

**THE WORSHIP OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
AT SWIFT CHURCH**

Palm Sunday

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Cathy Rogers

Leader: Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!

People: Fill the air with welcome to the Lord.

Leader: Look, your king is coming to you,

People: Humble, and mounted on a donkey.

Leader: The words of the prophet have been fulfilled.

**All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name
of the Lord.**

***HYMN** “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” #174

Vs. 1 – Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

Vs. 2 – From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and
loud;
The Lord of men and angels rode on in lowly state,
Nor scorned that little children should on His bidding
wait.

Vs. 3 – “Hosanna in the highest!” that ancient song we
sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heav’n, our King;
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,
And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice!

**please stand as you are able*

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silent Prayer “O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

**We confess that we have sinned, and although we
would like to deny it, we have forsaken you.**

**We are horrified by the suffering we cause —
to you, ourselves, and the world you have created.**

**Open the gates of your forgiveness and restore us
In your love, for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: The Lord God helps us; we will not be disgraced.

The Lord God helps us; who can declare us guilty?

Sisters and brothers, beyond the shadow of doubt, your
sins are forgiven. By the mercy of Christ, let us stand
together forgiven and free.

People: Thanks be to God.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

***RESPONSE** “Gloria Patri” #623

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall
be, world without end, Amen, Amen

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Zechariah 9:9–10

GOSPEL READING Mark 11:1–10

RESPONSE

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Mistaken Identity”
The Rev. Dr. Jerry Blacklaw

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN** “Crown Him with Many Crowns” #234

Vs. 1 – Crown Him with many crowns,
The lamb upon His throne;
Hark! how the heav’nly anthem drowns all music but its
own!

Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King thru all eternity.

Vs. 2 – Crown Him the Lord of love: behold His hands
and side—

Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.

No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,

But downward bends his wond’ring eye at mysteries so
bright.

Vs. 4 – Crown Him the Lord of heav’n; One with the
Father known,

One with the Spirit thru Him giv’n from yonder glorious
throne.

To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died;

Be Thou, O Lord, thru endless days adored and magnified.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** “The Apostles’ Creed”

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory "He Is Lord"

***RESPONSE** "Doxology" #625
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

SENDING

***HYMN** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #43
Vs. 1 – Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

Refrain

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided-
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Vs. 2 – Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
Refrain

Vs. 3 – Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Refrain

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

***CHARGE**

Leader: Good people of Swift Church, who are you?

People: **Striving to bring God joy, we proclaim
Christ's love and grace through serving
and nurturing body, mind, and soul.**

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

"This Is the Day"



Please join us
for fellowship and refreshments
in the fellowship hall
immediately after worship.

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Welcome to Swift Church

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