

# The Worship Service

Sunday, April 5, 2020

## Palm Sunday

### GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

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Prelude

*“And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!” -Philippians 2:8*

Greetings

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

### GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

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Hymn of Praise #281

“Lamb of God”

Your only Son no sin to hide, but You have sent Him from Your side,  
To walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.  
Your gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned Him as he died,  
The humble King they named a fraud, and sacrificed the Lamb of God.  
*Oh Lamb of God, sweet lamb of God, I love the Holy Lamb of God!*  
*Oh wash me in His precious blood—my Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.*  
I was so lost I should have died, but You have brought me to Your side,  
To be led by Your staff and rod, and to be called a Lamb of God.  
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Prayer of Confession (from the Covenant Service)

**God of exodus and wilderness, God of refuge and help, hear us now as we make our confession to you. In times of temptation we forget what you have done for us. You give us everything we need, yet we often remain unsatisfied; you trust us to care for creation, yet we often abuse that trust and spoil what we have been given. You show us the way we are to follow, yet we often continue on the path of self-indulgence and self-centeredness. Forgive us, we pray. We ask for your direction, your patience, your love, in the name of Jesus Christ, who, in spite of his temptations, was faithful to your saving Word. Amen.**

\*Assurance of God's Forgiveness

\*Congregational Response

Hymn #145

**Glory be to God, Creator, glory be to God, the Son, glory be to God the Spirit, known as Three, yet God the One. As it was in the beginning, it is now and so shall be in a world without an ending, glory through eternity.**

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of 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.*

**GOD’S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED**

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Scripture

Psalm 132

Sermon

“Obedience”

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

I. **Sentences from Scripture** Mark 8:34 --- Ephesians 2:8-9 --- Jude 1:21

II. **Call to Discipleship** The call of Christ is to willing, dedicated discipleship. Discipleship is both a gift and a commitment, an offering and a responsibility. It is marked by change, growth and deepened commitment. It is lived out of a continuously renewed sense of God’s call and God’s claim upon us made in our baptism.

III. **Call to Renewal** By God’s grace we are saved and enabled to grow in faith and to commit our lives to Christ. I invite you now to claim that grace given to you in baptism. On this occasion we celebrate the depth of God’s love in Jesus Christ and join together to reaffirm our baptismal vows.

IV. **Profession of Faith** As God embraces you in the covenant, I ask you to reject sin, to profess your faith in Jesus Christ and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we are baptized:

Do you renounce all evil and powers of the world which defy God’s righteousness and love?

**I renounce it.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that separate you from God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and trust in him as Savior and Lord?

**I do.**

Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love, to your life’s end?

**I will, with God’s help.**

V. **Thanksgiving over Water**VI. **Prayer****GO IN GOD’S NAME**

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Hymn #261

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
 My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.  
 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God;  
 All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.  
 See from his dead, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
 Did e’er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?  
 Where the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small,  
 Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my fire, my all.

Benediction

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