



Holly Presbyterian Church

Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

Welcome and Announcements-We welcome back this week Jennifer Rike from St. Clair Shores.

Pennies from Heaven A voluntary small change offering for new building projects.

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you,

Triumphant and victorious.

Humble and riding on a donkey,

On a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn #88 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

{Please join together in the prayer of confession}

Unison Prayer of confession

Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts away from our worldly lives and concerns; turn our hearts again to Jerusalem. Jesus entered the Holy City of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and King by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Grant that we who follow him may follow him in the way of the cross, that dying and rising with him, we too may enter into your kingdom; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Eternal God, whose word silences the shouts of the mighty:

Quiet within us every voice but your own.

Speak to us through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ

That by the power of thy Holy Spirit

We may receive grace to show Christ's love

In lives given to your service.

Scriptures

Hebrew scriptures Isaiah 50:4-9a. Pew Bible (OT) Pg. 640

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

New Testament scriptures Matthew 21:1-11 Pew Bible (NT) Pg. 21-22

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Sermon Facing/Embracing the Cross

Dr. Rev. Jennifer Rike

*Hymn #90 "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

The Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.

Peace be with you.

(People may exchange greetings with one another.)

Invitation to the Lord's Table

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!

**They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table
in the kingdom of God.**

This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast
which he has prepared.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

We lift up our hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy Lord, almighty and everlasting God, you have formed the universe in your
wisdom, and created all things by your power, and you have set us on the earth to
live with you in faith. We praise you for the good gifts of bread and wine, and for
the table you spread in the world as a sign of your love for all in Christ.

Remembering the Lord Jesus, we break bread and share one cup, announcing his death for the sins of the world, and proclaiming his resurrection to all the nations.

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry."
[Pause while all take bread.]

In the same way, Jesus took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

[Pause while all take the cup.] "I am the vine, you are the branches. Cut off from me you can do nothing."

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life and renewed us for your service. Help us who have shared Christ's body and received his cup, so that our daily living may contribute to your kingdom, and our love may be your love reaching out into the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

***Closing Hymn #507 "I Come with Joy"**

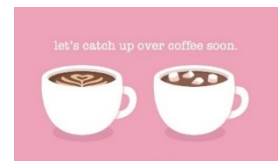
**Charge
Benediction**

Postlude

Serving in the celebration of worship this week:
Worship Leader **Jan Bradshaw**
Usher & Greeter **Vicki Lyles**
A/V **Jim Lyles & Sound Randy Cook**

From the Congregational Care Team

Join us at **10:30am** to reconnect with brothers and sisters in Christ with a little coffee.



Bible Study is the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, from 10:00am-10:45am. Dessalee Cook will be our instructor.

