

Passion Sunday

April 14, 2019
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 (ESV)

Prelude

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

Benedetto Marcello
Virginia Turner, trumpet
Mrs. Gloria Hague, Director of Music

We praise our great God

*Call to Worship

Psalm 118:24-27a, 29 (ESV)

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

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

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

*Hymn No. 235

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

St. Theodolph

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 24

(Hymnal pg. 791)

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;

for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.

Who may ascend the hill of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false.

He will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God his Savior.

Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up you 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 you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.

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)

Second Helvetic Confession, XI.17 (1566)

We do plainly and openly profess and preach, that Jesus Christ is the only Redeemer and Savior of the world, the King and High Priest, the true and looked-for Messiah, that holy and blessed one whom all the shadows of the law, and the prophecies of the prophets, did prefigure and promise; and that God did supply and send Him unto us, so that now we are not to look for any other. And now there remains nothing, but that we all should give all glory to Him, believe in Him, and rest in Him only...for our salvation.

*Hymn No. 311

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Aurelia

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!

Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,

To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong;

To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;

To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,

Whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;

And love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth;

Before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;

And righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

O'er ev'ry foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest,

From age to age more glorious, all blessing and all blessed;

The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;

His name shall stand forever—that name to us is Love.

Old Testament Reading

Judges 9:7-21 (ESV)

⁷ When it was told to Jotham, he went and stood on top of Mount Gerizim and cried aloud and said to them, "Listen to me, you leaders of Shechem, that God may listen to you. ⁸ The trees once went out to anoint a king over them, and they said to the olive tree, 'Reign over us.' ⁹ But the olive tree said to them, 'Shall I leave my abundance, by which gods and men are honored, and go hold sway over the trees?' ¹⁰ And the trees said to the fig tree, 'You come and reign over us.'

¹¹ But the fig tree said to them, 'Shall I leave my sweetness and my good fruit and go hold sway over the trees?' ¹² And the trees said to the vine, 'You come and reign over us.' ¹³ But the vine said to them, 'Shall I leave my wine that cheers God and men and go hold sway over the trees?'

¹⁴ Then all the trees said to the bramble, 'You come and reign over us.' ¹⁵ And the bramble said

to the trees, ‘If in good faith you are anointing me king over you, then come and take refuge in my shade, but if not, let fire come out of the bramble and devour the cedars of Lebanon.’

¹⁶“Now therefore, if you acted in good faith and integrity when you made Abimelech king, and if you have dealt well with Jerubbaal and his house and have done to him as his deeds deserved—

¹⁷for my father fought for you and risked his life and delivered you from the hand of Midian, ¹⁸and you have risen up against my father’s house this day and have killed his sons, seventy men on one stone, and have made Abimelech, the son of his female servant, king over the leaders of Shechem, because he is your relative— ¹⁹if you then have acted in good faith and integrity with Jerubbaal and with his house this day, then rejoice in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in you. ²⁰But if not, let fire come out from Abimelech and devour the leaders of Shechem and Beth-millo; and let fire come out from the leaders of Shechem and from Beth-millo and devour Abimelech.” ²¹And Jotham ran away and fled and went to Beer and lived there, because of Abimelech his brother.

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

Ride On, King Jesus

Spiritual arr. Parker/Shaw
The Adult Choir

Ride On, King Jesus, No man can a hin-duh me...was but young when I begun, No man can a hin-duh me. But now my race is almost done, No man can a hin-duh me. Ride on, King Jesus...Jesus rides on a milk white horse, No man can a hin-duh me. The river of Jordan He did cross, No man can a hin-duh me. Ride on, King Jesus...If you want to find your way to God, The gospel highway must be trod, No man can a hin-duh me, Ride on, King Jesus...

The children may dismiss for church-time programs.

We hear God speak

Scripture Reading

Mark 11:1-19

(Pew Bible, pg. 717)

The Triumphal Entry

11 Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ²and 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. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!” ¹¹And 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.

Jesus Curses the Fig Tree

¹² On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry. ¹³ And seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see if he could find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. ¹⁴ And he said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard it.

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

¹⁵ And they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. ¹⁶ And he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. ¹⁷ And he was teaching them and saying to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a den of robbers." ¹⁸ And the chief priests and the scribes heard it and were seeking a way to destroy him, for they feared him, because all the crowd was astonished at his teaching. ¹⁹ And when evening came they went out of the city.

Sermon

"Nothing but Leaves"

Pastor Bell

We respond to God's grace

*Hymn No. 309

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Arthur's Seat

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet.

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up to their eternal home.

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

Postlude

Voluntary No. 1

Danish
William Boyce

*Those who are able, please stand.

Nursery Attendants: TODAY, Judi Mason; NEXT WEEK, April 21th, Janet Johnson.

Impact is still collecting empty inkjet cartridges to raise funds for future mission's trips. There is a box on the steel racks in the kitchen where you can drop them off. We need your cartridges!

The Canticle Singers' Spring Concerts will be held on Friday, May 10th at 7:30 PM at the Church of the Resurrection, 11525 Greenspring Ave. in Lutherville, and on Saturday, May 11th at 7:00 PM at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 101 Carrollton Ave. in Towson. An offering will be taken at each performance. For more information, please call 410-292-2576. Wendy Wickham, Director.

Loch Raven Presbyterian Church is hosting a brunch for Chuck & Barbara Angert on Saturday, April 27, 2019, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. If you would like to attend please contact Barbara Reed at 410-828-9350 to register.

This Week at Aisquith

TODAY	10:30 AM	Worship No Youth Group tonight
THURSDAY	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday: Communion Service at LRPC
FRIDAY	7:00 PM	Good Friday Service at APC
SUNDAY		No Sunday School today
	10:30 AM	Worship No Youth Group tonight

Coming Soon

Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 6:00 PM
The National Christian Choir's, 2nd Edition Concert
here at Aisquith

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Rev. John E. Ceselsky, Assistant Pastor

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