



Clothing Body
and Soul

The Clothing Church

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PLANO, TX

SUNDAY BULLETIN



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

APRIL 13, 2025

PALM SUNDAY

*This * means please **stand as you are able.***

PRELUDE & PROCESSION

"The Royal Banners Forward Go"

T. Gieschen

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

MUSICAL CONTEMPLATION:

"Glory Be to Jesus"

G. W. Cassler

Please stand

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

People: God's steadfast love endures forever!

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: Save us, we call upon you, O Lord!

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

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

People: God's steadfast love endures forever! Let us worship God.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***OPENING HYMN #197** *"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"*

Please be seated

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Have mercy on us, O God, for we are broken vessels. You call us to follow you, but we deny, abandon and betray. You call us to pursue justice and righteousness, but we stick to the status quo. You invite us into the hope of your Spirit, but we make despair our daily bread. You lead us to the cross, but in our discomfort, we try to skip to the empty tomb. Transform us, O God. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon all our brokenness, that your grace may fill in the cracks of our broken places and make us whole. Amen.

(moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Please Stand

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: May the Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you!

People: And also with you.

Leader: Greet one another with a sign of peace.

***PEACE RESPONSE HYMN #172 (no repeats)** *"Blest Are They"*

*"Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the Kingdom of God!"*

Please be seated

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING (Old Testament)

Zechariah 9:9-12

CHORAL ANTHEM

"On That Day When He Rode Into Jerusalem"
Arr. by John Carter

Sanctuary Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING (Gospel)

Luke 19:28-40

SERMON

"The Lord Needs It"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY INVITATION

***DOXOLOGY** **Please rise**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*From Philippians 2:5-11*)**

All: We trust in God, the source of all hope, even as we call on God to meet us in places of hopelessness. We commit to be disciples of 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 and was born in human likeness. 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. Amen.

Please be seated

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Crucified God, some days the weight of the world feels like more than we can handle. Yet, you have promised to be here with us in the thick of it. Trusting in that assurance, we lift our prayers to you this morning.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: Holy One who teaches us to give thanks in all circumstances, we praise you for the beauty of your creation as seasons change and flowers burst from the soil, promising the coming of spring. We thank you for the gift of your church and for the congregations with whom we worship and serve. Thank you for admonishing us to live in community and for giving us to one another as companions, to bear with each other through joys and sorrows.

People: Lord, we give you thanks and praise.

Pastor: Even when life is difficult, O God, we praise you for the slivers of good news, hope, and joy that break into our darkness like rays of light in a dark room. Lord Jesus Christ, as we walk with you toward the cross this Holy Week, we remember the crosses of our world, all the places where your body continues to be broken.

People: Lord, we ask for your mercy.

Pastor: We pray for those who are sick or going through medical treatments. We pray for people who are hungry, homeless, and poor. We pray for your children languishing in prisons and detention centers and for all who live in fear.

People: Lord, empower us to serve your people.

Pastor: Sovereign Spirit, we pray for the many nations and peoples of your world. Knit us together in harmony in all the places where our lives and cultures intersect. Breathe your goodness and wisdom into the halls of power, where leaders make decisions that affect the lives of others. Lead them toward compassion, justice and peace. And when they will not follow your way, overturn those tables with raging fire of justice and love for all your people.

People: Lord, give wisdom and grace to those in powerful positions.

Pastor: Great God whose love overcame death on a cross, overcome injustice and despair in our world today. All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who taught us to pray, saying:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

Please stand

***CLOSING HYMN #196**

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

***CHARGE**

***BENEDICTION**

***SEVEN-FOLD AMEN**

***POSTLUDE**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

C. Callahan

Participants in worship:

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