

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Please use the welcome pad in the blue folder at the end of the pew.
Record your presence. Pass it back, noticing who is worshipping with you.
When the pad has been returned, please tear off the sheet and place it in
the offering plate.)*

MINUTE FOR ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING *Natalie Beaumont*

MINUTE FOR THE FOOD DRIVE *Karen, Emily and Joshua Kahn*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, we praise you with heart and life and voice, hoping to live with our lives truly turned towards you. It seems so long ago that you entered Jerusalem with the shouts of the crowd ringing in your ears. You were greeted with cheers that were so soon to turn to condemnation. We would like to believe that we could never have been part of the jeering crowd - but we can only humbly wonder what we would have done. In the present time, when our words and actions reflect a reluctance to confess you publicly, forgive us. When we fear that humbling ourselves would be seen by others as weakness, forgive us. When we have betrayed your love for us by our lack of love for others, forgive us. Please, Lord, remake us in your likeness. Lead us to follow you to bring healing into those places where pain, suffering, exploitation and injustice exist. Empower us with the Holy Spirit so that our lives continually glorify you and our tongues forever confess Christ as Lord. This we pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.

PRAYERS OF SILENT AND INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

KYRIE Hymnal No. 565

Lord, Have Mercy

Weaver

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Friends, believe and proclaim the Good News: in Jesus Christ, love breaks through hatred, hope breaks through despair, life breaks through death.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and set free.
Thanks be to God!

* EXCHANGE OF PEACE

Leader: Let us open our hearts to one another as Christ has opened his heart to us, and God will be glorified.

People: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

(Exchange Signs of Reconciliation and the Peace of Christ with your neighbor - e.g., *“The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.”*)

Response - *“And also with you.”*)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

+ Children and Youth leave for their classes. +

* HYMN 91

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

St. Drostane

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 118:19-29

ANTHEM

The Royal Banners Forward Go

arr. James Laster

*The royal banners forward go, The cross shines forth in mystic glow;
Where He in flesh, our flesh Who made, Our sentence bore, our ransom paid.
Fulfilled is all that David told In true prophetic song of old,
Amidst the nations, God, saith he, Hath reigned and triumphed from the tree.
O tree of beauty, tree of light! O tree with royal purple dight!
Elect on whose triumphal breast Those holy limbs should find their rest.
Blest tree, whose chosen branches bore The wealth that did the world restore,
The price of humankind to pay, And spoil the spoiler of his prey.
O cross, our one reliance, hail! Still may thy power with us avail
To give new virtue to the saint, And pardon to the penitent.
To Thee, eternal Three in One, Let homage meet by all be done:
As by the cross Thou dost restore, So rule and guide us evermore.*

SECOND LESSON

Mark 11:1-11

SERMON

“Day Trip”

Rev. Richard S. Hong

OFFERTORY

Solus ad Victimam

Kenneth Leighton

Alone to sacrifice thou goest, Lord, giving thyself to Death whom thou hast slain. For us thy wretched folk is any word? Who know that for our sins this is thy pain? For they are ours, O Lord, our deeds, our deeds. Why must thou suffer torture for our sin? Let our hearts suffer in thy Passion, Lord, that very suffering may thy mercy win. This is the night of tears, the three days' space, sorrow abiding of the eventide, Until the day break with the risen Christ, and hearts that sorrowed shall be satisfied. So may our hearts share in thine anguish, Lord, that they may sharers of thy glory be; Heavy with weeping may the three days pass, to win the laughter of thine Easter Day.

PETER ABELARD (1079-1142), TRANS. HELEN WADDELL

+ One Great Hour of Sharing offering will also be received +

*** THE DOXOLOGY**

Old Hundredth

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE SENDING OUT*** HYMN 371**

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

*** BENEDICTION***** CHORAL AMEN****POSTLUDE**

Marche Religieuse (on a theme of Handel)

Guilmant

(Our worship ends with the conclusion of the Postlude. It is the custom of our church to remain seated. Those who wish to leave may do so.)

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 118:19-29 (NRSV)

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.²⁰This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. ²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success! ²⁶Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD. ²⁷The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. ²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. ²⁹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Mark 11:1-11 (NRSV)

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest

heaven!” ¹¹Then 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.

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