

9:30 am

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

March 25, 2018

WE HEED GOD'S CALL TO COME AND WORSHIP

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Introit

WE HAIL OUR SAVING KING

Call to Worship (based on Zechariah 9:9)

The Rev. Mr. Gruver

Call to Confession

The Rev. Ms. Craven

Prayer of Confession (unison)

The Rev. Ms. Craven

Most holy and merciful Father:

We confess to you and to one another,

that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed;

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us.

We have not been true to the mind of Christ.

We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness:

the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives;

our self-indulgent appetites and ways,

and our exploitation of other people;

our negligence in prayer and worship,

and our failure to commend the faith that is in us to those around us.

O Lamb of God Most Holy! (Hymn 82)

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

that we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

bring us with all your servants to the joy of his resurrection.

In your unending mercy, hear us,

for we ask it relying on the intercession of your Son,

our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of God's Mercy
Thanks be to God!

The Rev. Ms. Craven

***Processional Hymn 88**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

The Joyful Entry of the Lord Jesus into Jerusalem

Luke 19:28-40

Anthem

Antiphonal Hosanna
Carol, TEAM and Adult Choirs

arr. Schrader & Smith

Hosanna! Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna!

***Passing of the Peace**

The Rev. Ms. Craven

****Children may now bring forth their One Great Hour of Sharing fish boxes.****

****Children Grades 1–6 will be dismissed to Church School at this time. Church School teachers will be at the rear sanctuary doors to escort your child to Witherspoon Center. Children may be picked up by their parents in Witherspoon, located in the rear parking lot, at 10:40 am**.**

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD OF PROMISE

Prayer for Illumination

The Rev. Mr. Gruver

Reading of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

WE SEEK GOD'S SAVING MERCY

New Testament Reading

Luke 22:54-62

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Gaze of the Nazarene
The Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Faulkner

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response 76**

My Song Is Love Unknown

Call to Present God's Tithe and Our Offerings

The Rev. Mr. Gruver

Prayer of Dedication

The Rev. Mr. Gruver

Offertory

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

arr. Courtney

Alas! And did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?
Thy body slain, sweet Jesus, thine and bathed in its own blood,
While all exposed to wrath divine the glorious Suff'rer stood!
Was it for crimes that I have done, He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!
Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut its glories in.
When God, the mighty maker, died for His own creature's sin!
Thus might I hide my blushing face while His dear cross appears;
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt mine eyes with tears.
But drops of tears can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe.
Here, Lord, I give myself away; 'tis all that I can do.
Alas! And did my Savior bleed and did my Sovereign die?
Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?
Was it for crimes that I have done; He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

WE GO INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE OUR SAVIOR

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

The Rev. Ms. Craven

***Sending Hymn 98**

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

***Charge and Pastoral Benediction**

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Silent Prayer

Postlude

*Those who are able may stand.

A special thank you to those who assisted with worship leadership this morning:

Margaret Gammie - Narrator

Bill Lawton - Jesus

Jade Sedeyn - Girl

Peter Brown - Peter

Tommy Digneo - Guard

Doug Nork - Pilate

Please join us for Holy Week Services:

March 29 Maundy Thursday 7:30 pm

A Quiet Tenebrae Communion Service

with music by the Adult Choir

April 1 Easter Sunday Worship 9:30 and 11:15 am
Childcare for Infants through Kindergarten at 9:30 only
There will be no Church School that morning for grades 1-6.