

# **Worship Service**

April 5, 2020 Palm Sunday

#### Prelude

**Beautiful Savior** 

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## God calls us to worship

from Zechariah 9:9; Matthew 21:9

Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Suffering Servant, *the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.* Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! *Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!* 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. *Hosanna to the Son of David!* 

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

## We praise God

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## We pray for God to help us worship

Christ is risen! *He is risen indeed! He died for us that we might live for him.* 

#### God calls us to confess our sin

from Psalm 24:3-4; James 4:7-8, 10

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

#### We confess our sin

Our majestic King, you rightly require and receive our praise for your glory is our greatest good. **But we are prone to seek our deepest joy in other loves that cannot truly save or satisfy.** You showed us true kingship by clothing your majesty in meekness. **But we often grasp for power and control to direct our own lives.** You rightly claim the highest loyalty of our life. **But we often turn away to substitutes that promise comfort and salvation, yet truly rob of us life. Lord, have mercy on us.** 

(silent prayers of confession)

Gracious Father, help us see and treasure your glory revealed in Christ so that we turn away from false hopes and seductive idols to give our greatest praise and loyalty to you. Transform us by the renewing work of your Holy Spirit so that we will abide in Christ our King and follow him in the way of the cross, laying down our lives to serve the sacrificial mission of your kingdom.

## God declares our forgiveness

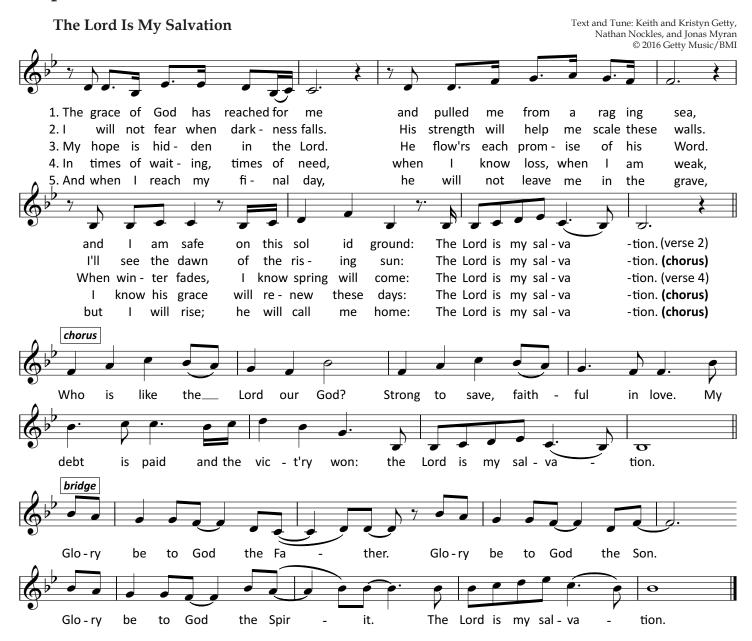
from Hebrews 2:8-9; 5:8-9

At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to Jesus. But we see him, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. Although Jesus was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation.

For all who have turned from sin in sorrow and look to God for mercy, this is God's gift. In Jesus Christ, God loves you, God forgives you, God accepts you, and God rejoices over you as beloved daughters and sons.

Hallelujah! Amen!

#### We praise God



#### God instructs us in scripture reading

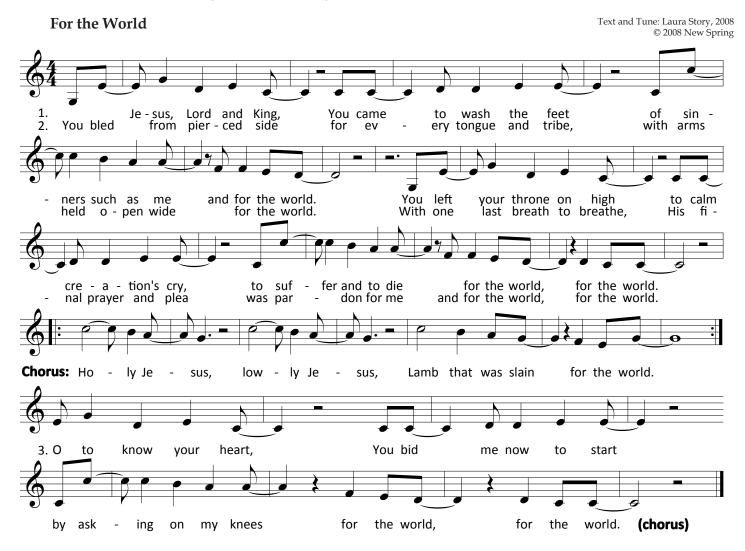
<sup>1</sup>Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" <sup>4</sup>And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. <sup>5</sup>And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" <sup>6</sup>And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. <sup>7</sup>And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. <sup>9</sup>And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!" <sup>11</sup>And he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. And when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

#### God instructs us in preaching

Rev. Dr. Clay Smith

Sermon Notes:

# We offer ourselves in gifts and song



## We pray for the church and the world

(prayers for the church and the world)

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.



#### God blesses us and sends us out

And all God's people said... Hallelujah! Amen.

#### Holy Week Online Services

April 9	Holy Thursday	7 p.m.
April 10	Good Friday	7 p.m.
April 12	Easter Sunday	8:30 a.m.

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