



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Passion/Palm Sunday

March 24, 2013

*Let all who enter enjoy the fellowship of friends until the bells call us to worship.
Let us then, in oneness of spirit, turn our reverent attention to the worship of God.*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Gracious God, as we enter this Holy Week, strengthen us to move beyond the festive parade of palms and to follow Jesus into the way of the cross, that united with him and all the faithful, we may one day enter through the gates of righteousness into the eternal city, the New Jerusalem, where we may praise you with Christ and the Holy Spirit forever. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Toccata in B minor

Eugène Gigout

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118:1, 19-20

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

**This is the gate of the Lord;
let the faithful come and worship God.**

*PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

Luke 19:29-40

*SONG OF PRAISE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God of heaven and earth,
we give you thanks for sending us Jesus Christ
in your name.**

**Even though we profess to follow him,
we confess that in times of trial we too often deny him.**

Forgive us and heal us, we pray.

**Help us to put our faith not in the princes of this world,
but only in the Prince of Peace.**

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SONG OF RESPONSE *Glory Be to the Father* 579

*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR MISSION *One Great Hour of Sharing* Ann Fayles

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Jesus Is Near!* Lee Dengler

MESSAGE *On the Way to the Cross* Tracy L. Evans

CHRIST'S PASSION Luke 23:1-49 Page No. 918

SONG OF FAITH *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* 98

RESPONSIVE PRAYER ON CHRIST'S PASSION

Our Redeemer suffered death, was buried and rose again for our sake. With love let us adore him, aware of our needs.

Christ our teacher, for us you were obedient, even to death:

Teach us to obey God's will in all things.

Christ our life, by dying on the cross
you destroyed the power of evil and death:

Enable us to die with you, and to rise with you in glory.

Christ our strength, you were despised,
and humiliated as a condemned criminal:

Teach us the humility by which you saved the world.

Christ our salvation, you gave your life out of love for us:

Help us to love one another.

Christ our Savior, on the cross you embraced all time
with your outstretched arms:

Gather all the scattered children of God into your realm.

Jesus, Lamb of God,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,

grant us peace.

Eternal God, as we are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ,
so give us the grace of repentance that we may pass through the
grave with him and be born again to eternal life.

For he is the One who was crucified, dead, and buried,
and rose again for us, Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 16

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

J. S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
DEDICATION PRAYER

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FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG *My Song Is Love Unknown*

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*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*

*POSTLUDE *Fugue on "O Traurigkeit, O Herzeleid"* Johannes Brahms

*Those who are able may stand.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for March 31: Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12.

The Urban Mission item of the month for March is **canned fruit**. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

Holy Week events—Join us for a special worship service with communion on Maundy Thursday at 7:00 P.M. Easter Sunday, March 31, will include a potluck breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt for the children at 9:30, and an uplifting service of worship at 10:55.

This Thursday at 7:00 P.M., **Parents Helping Parents** will present "Pleasure Unwoven," a film viewing and Q&A with Dr. Kevin McCauley at the Education Center at Norman Regional Hospital, 901 North Porter in Norman. For more information call 278-1221 or go to the website: ParentsHelpingParents.info

SUNDAY**March 24**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service – Passion/Palm Sunday
- 5:00 P.M. – Lenten Study at FPC

WEDNESDAY**March 27**

- 3:30 P.M. – Kids Club
- 5:00 P.M. – Children's Hand-Chime Choir
- 5:30 P.M. – Children's Choir
- 6:00 P.M. – Chancel Ringers
- 7:00 P.M. – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY**March 28**

- 7:00 P.M. – Maundy Thursday service—Communion

SUNDAY**March 31**

- 9:30 A.M. – No Sunday School
- 9:30 A.M. – Potluck Easter breakfast
- 10:00 A.M. – Easter Egg hunt
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service – Easter Day