

First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

March 25, 2018

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Palm/Passion Sunday
March 25, 2018

Morning Worship

Eleven O'clock

* Please stand as you are able.

Greeting

Rev. Ryan Clore

The threefold bell toll represents the doctrine of the Trinity:
God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Meditation

Today we follow Christ as he completes his journey into Jerusalem, the Holy City. As he entered the people ecstatically shouted, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Later in the week, the crowds vehemently shouted, "Crucify him!"

The scenes haunt and challenge us even today:

Praise and total rejection,

Hope and despair,

Love and hate,

Truth and false accusations,

Trust and unbelief.

Lord, have mercy on us and help us to follow you daily, even if it leads us to the cross of suffering and shame.

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in B Flat

Mr. Jim Council
Johann Sebastian Bach

Call to Worship

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Congregation

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever. Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

People: **Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

Leader: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

People: **I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

People: **This is the LORD's doing; It is marvelous in our eyes.**

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

People: **Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!**

All: **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

Invocation Rev. Clore

* Processional Hymn, No. 126 ST. THEODULPH
All Glory, Laud and Honor

Worship Through Song Combined Children's and Chancel Choirs
Antiphonal Hosanna G. Alan Smith

Epistle Reading Philippians 2:5-11 Mr. Kirby Sanderson

Offertory Hymn, No. 143 WONDROUS LOVE
What Wondrous Love is This

* Offertory Prayer Mrs. Katherine Scott

Offertory Youth and Adult Handbells
Lenten Fantasia Jason W. Krug

* Offertory Response, No. 144 *Doxology* HAMBURG
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Children's Sermon Melvin Ezzell

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Clore

Worship Through Song The Chancel Choir
Behold the King Joseph Martin

Come see the King, the people cry.
Come watch him as he passes by,
His coronation drawing nigh.
Behold the King of glory.

Come lift your palms and voices high.
Let glad hosannas fill the sky.
Wipe all the teardrops from your eyes.
Behold the King of glory.

Behold the King. Behold the King.
Behold the King of glory.

On he rides past marbled halls,
Far beyond the palace walls.
All earthly titles he denies
To claim an even higher prize.

A wind-swept hill has been his goal.
A crown of thorns a scarlet robe.
A lonely cross His only throne.
Behold the King of glory.

Behold the King. Behold the King
Behold the King of glory.

The Passion

Mark 14:1-15:47

Stephen Bazemore, Jenny Clore
Ryan Clore, Bobby Hensley, Ellis Jordan
Kate C. Lee, Butch Pope
Kirby Sanderson, Bridger Warlick
Kevin Williamson, Janice Young

*** Hymn of Commitment, No. 150**

REDHEAD 76

Go to Dark Gethsemane
(Stanzas 1-3)

*** Benediction**

Rev. Clore

*** Benediction Response**

The Chancel Choir
ERHALT UNS, HERR

Again We Keep This Solemn Fast

*We pray, O blessed Three-in-One,
Our God while endless ages run,
That this, our Lent of forty days,
may bring us growth and give you praise.*

*** Postlude**

Fanfare and Recessional

Mr. Council
Douglas Wagner



The flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. Paul Sellers by Mr. & Mrs. John Williams.

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