

*"You enter this church not as a stranger, but as a child of God."*

## Church in the Forest

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Palm/Passion Sunday

March 20, 2016 • 9:30 am

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To Thee, Re-deem-er, King!

To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

*Fine*

1. Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, Thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2. The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore Thee went;  
 3. To Thee, be - fore Thy pas - sion, They sang their hymns of praise;  
 4. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Repeat Refrain*

Who in the Lord's name com - est, The King and bless-ed One.  
 Our praise and prayers and an - thems Be - fore Thee we pre - sent.  
 To Thee, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 Who in all good de - light - est, Thou good and gra-cious King!

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## PRELUDE

*We respectfully request that you withhold conversation during the prelude (being recorded), silence your cell phones, and hold your applause until the end.*

Prelude, Fugue & Variation..... César Franck (1822-1890)  
Nicae/Widor Toccata..... arranged by Mark Hayes & Marvin Gaspard

*Afterwards, the minister welcomes the congregation and invites us to stand*

Minister: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People: Hosanna in the highest!**

Minister: Rejoice greatly, O daughter O Zion!

**People: Lo your king comes to you triumphant and victorious, humble and riding on a donkey.**

Minister: Let us lift up our voices in thanksgiving for the triumph of the Lord.

## THE PROCESSION OF THE PALMS

*The hymn is sung on page 2 — then the service continues below*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Let these branches be signs of his victory, and grant that we who carry them may follow him in the way of the cross, that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

THE FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 50: 4-9a*

Bob Perry

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 118: 1-2, 19-24, 28-29

*Responsively*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his mercy endures for ever.

**Let Israel now proclaim,  
“His mercy endures for ever.”**

Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

**“This is the gate of the Lord;  
he who is righteous may enter.”**

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

**The same stone which the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the Lord’s doing,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

**On this day the Lord has acted;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

“You are my God, and I will thank you;  
you are my God, and I will exalt you.”

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his mercy endures for ever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

THE SECOND LESSON

*Luke 19:28-40*

THE SERMON

“Untied for the ride of a lifetime”

the Rev. Ken Feske

*Afterwards the minister will ask all to stand*

THE CREED

**We are not alone,  
we live in God’s world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church,  
to celebrate God’s presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our Judge and our Hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.**

**We are not alone. Thanks be to God. *Amen.***

*—A New Creed from the United Church of Canada*

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the Church in the Forest on this Palm Sunday. We rejoice in the triumph of Jesus as the King of heaven. As he was worshipped and adored by the ordinary people on that day, may we welcome him into our hearts this day.

If you are visiting today, please know that it is a joy to have you participate in this service of worship and, if you are looking for a church home, we would welcome the opportunity to share with you what this ministry is all about. Our next new-member intake is **Sunday, April 3**, with lunch afterwards for the new folks at the Manse. Please use the card in the bible rack and place it in the offering plate. Also, if you have a prayer request, please use that same visitor's card to relay that to the prayer group or the clergy.

Feel free to join others from the congregation for coffee and fellowship. Thank you to **Cynthia** and **Bob Perry** for the refreshments this morning. And gratitude for our musical guests, **Hillet Botha** and **Robert Armstead**. The flowers at the altar are given by **Kristen** and **Doug Davenport**, "In celebration of our 15th wedding anniversary." Regarding things floral, see page 10 for the *Easter Lily Donation Form*. Today is the last chance to donate!

Spread the word about the Bible Study that takes place every Sunday morning (though not on Easter Sunday!) here at the church in the Multi-purpose room. The **Rev. Ken Feske** is our very capable teacher. All are welcome!

Today, we welcome **Wyatt Anthony Sisneros** into the life of Christ. His parents are **Daniel Sisneros** and **Namita Nandan**, and his Sponsors/Godparents are **Joshua Sisneros** and **Amanda Empleo**.

Make plans to attend the special services throughout *Holy Week*. They are as follows: **Maundy Thursday, March 24 at 6 pm; Good Friday, March 25 at 6 pm;** and culminating in two identical Easter Sunday services, **March 27 at 9:30 and 11 am** —Music Prelude twenty minutes earlier. It is also a great time to invite a friend to experience the wonderful services of this special season.

**Save the Date: May 1**, is the **Spring Breakfast** when Stevenson School whips up a fabulous feast for us before church. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, or you may contact the church office at [citf@mbay.net](mailto:citf@mbay.net) or **624-1374**.

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

**O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom**

**and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

THE OFFERING

The Palms.....Jean Baptiste Fauré (1830-1914)

*After the alms are gathered, the congregation rises and sings the Doxology*

THE DOXOLOGY

Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709

Genevan Psalter, 1551

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures  
 here be-low; Praise Him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host;  
 Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Please be seated*

BAPTISMAL HYMN

**Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so;  
 Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.**

*Refrain:*

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
 Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

*The minister will ask you to stand for the Congregational Response:*

Wyatt Anthony Sisneros, we as the members and friends of this congregation welcome you into the household of God and pray His richest blessing upon you and your family as we together follow the will of God for our lives. May the blessing of God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always.

*Remain standing for the hymn*

Jennette Threlfall, 1873

*Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen  
Katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784; alt. 1868*

1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle children sang;  
2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'Mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,  
3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The joy - ful an - them rang;  
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, And chant - ing clear and loud;  
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heaven our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them Close fold - ed to His breast,  
The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state,  
O may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice,

The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.  
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.  
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

*Afterwards you may sit or kneel and the service continues below*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray:

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

**Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

Day by day we bless you;

**We praise your Name for ever.**

Lord, keep us from all sin today;

**Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, show us your love and mercy;

**For we put our trust in you.**

In you, Lord, is our hope;

**And we shall never hope in vain.**

THE PRAYERS

*The minister will lead the prayers and conclude each prayer with:*

We pray to the Lord.

*The congregation will then respond:*

**Lord hear our prayer.**

*Concluding prayer in unison*

**God of all, you gave your only-begotten Son to take the form of a servant, and to be obedient even to death on a cross. Give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, that, sharing in his humility, we may come to be with him in his glory, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*A hymn follows on the opposite page  
At the conclusion of the hymn, the minister performs the*

**BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL**

Minister: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*(The Alleluia is omitted during Lent)*

**POSTLUDE**

Sicilienne..... Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

**EASTER LILY ORDER FORM**

It's that time of year again! Please use this form to order a Lily for our Easter decorations. The cost is \$10 per plant and you may order more than one. Please fill out the order form below and return it with the appropriate amount. Donor:

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In Memory of/ In Celebration of/ or Thanksgiving for (please circle):

\_\_\_\_\_

1 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the tribes ho -  
 2 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly pomp ride  
 3 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel ar - mies  
 4 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! Thy last and fierc - est

san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur - sues his road  
 on to die: O Christ, thy tri - umphs now be - gin  
 of the sky look down with sad and won - d'ring eyes  
 strife is nigh; the Fa - ther on his sap - phire throne

with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.  
 o'er cap - tive death and con - quer'd sin.  
 to see th'ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 ex - pects his own a - noint - ed Son.

WORDS: Based on Matthew 21:5-11, Henry Hart Milman, 1791-1868, alt.  
 MUSIC: Adapt. from *Musicalisches Handbuch*, Hamburg, 1690

**Music Box**

— MARCH 20, 2016 — PALM SUNDAY —

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**Hillet Botha, piano**  
**Melinda Coffey Armstead, organ**  
**Robert Armstead, bass-baritone**

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The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

—John 12:12-18

*Melinda Coffey Armstead*

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	The Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland		
<b>Assistant Minister and Bible Study</b>	The Rev. Ken Feske		
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