

9:00 a.m.

Devotional Service

April 2, 2023

Welcome to the 9:00 a.m. Devotional Service. Together, may we rejoice and give thanks for God's loving grace in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Hymn 196 **All Glory, Laud, and Honor** (vv. 1 & 4) VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*Trusting God's Grace

Leader: The great entrance is prepared.

People: In the olive grove, leaves are still and the wind is hushed.

Leader: In reverence they welcome the Messiah.

People: Silently he rides the beast of burden and peace into Jerusalem.

Leader: As he draws near, the silence melts into joyful clamor.

People: This is he who has made the blind see, the lame walk, the dead live!

Leader: May the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. (Congregation seated.)

Prayer of Confidence and Trust

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession of our Need for God's Forgiveness (unison)

Christ our Lord, you have graced our lives with a love lavish beyond measure.

Emptied of any selfish ambition, you poured yourself out for us with a resolution that shames our pale commitments. The depth and breadth of your love should inspire us to a ministry knowing no boundaries and no limits in its kindness. Our response has hardly been as generous. We are timid in love and cautious in affection. Christ our Savior, have mercy on us. Cleanse our hearts. Through your loving spirit empower us to love as you have loved us.

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Lenten Wreath **Wait for the Lord** (Hymn 90) Taizé
(The sixth candle on the Lenten Wreath is extinguished for the Sixth Sunday in Lent)

The Assurance of Forgiveness

Zechariah 9:9, 10 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 833 in the pew Bible.]

Mark 11:1-11 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 44-45 in the pew Bible.]

Sermon **Gateway to Holy Week** The Rev. Vance E. Polley

*The Apostle's Creed (*Traditional Version*, Page 35) and **Gloria Patri** (No. 581)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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*At the Presentation **Doxology** (No. 606) OLD HUNDREDTH

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving, concluding with *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 Lord's Supper

(All who are baptized are invited to share in *The Lord's Supper*.)

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn 197 **Hosanna, Loud Hosanna** ELLACOMBE

*Blessing

*Going Out into the World

*All those who are able, please stand.