

New Life Presbyterian Church

Journey to Easter

April 17, 2011
Palm Sunday

HOSANNA! HOSANNA!



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Palm to Passion Sunday

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† Please stand if you are able, SF - Sing the Faith  
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Prelude

Welcome

Announcements and Introductions
Welcome and Introduction of Guests

The chimes signal a time of silence in order to center ourselves for worship.

We kindle the first light.

*It is our custom at New Life to light the votive candles on the Communion table
as we sing hymns, pass the peace of Christ, and offer prayers of the people.*

Please come forward at any of these times.

Call to Worship

One: We come together as a community of faith.
We have gathered to talk,
and listen to,
and care for each other.

All: We acknowledged this is a privileged time.

One: Here we share a new covenant of promise and hope.
Our fears melt into awe and wonder before God.
Our failures become opportunities for learning.

All: So let us share and celebrate this life we live.

Procession and Distribution of the Palms

Liturgy of the Palms

Matthew 21 :1-11

NT page 23

Choir Invitation

*"Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!" Cameroon Processional Song,
Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's holy name, hosanna!*

Affirmation of Faith – Brief Statement of Faith

**All: In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

One: We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

One: Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.

† Congregational Gathering Hymn “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”
Hold up your palm as we sing.

PH 89

Responsive Reading: Psalm 31

One: In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.

**All: Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.
Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.**

One: You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name’s sake lead me and guide me, take me out of the net
that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

**All: Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.**

One: I trust in the Lord. I will exult and rejoice in your steadfast love,
because you have seen my affliction; you have taken heed
of my adversities, and have not delivered me into the hand
of the enemy; you have set my feet in a broad place.

All: Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;
my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.
For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.

One: I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God."
My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.
Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

All: O how abundant is your goodness
that you have laid up for those who fear you,
and accomplished for those who take refuge in you,
in the sight of everyone!

One: In the shelter of your presence you hide them from human plots;
you hold them safe under your shelter from contentious tongues.

All: Blessed be the Lord, for God has wondrously shown steadfast love
to me when I was beset as a city under siege.

One: But you heard my supplications when I cried out to you for help.

All: Love the Lord, all you saints. The Lord preserves the faithful,
but abundantly repays the one who acts haughtily.
Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the Lord.
Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the Lord.

NL Choral Ensemble

Directed by Matalie Wham

"Hosana" Swahili text and music Rev. M. G. Mutsoli, adapt. J. Nathan Corbitt.

Praise the Lord, hosanna!

A time with the children

† Greeting one another sharing the peace of Christ that we may worship as friends.

† Hymn

"What Wondrous Love Is This?"

PH 85

Hearing the Word

From the Epistles

Philippians 2: 1-13

NT page 197

Sermon : "The same who praise –condemn"

Rev. Bobbie McGarey

Hymn to welcome us to prayer (remain seated) "Santo Santo, Santo"
Sung first in Spanish second in English

SF 2007

Bidding Prayers of the People

Our time of prayer will offer us time to raise our own prayer and to hear the prayer of others.

We will respond "God, you hear our prayers," or "God, we thank you."

We offer prayers of thanksgiving....

(we give thanks silently or aloud for our many blessings)

We pray for those who are ill and need your healing presence....

(offer prayer, silently or aloud, those for whom we seek God's healing)

We pray for the created world....

(offer prayer for concerns for the earth)

We pray for the world where there is need

(offer prayer, silently or aloud for the world's needs)

We offer prayer for the Church and for our church family....

(offer prayer, silently or aloud for the faithful)

We offer prayer for those who need your protection....

(offer prayer, silently or aloud for those needing God's guidance and protection)

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing Our Bounty

Mission Focus: One Great Hour of Sharing

Offering

Improvisational Music by Matalie Wham

† Doxology

Music on Tables

† Unison Prayer of Dedication

**All that we have is God's and we thank God for the opportunity
to be generous in our returning heart and hand.**

God's kingdom come, God's will be done, on Earth as in Heaven.

Matthew 27:11-37

† Choral Benediction

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded" PH 98

The hymn will be played through once; then the congregation will sing only the first verse.

Go now in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.

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This morning's service was prepared by Bobbie McGarey and the Worship Committee.

*Resources: "Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!" Cameroon Processional Song,*

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Holy Week ~ Come let us worship together

Maunder Thursday 7 PM ~ a time of scripture, song, reflection and Communion as we prepare to celebrate Easter next Sunday.

Good Friday ~ The outdoor Labyrinth walk will be available from 5 - 7 PM. Pastor Bobbie will be there to guide your walk. Those who wish can walk the outdoor labyrinth before or after the worship. A Good Friday meditative guide, "The Stations of the Cross," will be provided as you walk the outdoor labyrinth.

At 7 PM inside the church we will join together for a prayerful Service in the Style of Taizé.

Easter Morning begins with breakfast at 8:30 AM followed by an Easter egg hunt and then Worship and Communion.

There will be no 6:30 PM Taizé Service on Easter, April 24.

**Congregational Meeting on May 1, 2011
for the purpose of electing
one member to the nominating committee
and one elder.**

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The New Life Session ordinarily meets on the second Sunday of the month after worship and Random Sacks of Kindness.