

SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT (PALM SUNDAY)
APRIL 5, 2020

**Designates "Those who are able please stand"*

COMING BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Peggy Stout

PRELUDE

Marty Light, Pianist

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Responsively*)

Kathy Winters, Liturgist

A great crowd who had come to the Passover Feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying.

"Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

***SPECIAL MUSIC** "How Great Thou Art" Marty Light & Kathy Winters
(#2 Blue Book - or "To God Be the Glory" - #363)

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** (*Responsively*)

Rev. Peggy Stout

God of amazing and unfathomable love, we gather to give you extravagant praise to lift up the name of Jesus, who in obedience to your plan of salvation paid the price of love through His death.

Though we comprehend such sacrifice with a limited understanding, we believe by faith that, at the end of our Lenten journey, love will triumph - and that is cause for celebration and thanksgiving.

So, help us, O Lord, that our worship today may honor and glorify you. ***Amen.***

***INTROIT**

Marty Light

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Responsively*)

Kathy Winters, Liturgist

O King of Glory, we confess that our praise of your majesty has often been faint, and our performance as citizens of your kingdom has been poor. We have often surrendered to the enemy by our sins, both public and in private.

Forgive us, O Lord!

For our treason you died, Lord Jesus, and for our restoration, you arose from the dead.

Draw us closer to you in this most Holy Week -
that our eyes may catch a glimpse of your tears and our hearts may catch the vision of your grace and the depth of your love for us.

We ask all these things in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS** (*Responsively*) Rev. Peggy Stout

In the cross, we see God's amazing love for us. In his abundant grace, God heals our pain and forgives our failures. Therefore, in the name of Christ and by His blood - you are forgiven and set free in grace.

Thanks be to God!

***PRAISE RESPONSE** "*Sweet Hour of Prayer*" #439 Blue Book
(Marty Light & Kathy Winters)

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*Unison*) Kathy Winters, Lay Reader

Eternal God, quiet within us every voice but your own. Speak to us, through the power of the Holy Spirit, that we may receive grace to show Christ's love and hope to the world around us. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Psalm 118:25-29*

Kathy Winters, Lay Reader

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Marty Light, Pianist

***GOSPEL READING** *Matthew 21:1-11* Rev. Peggy Stout
The Gospel of the Risen Christ.
All praise to you, Christ our Lord!

SERMON “*Jesus’ Big Reveal*” Rev. Peggy Stout

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

ORGAN INTERLUDE (*Easter Theme*) Marty Light

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Peggy Stout
The Lord’s Prayer Marty Light

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Invitation Kathy Winters

Ministry of Intercessory Prayer

Offertory

***Doxology** “*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*”
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Offertory Prayer**

***SPECIAL MUSIC** “*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*” #98 Blue Book
(Marty Light and Kathy Winters)

***BENEDICTION** (*Responsively*) Rev. Peggy Stout
May the God who sent his Son so that we could be His own children,
send his Spirit into our hearts – during this Holy Week of
remembrance and renewal, and may He equip us to love mercy, to
do justice, and to walk humbly with Him.
In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

***POSTLUDE** Marty Light

Psalm 118:25-29

²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success! ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD. ²⁷ The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. ²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. ²⁹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' ⁴This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵ 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.' ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' ¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' ¹¹The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'