

April 10, 2022
Palm Sunday
10 A.M.

THE Gathering

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GATHERING

Welcome

Opening Song Sing to the King

Call to Worship

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Let us enter the city with God today,

And sing hosannas to our king,

Let us turn our backs on the powers that grasp and control,

And open our hearts to the Son of God riding on a donkey.

Let us join his parade,

Surrounded by outcasts and prostitutes, the blind and the leper.

Let us follow the one who brought freedom and peace,

And walk in solidarity with the abandoned and oppressed.

Let us shout for joy at Christ's coming and join his disciples,

Welcoming the broken, healing the sick, dining with outcasts.

Let us touch and see as God draws near,

Riding in triumph towards the Cross.

by Christine Sine

Worship Song Great Are You Lord

Prayer of the Day

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Let us pray. Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

WORD

Reading Zechariah 9:9-12

Julie Scott

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion 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.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Reading Luke 19:28-40

Julie Scott

²⁸After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it." ' ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' ³⁴They said, 'The Lord needs it.' ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!' ³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' ⁴⁰He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

Children in preschool through 5th grade are invited to come up to receive their 'Sunday School Item of the Day.'

Sermon Pastor Scott Nellis

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us now pray to the God who loves us and sustains us ... Holy God, we pray for all people of the church, all of those called to follow Jesus in the way of the cross. Make us servants of the gospel. Give us strength to confront the injustices of the world and to practice radical compassion.

<Pause>

We pray for the earth and all its inhabitants, whom you created in love: help us to recognize your divine goodness in the world around us, and to take better care of this beautiful world that you made.

<Pause>

We pray for those in positions of authority called to lead with integrity and compassion: Supply them with courage and vulnerability when challenged with new ideas. Deliver them from fear that limits imagination and impedes justice.

<Pause>

We pray for all who suffer, those waiting expectantly for mercy and consolation: Accompany those who feel abandoned or betrayed, defend those who are wrongly accused, and embrace those who are incarcerated or detained. Heal those who are ill this day, those whom we name silently now ...

<Pause>

For all Christians around the world, preparing to journey with Jesus through Holy Week: Reveal to us once again the earthshaking power of humble service, unmerited forgiveness, and sacrificial love. Lead us all from death to new life.

<Pause>

Loving God, you abide with us in times of joy and in times of sorrow, in times of faith and in times of doubt. For all of this, we give you our thanks and praise, in the name of Jesus, the one who taught us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

MEAL AND SENDING

Words of Institution

Loving God, you unite us through the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ, and give us equal access to this forgiveness and new life found in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. In this sacrament, may we believe in the love and new life that we've been given from you.

In the night in which he was betrayed
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Prayer

Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Help us to live into the forgiveness we've been given through this sacrament, that we might reflect your love in our lives.
Amen.

Offering

We continue to give thanks for your faithful giving. If you are worshiping in person, the offering basket is on the table by the entrance doors. You may also continue to give online (e-Giving tab on website) or by mailing or bringing your offering to the church office.

Ignite Faith Together

VISITORS – If you are visiting with us today, we warmly welcome you! And, we ask that you complete the visitor information form found inside your bulletin. You can drop it in the offering plate at the doors as you leave today.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP – We invite you to worship with us this week at the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship services. Please also plan join us next Sunday, Easter Sunday, and invite someone to come with you! Please see worship times on the insert in the back of today's bulletin.

EASTER FLOWERS – You can still order Easter flowers to help decorate our worship space. Find the insert in today's bulletin. Orders are due by this coming Friday.

Worship Song In Christ Alone

Blessing and Dismissal

Let us go from this place of worship that God has given to us.

Led by the Spirit we will go to be with those who are filled with fears, with hopes.

Let us go from the refuge of the Table where we have tasted the first fruits of grace.

Led by the Spirit, we will go to feed those who hunger for companionship and life.

Let us go into the world, living out God's reality that there is no distinction between people.

Led by the Spirit, let us go to serve.

Let us go in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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The rose at the font in the sanctuary celebrates the birth of Hunter Jackson, son of Emerson and Hannah Rhoad, on March 31. Proud big brother is Carter and proud grandparents are Rick and Carol Zipf.

Sympathies are expressed to Paul and Ginny Nuechterlein on the death of Paul's brother, Ted, on March 31.

Prayers:

Kathy Jones, Dianne Dammeyer, Diane Dammeyer, Carole Miller, Theresa Burkhart, Connie Pierce, Bob and Brigitte McKay, David Quist family, Kinzley Schmehl, Donna Crossman, Jeff Snyder, Denise Burdette, Orrin and Clara Buckley, Lucille Buller, Russ Wheeler, Gloria Mortinger, Fletcher Robenstine, John Moneysmith, Ralph Podas, Bob Duff, Ron Margello, Charlene Friedley, Marcia Bollinger, Donna Peltomaa, Rick Meister, Neal Scharrer, Richard Crawford, Lorraine Jurgensen, Marilyn Swisher, Rose Myers (Robin Sohnly's cousin), Pasha Majdi (Steve and Jayne Rosandich's nephew-in-law), Gwyn Boughey (Gene and Cynthia Tierney's daughter), Cindy Kleiber (Gloria Mortinger's sister), Cadet Elena Strube (Janet Lasten's granddaughter), Tim Schwaderer (Andrea Ochall's brother), Rusty Thomas (Jim and Joanna Huffer's son-in-law), Alex Burrell (Marj

Ellis' and Marchelle O'Grady's nephew), Mike Williams (Marchelle O'Grady's friend), Nancy Chritton (Nancy Hellickson's sister-in-law), Marilyn West (Rick and Lynn Nadler's friend), Matt Youtsler (Sam Sohnly's friend), Jack Husch (Meghan Stanco's father), Ron and Becky Eselgroth (Carolyn Eselgroth's parents), Patti Bramson (Rick Kolloff's sister), Winifred Stutz (George Schmidt's friend), Cynamon Iden (Lauren Grangaard's cousin), Joe McDaniel (Penny Grangaard's godfather), Carol Keplinger (Charlene Friedley's daughter)

Missionaries: John Rogers (Bratislava, Slovakia), Rev. David and Alicia Brondos (Mexico City, Mexico)

Prayer Chain: If you have any special prayer concerns, please contact the church office (614-885-0112) or aslc@saintsonhigh.org; all requests are confidential.