALM SUNDAY INTROIT

Hosanna! The King Comes Today! E. Lund

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#267 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving God,

as we look at the crowd which surrounded Jesus, we confess that we have treated others like the crowd treated Jesus in Jerusalem. We have judged falsely, we have accused others, we have given false witness, we have condemned without proof; and we have rejected the ideas and perspectives of those whom we do not understand. We humbly bring our words and deeds to your throne of mercy. Restore us, renew us, help us, so that we might live faithfully and serve others with kindness and compassion.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

RESPONSIVE KYRIE

Kyrie / Lord, Have Mercy (See insert)

K. Hart Brumm

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PSALM and CHORAL RESPONSE

Psalm 24 Pages 553-554, 1st half of NRSV Bible Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

One: God is good, and God's love never ends.

Many: We thank and praise God for never-ending love.

One: Let us come boldly to God who makes us worthy

to stand in God's presence.

Many: We stand confident before God,

through Christ Jesus.

One: O God of our salvation, show us your strength in our hour of need.

Many: Save us from wayward thinking, and grant us success in our endeavours of justice and mercy. All: We praise God through all our days, grateful for God's great love and faithfulness.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#271 Lift Up Your Heads

S. Fry

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN OF PALMS

#265 All Glory, Laud and Honour ST. THEODULPH

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Mark 11:1-11 Page 48, 2nd half of NRSV Bible Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON "The Lively Struggle of Followership"

Rev. Dr. Ryan Sato

M. Adria

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Offertory

Ah, Dearest Jesus H. Walcha

*New Doxology

Let's praise God for each good thing. All creation, shout and sing! Praise three Persons, yet one Love: Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.

*Prayer of Gratitude

ANTHEM

Wondrous Love, Wondrous Cross arr. J. Martin (Please be seated)

*THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be

with you.

People: And also with you. *The Sending of the Community

*Congregational Amen

The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week

POSTLUDE

Erbarm dich mein, o Herre Gott BWV 721 J.S. Bach (Please refrain from applause)

*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today: Writing Prayers & Leading Worship - Christina Ward; Prayers of the People - Gordon Dinwoodie; Scripture Reading - Greg Schoepp, Ryan Keay; Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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- FBC Council