PALM SUNDAY
March 25, 2018
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As we enter into worship today, let us prepare our hearts by contemplating the world by dying for it. This is the day on which the King of glory shall come in. And the King of glory shall come in.

The people heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem; Riding on a donkey’s colt, He came, palm branches spread before Him. The disciples didn’t understand what was happening at first; But when Jesus, the King, was glorified, Then they remembered, it had all been written!

Junior Cherub, Senior Cherub, and First Grade Choirs
Katie Pollorena, director
Mary Lawrence Flinn, accompanist

The Majestic King of Heaven Pardons

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of Glory,
we confess that our praise of Your majesty
has too often been insincere
and our behavior as citizens of Your Kingdom treasonous.
Forgive us for our zeal for making our names great,
which robs You of Your glory and honor.
Pardon us for resisting Your kingship
and seeking to be our own authority.
You sent Your Son to rescue us.
For our rebellion, He died. For our restoration, He rose.
Now by Your Spirit, ride into our hearts with Your healing grace.
Transform us and renew us
that with sincere hearts we may delight in You
and live for the glory of Your name.
We pray this in the blessed name of Jesus, our King.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION
ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON ............................... John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD .............. D. Todd Erickson


Lift up your heads, O ye gates.
And be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors,
And the King of glory shall come in.
Who is the King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.
Lift up your heads, O ye gates.
And be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors,
And the King of glory shall come in.
Who is the King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
He is the King of glory.

†GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) .............................. Jennifer C. Wilson

The Shepherd King Gives His Word

†PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (please stand)

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.

†HYMN OF PREPARATION: No. 310 “Rejoice, the Lord Is King” ............... DARWALL

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ........................................... Acts 8:1-25

(page 916 in the pew Bible)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;
The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen. (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

SERMON  The Power of the Word  George W. Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

†HYMN OF COMMITMENT: “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”  ............... ELLACOMBE

1. Ho-san-na, loud ho-san-na the lit-tle chil-dren
2. From Ol-i-yet they fol-lowed mid an ex-ul-tant
3. “Ho-san-na in the high-est!” That an-ci-ent song we

sang; through pil-la-red court and tem-ple the
crowd, the vic-tory palm branch wav-ing, and
sing, for Christ is our Re-deem-er, the
Sinfonia "Unto Thee, O God, We Give Thanks" from "J. S. Bach"

Now the crowd's cries of "Hosanna" would soon turn to shouts of "Crucify Him," for they did not know who He was. This was the day on which the One who saved those who hated Him, and the One who redeemed the world, was rejected by the world. 

"All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King," sang the little children, who knew not the times in which they lived. For they sang with heart and life and voice, and in his presence they praised the simplest and the best. 

†CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on “All Glory Laud and Honor” . . . Michael Burkhardt

†Indicates congregation standing  

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**Holy Week Service Schedule**

**Holy Week Lunches & Services:** March 26-29
Daily services at noon in the Sanctuary
Daily lunch: 11:00-11:45 a.m. & 12:30-1:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Nursery available on Tuesday/Thursday; make reservations at 2pc.org/easter

**Maundy Thursday Evening:** March 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

**Good Friday Service:** March 30 at 12:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Nursery available by reservation only; make reservations at 2pc.org/easter

**Easter Egg Hunt:** March 31 at 10:00 a.m. on the Poplar Field

**Easter Sunday:** April 1
Sunrise Service: 6:30 a.m. at Memphis Botanic Garden
Morning Worship Services: 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary
No Sunday School or Evening Service
I. Despite Persecution (Acts 8:1-4)
   A. Man’s Worst (vv. 1-3)
   B. God’s Strength (v. 4)

II. Over Unbelief (Acts 8:5-8, 14-19)
   A. Unbelieving Labels (vv. 5-6, 14-19)
   B. Unbelieving Spirits (vv. 7-8)

III. In Contrast to “Power” (Acts 8:9-13, 18-25)
   A. Changed Minds (vv. 9-13, 18-19)
   B. No Charge (vv. 20-25)