

Bulletin for Sunday, April 5, 2020
Palm/Passion Sunday

Greeting and Welcome

Time of Centering Prayer

Prelude

Response, Gentle Shepherd

**Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us, for we need you to help us find our way.
Gentle Shepherd, come and feed us, for we need your strength from day to day.
There's no other we can turn to who can help us face another day;
Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us, for we need you to help us find our way.**

Call to Worship (responsively)

L: Come! From the city streets,
P: Join the happy throng that gathers to honor Jesus!
L: Come! From your busy homes and places of business,
P: Put down your work in joyful celebration!
L: Come! Lay down your sorrows and worries,
P: Turn your eyes toward the Savior whom God has sent!
L: Let all join in joyful song!
**P: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in
the name of the Lord!**

Hymn, Who is He?

**Who is he who comes in triumph? Who is he who comes to die,
Comes in peace and comes in power, hidden One now lifted high?
Jesus, Jesus, Lord, Messiah, mighty Master of the grave
See him ride, the King of glory! God himself has come to save!**

**See him there in humble splendor. Hear them shouting all around.
Joy explodes in wild procession. Praise is now the victor's crown.
"Glory, glory in the highest!" Like the angels hear them sing,
Dancing 'round the Long awaited – once their hope, and now their King.**

**Rise and join the glad procession! Hear them passing by again –
All the ransomed, all his children, marching in Jerusalem!
Look ahead – the gates of splendor! Hear the everlasting hymn!
Open wide your hearts in worship! Let the King of glory in!**

Prayer (in unison)

Almighty God, on this day your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed king by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. Let those branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our Lord, and follow in the way that leads to eternal life. In his name we pray. Amen.

Gospel Lesson, Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon, Part I – “For Better or For Worse”

Musical Offering, “The Palms”

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Gospel Lesson, Matthew 26:14-74

Sermon, Part II – “For Better or For Worse”

Musical Offering, “The Wondrous Cross”

Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer

Cares Chorus

**I cast all my cares upon you. I lay all of my burdens down at your feet.
And anytime I don’t know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you.**

Announcements

Hymn, The Old Rugged Cross

**On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame; and I love
that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.**

Refrain:

**So I’ll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old
rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.**

**O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, has a wondrous attraction for me; for the
dear Lamb of God left his glory above to bear it to dark Calvary.**

Refrain

**In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, a wondrous beauty I see, for ‘twas on
that old cross Jesus suffered and died, to pardon and sanctify me.**

Refrain

**To the old rugged cross I will ever be true, its shame and reproach gladly bear; then he’ll call
me someday to my home far away, where his glory forever I’ll share.**

Refrain

Benediction

Bind Us Together

**Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.**