

~ The Sixth Sunday of Lent ~
~ Palm Sunday & Passion Sunday ~
April 5, 2020

Order of Worship

for First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center

Prelude ~ Variations on “I Call to You, Lord Jesus Christ”

Bert Matter

Welcome

Opening Lenten Prayer

O Lord Christ, as you once entered Jerusalem, enter our hearts this day afresh. As you once set your face toward death on a cross, help us this day to walk with you to victory. As the children once cried “Hosanna” to bless you, enable us to confess you openly as Lord and Savior. Grant us your presence by the power of your Spirit, that our worship and our lives may truly honor you. Amen.

Hymn of Preparation ~ “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna,” *Lift Up Your Hearts* 145

Call to Worship

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

—based on Zechariah 9:9 and Psalm 118:26

God’s Greeting

Grace, mercy, and peace are yours, from God the Father Almighty,

from the Lord Jesus, and from the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

Children’s Songs of Praise ~

“He Is King of Kings”

He is the King of kings; he is the Lord of lords.

His name is Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus;

oh, he is the King!

(sing twice)

“Hosanna! (Blessed Is He)”

Blessed is He (blessed is He)

who comes in the name of the Lord.

Blessed is He (blessed is He)

who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Hosanna! This is Jesus!

(sing twice)

Call to Confession

Like the people who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem
and then later pronounced “Crucify him,”
we are fickle people who often deny Christ
in our thoughts, words, and deeds.
Remembering the events of Jesus’ last week
helps us see ourselves for what we are:
sinners in need of a Savior, a Savior—praise God—we have in Christ.
In honesty and hope, we confess now our sins to God.

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city
that later rejected you,
we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem’s,
that our faith is often more show than substance,
that our hearts are in need of cleansing.

Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives.

**Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are,
trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken,
to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own. Amen.**

Hymn of Penitence ~ “Kyrie Eleison,” *Lift Up Your Hearts* 637, sung in Greek and English:

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Word of the Lord from Psalm 118:

Let those who fear the Lord say,
“His steadfast love endures for ever.”
Out of my distress I called on the Lord;
the Lord answered me and set me free.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.
I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

In Christ, God answers us and sets us free!
In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

—based on Psalm 118:4-5, 14, 17

Prayer for Illumination & Scripture Reading ~ John 18.1-11

Sermon ~ “I Told You that I AM”

Hymn of Response ~ “Go to Dark Gethsemane,” verses 1-3, *Lift Up Your Hearts* 161

Prayers of the People

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Offertory ~ “Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended”

Charles Callahan

Hymn of Dedication ~ “Oh, to See the Dawn,” *Lift Up Your Hearts* 177

Verse 1:

Oh, to see the dawn
of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men,
torn and beaten, then
nailed to a cross of wood.

Chorus following verses 1-3:

This, the power of the cross:
Christ became sin for us,
took the blame, bore the wrath:
we stand forgiven at the cross.

Verse 2:

Oh, to see the pain
written on Your face
bearing the awesome weight of sin;
every bitter thought,
every evil deed
crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Verse 3:

Now the daylight flees,
now the ground beneath
quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two,
dead are raised to life;
‘Finished!’ the victory cry.

Verse 4:

Oh, to see my name
written in the wounds,
for through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death,
life is mine to live,
won through Your selfless love.

Chorus following verse 4:

This, the power of the cross:
Son of God, slain for us.
What a love! What a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Sending & Benediction

Postlude ~ “Tocatta on “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”

Michael Burkhardt

(v. 6) All glory to our Lord and God
for love so deep, so high, so broad—
the Trinity, whom we adore
forever and forevermore.

Worship Leader: Pastor Kurt Monroe

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