

Second Sermon Text
Mark 11:12-33

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A reading from the Gospel of Mark.
All praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Edith A. Gause
THE WEEK OF PASSION BEGINS

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 203 *Chereponi*
“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”
(The choir will sing thru the refrain and then the congregation will sing it. The choir will sing the verses and the congregation the refrain after each verse.)

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison) Confession of 1967
God’s reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd’s life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God’s love for humankind. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God’s reconciling work.

Part I, Section 9.09 God’s Work of Reconciliation

*Congregational Response Hymn 198 (v. 4) *St. Drostan*
**Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain;
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.**

Pastoral Joys and Concerns of the Church

Prayer for the People and Lord’s Prayer Choral Amen
(Hymnal Page 11)

Call to Stewardship
All undesignated cash goes to the Compassion Fund.

Offertory “God So Loved the World” John Stainer
Sanctuary Choir

God so loved the world
that He gave His only begotten Son,
That who so believeth in Him
should not perish but have everlasting life.
For God sent not His son
into the world to condemn the world;
but that the world through Him might be saved.

*Congregational Response Hymn 203 (refrain, repeat twice)
**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

*Offertory Prayer (Unison)
Thank you, God, for your saving action in Jesus Christ, and for the opportunity to join in the tasks of ministry you set before us. May our offerings fulfil your purposes and never betray your trust. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

*Hymn 215 *Wondrous Love*
“What Wondrous Love Is This”

*Invitation to Discipleship

*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Choral Response *Love Unknown/John Ireland*
“My Song Is Love Unknown”
Sanctuary Choir

My song is love unknown, my Savior’s love to me,
Love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
O who am I that for my sake my
Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

*Closing Voluntary *Bangor*
“Alone Thou Goest Forth”

Please stay and listen to the Voluntary which has been lovingly prepared by our Director of Music.



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THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

March 25, 2018

10:40 A.M.

**The congregation is invited to stand as music begins.
Additional worshipers may enter as the congregation sings.*

Welcome and Announcements

Today is a special celebration. We begin in the Great Hall (out the sanctuary doors, left, then right at the hallway.) Announcements will be in the Great Hall at 10:40 a.m. Palms will be distributed. We will then process through the parking lot to the entrance door to the sanctuary, waving our palms. As we enter the sanctuary we will begin singing our opening hymns. The Bible and Lighted Christ Candle will be in place. We join the crowds in celebrating the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem.

Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary Healey Willan
“Let Us All with Gladsome Voice”

*Hymn 196 Valet Will Ich Dir Geben
“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

God wakens us to this new day and bids us enter the gates of righteousness.

This is the day that God has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone of our faith.

This is God’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

God causes light to shine on us and blesses our festive procession.

Blessed is the One who comes in God’s name.

Hosanna in the highest!

*Prayer of Invocation

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Sovereign God, we come confessing our guilt and seeking to be free from our willful self-centered ways. False

pride cuts us off from other people and dims our eyes and ears to your way. We turn from your Chosen One, for Jesus’ example is too demanding, and we are unprepared to accept the horrible death on a cross as a sacrifice for us. Who will vindicate us before you, as we seek change within? Hear us, O God! Amen.

Silent Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Congregational Response Hymn 198 (v.2) St. Drostan
**Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o’er captive death and conquered sin.**

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

The day is yours, O God, and we rejoice that you have awakened us to help share in it. As we hear again the phrases and stories so familiar to us, help us to identify ourselves in the words and actions of people long ago. So touch us that our lives may reflect your teaching, join your parade, and bow down before your glory. Amen.

Music Ministry “The Palms” J. Faure
Sanctuary Choir

Where e’er we go, the palms along our way,
Now on this festival their fronds are showing,
Lo, Jesus comes to dry our tears today,
See how to welcome Him the throngs advance.

*Sing one and all, the chorus raise,
Voicing your happy cry of acclamation:
Hosanna! Our Lord we praise!
Bless Him who bringeth us salvation!*

He spake the word, and nations, slaves no more,
Joy to regain freedom so long denied them;
Man enters on the rights he held of yore,
To them the light that failed he doth restore,

Sing and be glad, O blest Jerusalem,
Sing now your sons’ glorious liberation;
Out of His lore the Christ of Bethlehem
Grants you the hope and faith that never fail.

Old Testament Reading
Isaiah 50:4-9

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A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Thanks be to God for words read and words heard.

Children’s Anthem Michael Bedford
“Hosanna to the Son of David!”
Cherub and Carol Choirs

*Hosanna, hosanna! Hosanna to the son of David!
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, sanna, Jesus comes.*

Riding on a donkey through the city streets,
Jesus smiles and waves to everyone he meets.

See palm branches waving as the people say,
“Blest is he who comes on this triumphant day!”

Children’s Moments Bettie Riall

Children’s Worship

Psalms 118:1-2, 9-29 Pew Bible Page 565 Cantor: Dianna Dixon

REFRAIN Hal H. Hopson



Bless - ed is He who comes, who
comes in the name of the Lord.

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