

THE LAMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*We are a family of faith wrapping our arms around God's world
and making Jesus Christ a way of life*

through **worship**, as we praise and glorify God;
through **study**, as we listen for God's Word in body, mind and spirit;
through **mission**, as we embody God's love in service to the world;
through **giving**, as we express gratitude to God;
through **fellowship**, as we love and care for one another.



PALM SUNDAY

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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MARCH 25, 2018

10:15AM

*“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!’”
John 12:13*

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE Sarabande Gavotte Menuet in a minor Jean-Philippe Rameau

WELCOME

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

INTROIT

Dona nobis pacem
The Lamington Bell Choir

Arranged by Kevin McChesney

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 118:19-20,22,24; Matthew 21:9)

Rich Ramsay

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness,

People: That I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

Leader: This is the gate of the Lord;

People: The righteous shall enter through it.

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected

People: Has become the chief cornerstone.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Hosanna to the Son of David!

People: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

All: Hosanna in the highest heaven!

* GATHERING HYMN 89

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

ELLACOMBE

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

* UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord, whose victory in Jerusalem
was suddenly transformed into the agony of Calvary:
deliver us from the temptation to turn your passion
into a pious parade.**

**Forgive us for the times when we seek glory for ourselves,
and fail to give glory to you.
Save us from unrighteous anger,
from greed,
from harmful words and impure thoughts.
Forgive us for looking only to ourselves,
and not to the interests of others.
Remind us of how you spurned the offer of a royal crown
to shoulder a criminal's cross;
and help us to know, with deep gratitude,
that your saving death was for us. Amen.**

* KYRIE

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!**

* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn 223)

**Bless your Maker, all you creatures,
Ever under God's control,
All throughout God's vast dominion;
Bless the Lord of all, my soul!**

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Children through 7th Grade are excused to go with their teachers to church school.)

ANTHEM

Messiah, HWV 56

George Frideric Handel

No. 27 Recitative "All They That See Him, Laugh Him to Scorn"

Psalm 22:7

John Cloys, soloist

No. 28 Chorus "He Trusted in God That He Would Deliver Him"

Psalm 22:8

SECOND READING

John 12:12-16

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"A King's Ransom"

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* HYMN 88

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 1*)

What is your only comfort
in life and in death?

That I am not my own,

but belong—

body and soul,

in life and in death—

to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.**

**He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

Because I belong to him,

Christ, by his Holy Spirit,

assures me of eternal life

**and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Dr. Wilton

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Menuet in g minor

Jean-Philippe Rameau

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

* DOXOLOGY (*Hymn 592*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SENDING

* SENDING HYMN 91

“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”

ST. DROSTANE

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Messiah, HWV 56

George Frideric Handel

No. 29 Recitative “Thy Rebuke Hath Broken His Heart”

Psalm 69:20

No. 30 Air “Behold, and See If There Be Any Sorrow”

Lamentations 1:12

John Cloys, soloist

* POSTLUDE

Suite

Jehan Alain

III. Choral

** All who are able please stand*

Welcome to Lamington

If you are a guest, please fill out the information card in the pew and return it in the offering plate or to the pastor or usher at the end of the service. The church office hours are Monday-Friday from 10:00AM-3:00PM, (908) 572-7013, lamingtonchurch@gmail.com. If you have a pastoral emergency and need assistance immediately, please contact Pastor Carl Wilton at (908) 910-5360.

Today's Worship Notes

Palm Sunday, as it has come down to us, has become a joyous, pre-Easter celebration. Many of us have fond memories of childhood, processing through the Sanctuary and waving palm branches imported for the occasion. Yet there was not such carefree joy when Jesus rode into Jerusalem long ago. There was joy, yes: as the people welcomed a man many thought to be a political savior. The air was crackling with excitement as they wondered what would come next: what the Romans might do in response to this provocation. In a few days, they would know the answer. Was he the king they hoped for? Or was he another sort of king altogether?

DEACONS: Sallye Grubel and John Gordon

LITURGIST: Rich Ramsay

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Lori & Bob Luciano

Church Staff

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton, PASTOR

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