

Passion Sunday

March 25, 2018

10:30 AM

*We welcome you to worship today. It is a privilege to have you as our guest.
As you enter the sanctuary, begin to worship quietly with personal prayer.
Please turn off your cell phone and turn your thoughts toward God.*

We prepare for worship

Take a moment and meditate on this as you prepare for worship...

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.

Zechariah 9:9

Prelude

I Saw the Cross of Jesus

Whitfield

Sadie Heston, violin

Mrs. Gloria Hague, Director of Music

We praise our great God

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 24:7-10 (ESV)

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

*Hymn No. 235

All Glory Laud and Honor

St. Theodulph

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One!

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present;
To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!
All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalm 118

(Hymnal pg. 828)

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Let Israel say, "His love endures forever."

Let the house of Aaron say, "His love endures forever."

Let those who fear the LORD say: "His love endures forever."

In my anguish I cried to the LORD, and he answered by setting me free.

The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?

The LORD is with me; he is my helper.

I will look in triumph on my enemies.

It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.

It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

All the nations surrounded me, but in the name of the LORD I cut them off.

They surrounded me n every side, but in the name of the LORD I cut them off.

They swarmed around me like bees, but they died out as quickly as burning thorns;

In the name of the LORD I cut them off.

I was pushed back and about to fall, but the LORD helped me.

The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:

“The LORD’s right hand has done might things!”

“The LORD’s right hand is lifted high;

“The LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!”

I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

The LORD has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.

I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

O LORD, save us; O LORD, grant us success.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you.

The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine upon us.

With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Assurance of Pardon (*responsive*)

Philippians 2:5-8 (ESV)

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

But made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Confession of Faith (*unison*)

Cannons of Dort, Head II, Art. 2

Since therefore we are unable to make that satisfaction [for sin] in our own persons or to deliver ourselves from the wrath of God, He had been pleased in His infinite mercy to give His only begotten Son, for our surety, who was made sin, and became a curse for us and in our stead, that He might make satisfaction to divine justice on our behalf.

*Hymn No. 499

Rock of Ages

Toplady

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfil thy law’s demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;

Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

Old Testament Reading

Joshua 16 (ESV)

The Allotment for Ephraim and Manasseh

16 The allotment of the people of Joseph went from the Jordan by Jericho, east of the waters of Jericho, into the wilderness, going up from Jericho into the hill country to (BETH uhl) Bethel.

² Then going from Bethel to (LUHZ) Luz, it passes along to (AT uh rawth) Ataroth, the territory of the (AHR kights) Archites. ³ Then it goes down westward to the territory of the (JAF lee tights) Japhletites, as far as the territory of Lower Beth-horon, then to Gezer, and it ends at the sea.

⁴ The people of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, received their inheritance.

⁵ The territory of the people of Ephraim by their clans was as follows: the boundary of their inheritance on the east was Ataroth-addar as far as Upper Beth-horon, ⁶ and the boundary goes from there to the sea. On the north is (MIK mih thath) Michmethath. Then on the east the boundary turns around toward (TAY uh nath-SHIGH loh) Taanath-shiloh and passes along beyond it on the east to (juh NOH huh) Janoah, ⁷ then it goes down from (juh NOH huh) Janoah to (AT uh rawth) Ataroth and to (NAY uh huh) Naarah, and touches Jericho, ending at the Jordan.

⁸ From (ta PYOO uh) Tappuah the boundary goes westward to the brook (KAY nuh) Kanah and ends at the sea. Such is the inheritance of the tribe of the people of Ephraim by their clans,

⁹ together with the towns that were set apart for the people of Ephraim within the inheritance of the (muh NASS ights) Manassites, all those towns with their villages. ¹⁰ However, they did not drive out the Canaanites who lived in Gezer, so the Canaanites have lived in the midst of Ephraim to this day but have been made to do forced labor.

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

The Prayers of God's People and the Lord's Prayer (in unison)

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

**The Doxology (Hymnal, pg. 731)* and Prayer of Dedication

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory

Sing to the Lord

Goemanne
The Adult Choir

Sing to the Lord! Sing and clap your hands; Sing to the Lord and join in the festive dance. Sing to the Lord from the highest mountain top; Sing to the Lord, proclaim His Name! Sing to the Lord, sing alleluia! Sing to the Lord and shout with joy! Sing to the Lord of Light! Sing alleluia! Sing to Him day and night, sing alleluia! Sing to the Lord, Most High, sing alleluia! Sing to the Lord of Life, sing alleluia! Sing alleluia...Sing, O sing to the Lord!

Musical Interlude

After the Offertory, children grades 1-4 may recess for Children's Church through the side door, or may remain with their families.

We hear God speak

Scripture Reading

Matthew 27:55-66

(Pew Bible, pg. 705)

⁵⁵ There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, ⁵⁶ among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

Jesus Is Buried

⁵⁷ When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸ He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹ And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud ⁶⁰ and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. ⁶¹ Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The Guard at the Tomb

⁶² The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³ and said, “Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise.’ ⁶⁴ Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, ‘He has risen from the dead,’ and the last fraud will be worse than the first.” ⁶⁵ Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can.” ⁶⁶ So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

Sermon

“The Kingdom’s Acquiescence”

Pastor Bell

We respond to God’s grace

*Hymn No. 260 (vv. 1-4)

Were You There?

Spiritual

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (2X)
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (2X)
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (2X)
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

*Benediction and Three-Fold *Amen* (*Hymnal*, pg. 740)

Postlude

Hornpipe

Danish
G. F. Handel

*Those who are able, please stand.

Our thanks to Sadie Heston (granddaughter of Jack & Mary Lou Wickham) for her musical contribution today.

If you would like to give a special gift for our music ministry you can do so by using a pink pew envelope and marking it “Tiemann Music Fund.”

Please check for any Trinity hymnals or church library books you may have inadvertently carried home with you (and not returned!). A number of items are missing. Also, we have still not found two of the new

hearing assist devices which disappeared the first week we had them. Help us be good stewards of the things which God has given.

This Week at Aisquith

TODAY **10:30 AM** **Worship**
Children's Church (grades 1-4)
No Youth Group tonight!

THURSDAY **7:00 PM** **Maundy Thursday Communion**
Service at Aisquith

FRIDAY **7:00 PM** **Good Friday Service at LRPC**

NEXT SUNDAY **No Sunday School today!**
10:20 AM **Prelude by the Baltimore Brass**
10:30 AM **Worship**
Children's Church (grades 1-4)
No Youth Group tonight!

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