

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Palm Sunday – Sunday March 25th, 2018 – 10:30am

*You are invited to stand, if able – **Please pray or sing text in bold.**

PRELUDE

Sarah Svendsen

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

How are you today? **We are blessed and highly favoured.**

INVITATION TO WORSHIP / LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

***HYMN:** #122 “All Glory, Laud and Honour”

ST THEODULPH

Children are invited to process with palms during the hymn and gather at the front.

PRAYER

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: “Shout Hosanna!”

V.H. Wright

Collier Street Choir School

The children are invited to go with their Leaders to Collier’s Kids.

FROM THE BIBLE: Mark 11:1-11

Robin Milani

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: “Glory to God,” from *The Messiah*

G.F. Handel

MESSAGE: “Will We Follow Where He Goes?”

William Haughton

***HYMN:** #123 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

ELLACOMBE

THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE GOOD NEWS THAT GOD FORGIVES!

*THE PEACE

We greet those around us with “the peace of Christ”.

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS AND CARE CARDS

MUSIC DURING OFFERING

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***DEDICATION SONG:** #540 “Grant Us, God, the Grace”

STUTT GART

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving, with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living we may offer faithfully.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN:** #480 “Let Us Break Bread Together”

LET US BREAK BREAD

If they have not done so already, children will return to the Sanctuary.

PREPARATION

PREPARATION (from *Celebrate God’s Presence*, 243-45)

Presider: May God be with us.

All: God is here among us.

Presider: Let us open our hearts to God.

All: We open them to God and to one another.

Presider: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Children: Why do we give thanks and praise at this table?

Presider: We give thanks because God is always with us.

Let us pray: We thank, God, that you have made all things and given us life. We thank you for the lives we live with you and with others.

All: We praise you God.

Presider: You created Adam and Eve and gave them a garden. You showed Noah a rainbow. You gave Moses strength to free your people. You taught Miriam to sing

and gave Esther courage. You gave loyalty to Ruth and to David you gave the ability to praise you with poetry and music.

All: We praise you God.

Presider: Even when they turned from you, you did not forget them. You came into the world in Jesus to show us your love and to bring back your people.

All: We praise you God.

Presider: Jesus came as one of us. He was born and grew as we do. He felt what we feel, from sadness to joy. To the despairing he gave hope, to the sick healing and to the lonely friendship.

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Children: Why do we eat bread at this table?

Presider: We gather at this table to remember that Jesus, on the night in which he was betrayed, at dinner with his friends. At the table he took bread, gave thanks for it and broke it for them saying, "This is my body, given for you. Eat it and remember me."

Children: Why do we drink from the cup at this table?

Presider: That same night, Jesus also took a cup and, after the meal, offered it to his friends and said, "This cup represents God's promises. Drink it and remember me."

Children: What do we remember at this table?

Presider: We remember Jesus' death and celebrate his resurrection. We also look forward in hope to his coming again to bring peace and justice to the earth.

All: We proclaim the mystery of our faith: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

Children: How do we come together at this table?

Presider: We come together as friends and family. For each other and all who are in need, we pray:

We ask you God to be with, bless and encourage the sick, the oppressed, the poor, the lonely and all who live in danger or on the margins. Send your Spirit on us and what we do here. May we see and show signs of new life. We pray by the power of your Spirit and through Jesus, who taught us to say:

All: 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. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever, amen.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Please hold the bread and the juice until we are able to consume them together.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: "Behold the Lamb of God," from *The Messiah* G.F. Handel

***HYMN:** #127 "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty" (2-4) WINCHESTER NEW

***BLESSING**

***CLOSING SONG:** "Go Now in Peace" N. Price/D. Besig

Go now in peace, never be afraid, God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know he will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can

see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in

love. Amen, amen, amen.¹

POSTLUDE

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