

# Welcome to Worship! | April 2, 2023 | Palm Sunday

It is good you are here! Please silence all electronic devices.

## **GATHERING**

Prelude Festival March on "St. Theodulph"

Robert J. Hughes

#### Welcome

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Rejoice and shout aloud for our king is coming to save us.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Our king is coming, humble yet triumphant, riding on a donkey.

ALL: Hosanna in the highest! Let us worship God!

\*Hymn No. 197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (Introduction to hymn—Youth Singers)

# **Prayer of Confession**

Christ our Redeemer, try as we might, we do not follow your example. We do not empty ourselves, we do not humble ourselves, we are not obedient. You simply ask us to care about this world you created, but we fail to do even that. Forgive us. You have given us the greatest, clearest example of love. Heal us, and help us to follow. Amen.

#### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

\*Sung Response No. 581 Glory Be to the Father

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **People: And also with you.** 

#### WORD

Time with Children

First Lesson *Psalm* 118:1-2, 19-29 Second Lesson: Matthew 21:1-17

**Sermon:** Who is This? Rev. Katherine B. Harrington

\*Hymn No. 196 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

\*Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed (hymnal, p. 35)

<sup>\*</sup>Please stand as you are able.

# Offering and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

arr. Krug

#### **COMMUNION**

All are invited to the Table of our Lord. The distribution of the elements will be shared by intinction, the dipping of bread into a common cup. The congregation will receive communion using the center aisle. Please return using the side aisles. Pre-packaged elements and gluten-free bread are available if preferred.

\*Choral Invitation No. 497 Bread of Life from Heaven (v. 2)

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

**Words of Institution** 

**Sharing of Bread and Cup Together** 

arr. Brant Adams Communion Music Jesus Paid It All/O Sacred Head Now Wounded

**Closing Prayer** 

\*Hymn No. 215 What Wondrous Love Is This

\*Blessing

\*Dismissal

We stand while the bell is rung three times, remembering that God, Creator, Redeemer and Renewer of Life, goes with us. Go in peace!

**Postlude** Fantasy in A Minor

J.S. Bach arr. Max Reger

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#### **Worship Leaders**

Senior Pastor, Rev. Katherine B. Harrington Parish Associate, Rev. Dr. Gary Smith Director of Music/Clarinetist, Cindy Litzinger Choir Director, Angela Burns Organist/Pianist, Sara Bryant

Contemporary Worship Leader, Matthew McDonald Adult Bells Youth Singers and Bells Lay reader, Scott Murray