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PALM AND PASSION SUNDAY

March 25, 2018

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Palm and Passion Sunday

WE JOIN THE PROCESSION OF PRAISE

PRELUDE "Chorale Prelude on St. Theodulph" J.S. Bach

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONAL

*HYMN 196 All Glory, Laud, and Honor St. Theodulph

Refrain:
All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One. (Refrain)

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. (Refrain)

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. (Refrain)

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King! (Refrain)

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Mark 11) Pastor Anne

As Jesus entered Jerusalem, many people spread their cloaks on the road. Others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

And they continued,

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple, the people continued crying:

Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

And they went on:

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

^{*}Please rise in body, mind, or spirit.

LITANY OF CONFESSION

Today we have cheered you on as our champion and hailed you as our hero.

Forgive us tomorrow when our enthusiasm wanes.

Today we have entrusted you to rescue us from our pitiful circumstances.

Forgive us on Tuesday when we decide we can take care of ourselves.

Today we have made you the centerpiece of our very existence.

Forgive us on Wednesday when we forget to remember who you are.

Today we have called out to you loudly by name.

Forgive us on Thursday when we pretend that we've never met you.

Today we have stared at you with the star struck eyes of fans and groupies.

Forgive us on Friday when we avert our eyes because it's too painful to see you on the cross.

Today we have expressed our unsuppressed hopefulness in the future you have in store for us.

Forgive us on Saturday when we believe all is lost.

Today we have been boldly certain of the earthly ways you will redeem us.

Restore us on Sunday when we are startled and awed by your rising.

*DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor Anne

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,

that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,

that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.

I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God, Amen.

*SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

Pastor Anne

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, we too should forgive one another.

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(Exchange signs of Christ's peace with those worshipping with you.)

TIME FOR CHILDREN Pastor Anne

WE JOURNEY TOWARDS CALVARY

LESSON 1 Mark 14:17-25 Aidan Burr

SOLO "Ride On, King Jesus!" Spiritual, arr. Hall Johnson

Ride on, King Jesus, no man can-a hinder me. For he is King of kings, he is Lord of lords, Jesus Christ, the first an' las', no man works like him. King Jesus rides a milk-white horse, no man works like him. The river of Jordan he did cross, no man works like him. King Jesus rides in the middle o' de air, he calls the saints from everywhere.

LESSON 2 Mark 14:53-64 Marilyn Moore

Ride on! ride on in majesty! Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry; thy humble beast pursues its road with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
The hosts of angels in the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to mortal pain; then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

LESSON 3 MARK 15:1-15 Motoko Huthwaite

REFLECTION

THE CONFRONTER, CONFRONTED

Pastor Eric

"They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will emerge victorious, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings,."
- Revelation 17:14a (CEB)

*HYMN 829

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

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My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away; O let me from this day be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

SHARING CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS Microphone Available

While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day; wipe sorrow's tears away; nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll; blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Pastor Anne

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.

OFFERTORY "The Tree of Life" WEXFORD CAROL

The tree of life with every good in Eden's holy orchard stood, and of its fruit so pure and sweet God let the man and woman eat. Yet in this garden also grew another tree, of which they knew; its lovely limbs with fruit adorned against whose eating God had warned.

The stillness of that sacred grove was broken, as the serpent strove with tempting voice Eve to beguile and Adam too by sin defile. O day of sadness when the breath of fear and darkness, doubt and death, its awful poison first displayed within the world so newly made. What mercy God showed to our race, a plan of rescue by his grace: in sending One from woman's seed, the One to fill our greatest need—for on a tree uplifted high his only Son for sin would die, would drink the cup of scorn and dread to crush the ancient serpent's head

Now from that tree of Jesus' shame flows life eternal in his name; for all who trust and will believe, salvation's living fruit receive And of this fruit so pure and sweet the Lord invites the world to eat, to find within this cross of wood the tree of life with every good.

*Offertory Response # 609

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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*Prayer of Thanks

Pastor Anne

LESSON 4 Mark 15:25-41

Chris Bloodworth

*HYMN 228 "Were You There" WERE YOU THERE

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

*CLOSING LITANY AND BLESSING

On this week, the heart of the Gospel confronts us.

We see Jesus rejected, betrayed, and crucified.

On this week, we are overcome by what has taken place

We are held by the barren isolation and brutality of the week.

In the midst of the darkness and dejection, may we recognize the deepest truth:

That the love of Jesus knows no bounds, and reaches no limits.

May Jesus Christ, who was put to death for our sins, bless you and keep you.

May Jesus Christ who was raised to life for our salvation let light shine upon you.

May Jesus Christ be your life and peace, now and forever.

Amen. Thanks be to God.



*Please rise in body, mind, or spirit.

Thank you for gathering with us for worship this morning. Following worship, please join us for fellowship.

About the Music: Father, if This Cup Cannot Pass by James Biery ©2013 Birnamwood Publications, used here with permission. The text of the Wexford Carol is by Stephen P. Starke, a Missouri Synod Lutheran pastor with roots in Michigan.

Special thanks to our instrumentalists today:
Shane Tucker and Debra Kuptz, trumpets;
Kevin Kuptz and Bob Clark, trombones,
our soloist, Kaswanna Kanyinda,
and to the entire Fort Street Choir, for their gift of music.

Parts of today's liturgy is adapted from several sources. Today's Prayer of Confession was written by Christiae Sobania Johnson from "Freshly Squeezed Liturgy." The closing litany was adapted from a Collect Prayer originally written by Rev. William Flewelling.

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday Meal & Service

Thursday, March 29, 6:00pm

Good Friday Service

Friday, March 30, 12:15pm

Easter Sunday, April 1

- 9:00am Breakfast in Great Hall.
- 10:00am Visit with Animals downstairs in the Gym.
- 10:30am Egg Hunt in Donlin Center
- 11:00am Worship
- 12:00pm Balloon Launch

Easter Balloons at Fort Street

Come help us fill the balloons that will fill the sky on Easter Sunday. We will begin in the chapel at 8:30 a.m. If you are able to help, please contact Beth Brown at ebrown0002@gmail.com or 734-266-8143.

Deacons Food Baskets

Today after worship the Deacons will be packing fifty Easter food baskets for families at our local schools, Harms and Mayberry. You can help by donating \$20 for a gift card for each basket. With this the family can purchase fresh items. Staple food items will come out of the Deacon's food pantry. However, we will need contributions of pasta and breakfast cereal so each basket will have a variety of nutritious food for the week of Easter break. Thank you for helping the Deacons take care of our neighbors. Be sure to come to the gym on Palm Sunday to help pack the baskets.

Easter Flowers

Easter flowers forms are due in the office today, March 25, 2018. Make Checks payable to, Fort Street Presbyterian Church. Following Easter worship you may take your flowers home after the service. Flowers remaining will be used by our Board of Deacons for Shut-ins. Thank you for helping us celebrate the Resurrection.

Meaning in a Moment Adult Ed Series

Classes will resume on April 15, with a two-week series with Anne and Eric Lange.

Open Door Meal Program Thursdays 9am-11am

This program is open to the public. Between 7:30am-8:00am women and elderly guests may shower. They may also receive a hygiene kit and use the clothing bank once a month. Between 9:00am-10:00am, men may shower.

They may also get a hygiene kit and use the clothing bank monthly. Guests seeking clothing and hygiene kits must present valid identification. Between 9 and 11am a full hot meal is served. Volunteers are welcome.

Open Door Career Closet

needs professional-looking bags and women's dress clothes, sizes 18 & up. They also need men's extra-large dress clothes, shirts (size 18 and up), belts, cuff links, and shoes, all sizes.

Film Announcement

Peace Justice Mission Committee invites you to the movie The Sultan and Saint Sunday afternoon.

The Sultan and Saint Ford Community and Performing Art Center, Sunday, March 25, 3pm-5pm \$5

Meditation Mondays: Yoga at Fort Street!

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The Community Fellowship
Committee is hosting yoga classes
at Fort Street in the Great Hall on
Monday evenings at 5:00pm. An
instructor from Live Cycle Delight,
a Detroit yoga studio, will lead the
sessions. Voluntary donations will
be accepted. Contact Nancy
Jennings with questions.

#### **Prayer List**

Lynne Bieniek, Marcus Bulloon, Kevin Donley and family, Lana Dugy and family, Bobbie Edwards and family, Eunice Finch, Iola Jackson, Geraldine Adams Jones, Valorie Celeste Kimbrough, Milfordean Luster, Massa family, Kathy Neuman, Andrew Nichols, Kathy Payne and family, and Teresa Sherwood.

#### **Prayers for Military Loved Ones**

Jonathan Heyler USN; Ssgt Shanell Howard USAF; Maj. Michael Kurtti USAF; Capt. Theo Moran USAF; Lt. Mark Webster USAF.

### **FSPC Mission Statement**

Fort Street Presbyterian Church is an oasis in an urban environment, building a caring Christian community where diversity is celebrated and programs are developed that minister to Metropolitan Detroit and the world beyond. We do this in response to the Grace of God through Jesus Christ, recognizing the truth of the Gospel: There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female; for, all of us are one in Jesus Christ.



#### FORT STREET STAFF

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|                                   |                              | Jewell Everette             | Kitchen Aide / Cook |
| Music at Fort Street              |                              | Reginald Byrd               |                     |
| Marilyn Biery                     | Director and Organist        | Deborah Jones               | SCSEP               |
| Arianne Abela                     | Interim Chorale<br>Conductor | Gleatus Jones               |                     |
|                                   |                              | Weddings at Fort Street     |                     |
| Donlin Center and                 |                              | Loretta Stanton             | Coordinator         |
| Christian Education               |                              | Vanessa Carthron            |                     |
| Judith Sheldon                    | Director                     | Austin Brantley             | Wedding Assistants  |
| Karen Wright<br>Lakita Wyatt      | Donlin Staff                 | Darryl Fowler               |                     |

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