

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Please silence cell phones and other electronics in preparation for worship.

A WORD FOR MEDITATION AND PRAYER

“If the sight of Jesus bowing his head into that ultimate storm is burned into the core of your being, you will never say, “God, don’t you care?” And if you know that he did not abandon you in that ultimate storm, what makes you think he would abandon you in the much smaller storms you’re experiencing right now? And, someday, of course, he will return and still all storms for eternity.”

Timothy J. Keller, *Jesus the King*

WE GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

THE READING OF THE LAW (Ten Commandments)

Kelly LePenske

PRELUDE

Colton Martin

Improvisation on Hosanna

Filio David

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. O King of Israel: Hosanna in the highest.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Kelly LePenske

King Jesus comes: King Jesus is the Son of God, our Savior and Lord.

Hail, King Jesus, Lord of all!

Recall the words of Scripture: “A great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying, ‘Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!’ ”

In praise we adore you, King Jesus. Enter our hearts today as you entered Jerusalem long ago, and lead us by faith to the way everlasting.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 197

ELLACOMBE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Bob Auwarter

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem – to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Lord, we confess that too often we turn inward toward our own desires. We turn in the direction that is most comfortable and most familiar. Help us to set our eyes on the path of our Savior, your Son Jesus Christ. Help us to follow in His journey this Holy Week so that we might be united with Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Time for our personal prayers of confession before God.)

KYRIE NO. 579

KYRIE ELEISON (Orthodox)

Lord, Have Mercy

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We are met by God in our times of testing. Our Lord knows the choices we face and has made clear the cost of the faithful way. Through faith in Jesus Christ we find our strength for the journey.

Jesus has gone before us. His cross symbolizes the agony, but also the victory. Through Christ we find our peace and assurance. Amen.

*GREETING

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Kelly LePenske

GOD'S WORD IS PROCLAIMED

ANTHEM

Sing Out Hosanna!

With One Voice Choir
Patrick M. Liebergen

GOSPEL LESSON

John 12: 12 – 19 (p. 83)

SERMON

“What Kind of King is This?”
Lenten Sermon Series: Crucial Questions

Stuart Spencer

CHORUS OF PRAISE NO. 198

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty

ST. DROSTANE

