

*“Hosanna!
Blessed is he who
comes in the name
of the Lord!”*

Mark 11:9



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ENTRY OF THE LIGHT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Zechariah 9:9

Melinda Lacy

One: Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

All: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

One: Lo, your king comes to you;

All: Triumphant and victorious is he,

One: Humble and riding on a donkey,

All: On a colt, the foal of a donkey.

One: Let us worship God!

PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

John 12:12-16

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord-- the King of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

PROCESSION INTO THE CHURCH

HYMN

"All Glory , Laud, and Honor"

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**All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children, made sweet hosannas ring!**

**Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessed One.**

**All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children, made sweet hosannas ring!**

**The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems
before thee we present.**

**All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children, made sweet hosannas ring!**

**To thee, before thy passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.**

**All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children, made sweet hosannas ring!**

**Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King!**

**All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children, made sweet hosannas ring!**

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ACCLAMATION:

One: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: Hosanna in the highest! *(Psalm 118:26)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

One: Let us pray:

All: Everlasting God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son to take our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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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 your Holy Spirit we may receive grace to show Christ's love in lives given to your service. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

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Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied

himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Hosanna to the Son of David”

Gabriel’s Sounds

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SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, “Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Bill Pederson

BAPTISM AND REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Presentation

For Profession of Faith and Baptism – Gunner Gill

One: Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Gunner, by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his church?

All: We do.

For Profession of Faith Having Been Previously Baptized – Remi Ford, Alex Mann, Zaria Rodriguez

Profession of Faith

One: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

One: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving Over The Water

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE BAPTISM

Laying On of Hands for Gunner

Prayer for Those Reaffirming the Baptismal Covenant

Laying On of Hands for Zaria, Remi, and Alex

Welcome of Gunner, Zaria, Remi, and Alex

One: Through his baptism Gunner has been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church. Remi, Alex, and Zaria have reaffirmed the covenant into which they were baptized. As members of the household of God, God has called Gunner, Zaria, Alex, and Remi to serve Christ in the world. Let us welcome them to ministry.

All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him. Welcome!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*“The Holy City”
Sung by Ernie Sydow*

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THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Therefore we praise you...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**All Sing: Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

One: Remembering...that our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

One: Through Christ...now and forever.

All: Amen.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

“The Old Rugged Cross, He Leadeth Me, and Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross”

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Psalm 103:1,2

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

All: And all that is within me, bless God’s holy name!

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

All: And forget not all God’s benefits.

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

One: Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE *“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”*

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