

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE AND THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

**HYMN OF SENDING #264 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"*

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Bind Us Together"*

Bind us together, Lord; Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.

Bind us together, Lord; Bind us together, Lord; Bind us together with love.

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY*

Zachary Smith



HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud;
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
Nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
And in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

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Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

March 24, 2013

11:00 a.m.



PROCESSION OF THE PALMS

*The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore
I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to
shame; he who vindicates me is near.*

Isaiah 50:7-8a

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

March 24, 2013

(Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices during worship.)

** Those who are able, please stand.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Acolyte: Cydnee Keller

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Ron Scheer

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**Those who are able, please stand.*

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

***And thro' these days of penitence, and thro' your Passion tide,
Forevermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.***

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 118)

Liturgist: Cooper Keller

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

All: **This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.**

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

All: **This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

All: **Hallelujah! Let us worship God!**

PROCESSION OF THE PALMS

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #267 (lyrics on back) "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we think too highly of ourselves. Forgive us also when we find nothing good in ourselves. Help us to see ourselves and others through your eyes of compassion and grace, remembering that you have called us your children, and you have saved us through the blood of your Son. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 8:32)

Leader: If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? My friends, rejoice in the good news:

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI

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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.

PROCLAIMING AND ENACTING THE WORD

*HYMN OF CONSECRATION # 256 "There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Betsy Sierra

ANTHEM ""Praise His Holy Name" by Keith Hampton

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Luke 19:28-40

(page 79, Pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Isaiah 50:4-9a

(page 640 Pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "Returning to God: Joy and Pain"

Rev. Susan Bennett

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

MINISTRY OF GIVING

*DOXOLOGY

Old 100th

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***