



ST. ANDREW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Informal Service of Holy Communion



April 9, 2017



Greeting and Introduction to the Service

Celebrant This is the day that the Lord has made.

People Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Together Lord, direct our thoughts, teach us to pray, lift up our hearts to worship you in Spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymns

First Hymn *I Will Praise God*

Linda Duvall

I will celebrate: Sing unto the Lord.

I will sing to God a new song. (2x)

I will praise God:

I will sing to God a new song. (2x)

Second Hymn *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

Rick Founds

Lord, I lift your name on high;

Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life;

I'm so glad you came to save us.

Chorus

You came from heaven to earth

To show the way;

From the earth to the cross,

My debt to pay;

From the cross to the grave,

From the grave to the sky;

Lord, I lift your name on high.

*Amazing grace,
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I'm found;
Was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.*

***My chains are gone; I've been set free.
My God, my Savior,
Has ransomed me.
And like a flood, his mercy reigns:
Unending love, amazing grace.***

*The Lord has promised good to me;
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.*

*The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine;
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine,
Will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.*

Blessing of the Palms

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

Gospel Reading

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:1-11

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Reflection

Please join in a reflective conversation about the Gospel reading of the day.

Hymn

Grace Flows Down

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound.
Amazing love, now flowing down.
From hands and feet,
That were nailed to the tree,
As grace flows down and covers me.
It covers me...*

Christy Nockels

Prayers of the People

After each bidding, please respond, Hear our prayer.

Passing of the Peace

Celebrant Let love be genuine. Never pay back evil for evil. As far as it lies with you, live at peace with everyone. May the peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory Hymn

Fade With Our Voices

Jason Gray (b. 1972)

*After all the songs are sung
And our prayers for Kingdom come,
Did we bring honor to the words we
sing?*

*Does our worship have hands?
Does it have feet?
Does it stand up
In the face of injustice?*

*Does our worship bow down?
Does it run deep?*

*Is it more than a song
That fades with our voices?
Does it fade with our voices?*

*Lord, it's you we long to please.
Make our lives a melody
That we proclaim
When we live in Jesus' name.*

Chorus

*So if we raise our hands high,
Let us also reach them out;
And if we lift our voices up,
Let it be the sound of love.*

*Let our worship have hands;
Let it have feet;
Let it stand up in the face of injustice.*

*Let our worship bow down;
Let it run deep
And be more than a song
That fades with our voices.*

*It's more than a song
That fades with our voices.
It won't fade with our voices.*

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

Closing Hymn

Sent Out in Jesus' Name

Traditional Cuban (arr. Carmen Peña)

*Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now
To make the earth the place in which the kingdom comes.
The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain
Into a world of love, of justice and of peace.
The task is ours to do, to set it really free.
O help us to obey and carry out your will.*

*Enviado soy de Dios, mi mano lista está
Para construir con Él un mundo fraternal.
Los ángeles no son enviados a cambiar
Un mundo de dolor por un mundo de paz.
Me ha tocado a mí hacerlo realidad;
Ayúdame, Señor, a hacer tu voluntad.*

Blessing and Dismissal

Holy Week & Easter Services 2017

April 10, Monday Taizé-style Service at 7:30pm

April 11, Tuesday Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm

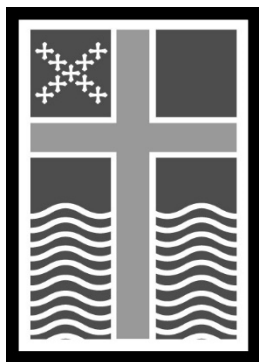
April 12, Wednesday Holy Eucharist at 7:30am
Service of Tenebrae at 7:30pm

April 13, Maundy Thursday Passover Seder Potluck at 6pm
Maundy Thursday Service with Foot Washing at 7:30pm
Maundy Thursday All-Night Vigil begins at 9pm

April 14, Good Friday Good Friday Liturgy at 12 noon
Good Friday Children's Service and Hot Cross Buns at 2pm
Good Friday Liturgy at 7:30pm

April 15, Holy Saturday Holy Saturday Service at 9am
Great Vigil of Easter and Holy Eucharist at 7:30pm

April 16, Easter Day Festival Holy Eucharist at 9am
Easter Egg Hunt at 10am
Festival Holy Eucharist at 11am



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