



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## *Palm Sunday*

### April 9, 2017



*\*indicates a time to stand if you are able*

#### PRELUDE

*Dr. Christopher Davis*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Dr. Brett Becker*

#### GREETING *responsive*

PASTOR: Come worship the Lord with me!

PEOPLE: **And let us exalt God's name together!**

#### \* PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.

OTHER: **And also with you.**

#### \* HYMN OF PRAISE "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Glory to God, #197

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP *responsive* Psalm 148

*Nancy Russo*

ONE: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

Praise the Lord, sun and moon; sing praise all you shining stars.

**MANY: Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded and they were created, who made them stand fast forever and ever.**

ONE: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

**MANY: Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.**

ONE: The Lord has given strength to his people.

**MANY: God has raised up his faithful servants, the people who are near to the Lord.**

**ALL: Hallelujah, let us worship God!**

#### \* HYMN OF REJOICING "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Hymnal, #88

#### PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE AND CONFESSION *responsive*

ONE: If we had been the Jews, would we have spoken out for Jesus when the Sanhedrin accused him of blasphemy?

**MANY: If we had been the Gentiles, would we have defended him when the Romans condemned him to death?**

ONE: If we had been the disciples, would we have stayed with him when the crowd became a crucifying mob?

**MANY: Or would we have been like Peter – who followed him and loved him, but then three times denied him?**

ONE: Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

**MANY: Sometimes it causes me to tremble.**

ONE: As nations rise in war

**MANY: As governments oppress the poor**

ONE: As hungry children cry for food

**MANY:** We often stand aside, unable or unwilling to assist.  
**ONE:** Lord, teach us what compassion is.  
**MANY:** And forgive us when we refuse to help.  
**ONE:** Enable us to show your great, great love.  
**MANY:** Empower us to proclaim justice and mercy to the nations.  
**ONE:** Hallelujah!  
**ALL:** Amen.

#### **SILENT AND PERSONAL PRAYERS**

**SUNG PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION** "Change My Heart, O God" *on screens*

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE** *responsive*

**ONE:** Ask and you will receive.  
**MANY:** Seek and you will find.  
**ONE:** Knock and the door will be opened to you.  
**MANY:** If we are able to give good gifts to our children, how much more will God give good gifts to those who ask God?  
**ONE:** Gifts of faith.  
**MANY:** Gifts of hope.  
**ONE:** Gifts of joy.  
**MANY:** Gifts of love.  
**ONE:** Gifts of forgiveness. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!  
**MANY:** In Jesus Christ, we are made complete!  
**ONE:** Give thanks for the Lord is good!  
**ALL:** God's love endures forever!

**A READING FROM THE HEBREW PROPHETS** Zechariah 9: 9-10

**ONE:** The Word of the Lord.  
**MANY:** Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM** "Hosanna in the Highest" *St. Andrew's Choir; Evan Schindler, directing*

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** *Julie Sommers*

**THE GOSPEL READING** Matthew 21: 1-11

**ONE:** The Word of the Lord.  
**MANY:** Thanks be to God.

**AN INTERPRETATION OF THE WORD** "Thy Kingdom Come" *Dr. Brett Becker*

\* **HYMN OF RESPONSE** "There is Room in God's Great Welcome" *on screens*  
To the Tune of Hymnal, #268

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**OFFERING AND OFFERTORY** *Dr. Christopher Davis*

*This is an intentional time of expressing our gratitude to God. Whether you have an offering this Sunday or not, take the plate, feel its touch in your hands, give thanks to God and bless all that is given this day.*

\* **DOXOLOGY** *Hymnal, #591*

\* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING**

\* **HYMN OF BLESSING** "I Cannot Tell" *on screens*

- \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
- \* BENEDICTION RESPONSE "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"
- \* POSTLUDE

*Dr. Christopher Davis*

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:** Greeters: Nancy McKenzie; Liturgist: Nancy Russo; Children's Sermon: Julie Sommers



**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*This week I will pray for:*

Prayer requests for the Prayer Chain please email Lydia Swanson at [lydiaswanson@hotmail.com](mailto:lydiaswanson@hotmail.com)

**THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S**

9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9:30am Palm Sunday Worship		7am Men's Fellowship Group				9am - 12pm Russian language school
10:30am Coffee Fellowship	3pm Cerebral Palsy	1pm Parkinson's	6:30pm Ministerios Llamada Final	1pm Parkinson's	6:30pm Ministerios Llamada Final	9:30am Tabitha Circle
	7pm AA Grateful	6:30pm Master Chorale	7pm Choir 7pm AA Success	7pm Maundy Thursday service at Goleta Pres		1-3pm Watercolor class
						6:30pm Ministerios Llamada Final

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GUESTS, please** stop by our Welcome Table this morning for info about St. Andrew's mission and programs. Please fill out the blue Welcome Card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

**PYF ROAD RALLY** today from 5-7pm. Meet at church.

**EASTER LILY ORDERS** are still being accepted. Please fill out the attached order form and return it to the office with your check as soon as possible. Thank you!

**ONE HOUR OF GREAT SHARING** offering will be collected today on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.

**LENTEN CENTERS** will not take place today, postponed to a future date.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Goleta Presbyterian Church.

**EASTER EGG HUNT** on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, at 1pm on the church lawn.

**EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE** on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30am. Reception following. Bring a friend!

**PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT.** For 2017, per capita is \$10.35 per member to support the efforts of the PC(USA) and the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii. Use your blue "Per Capita" pledge envelope. Please make your check payable to St. Andrew's and mark it "per capita."

**NEW HYMNAL BOOK** - Glory to God hymnals (purple) available in the Narthex.

**ADULT ED CLASS** "*Religious Pluralism: Seeing Religions Again*", Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ED ASPINWALL** on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30am, following service at St. Andrew's. Ed, a one-time Parish Associate and the Founding Pastor of Goleta Presbyterian Church, died on Tuesday morning, February 21<sup>st</sup>.