

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR LAMPLIGHT

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

* SONG OF PRAISE: "Hosanna," by Paul Baloche

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT: Zechariah 9:9-12

EPISTLE: Philippians 2:5-11

* GOSPEL: John 12:12-33

* NICENE CREED

BIBLE MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY: "Redeemer, Savior, Friend"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

HAND WASHING

COMMUNION PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION AND DISMISSAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* BLESSING

* CLOSING SONG: "Above All"

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sun 3/24	7:45 am	Choir Rehearsal
	8:30 am	Divine Worship Service
	9:45 am	Learning Hour
	11:00 am	Morning Song Service
Mon 3/25	SPRING BREAK	
Tues 3/26	9:00 am	Prayer Group (231)
	6:00 pm	Dojo of the Risen Son (Gym)
	6:30 pm	Bible Study - Schubert (Library)
Wed 3/27	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (114)
Thurs. 3/28	6:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship
Fri 3/29	8:00 am	Church Office Closed
	6:30 pm	Good Friday Worship
Sat 3/30	9:00 am	Music Rehearsal - Connon
	5:00 pm	Holy Saturday Lamplight Worship

LAMPLIGHT



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March 23, 2024
EVE OF PALM SUNDAY
5:00 PM

Zechariah. 9:9–12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Philippians 2:5–11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

John 12:12-33

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵ "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷ The crowd that had been with

him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him." ²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹ So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²² Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. ²⁷ "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹ The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰ Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³ He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.