

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, April 14, 2019

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Zechariah 9:9

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 122 (p. 831)

Hymn of Preparation*

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” Hymn 235

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Gracious God and Father, we confess that you are holy and perfect. We feel unworthy to enter into your presence because we again have failed to keep all your commandments.

All: Our sins are shameful to us and offensive to you. All the wrongs that we have done are not hidden from you. Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: Thank you for keeping your hand heavy upon us so that we might turn and be forgiven. Let us delight in your Word as it is preached, read, sung, and prayed. Give us joy in your revealed will, and help us to be obedient to all that is written in it.

All: We praise you for the assurance we have of forgiveness through the blood of our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

* *Congregation is requested to stand, if able.*

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Psalm 118

Congregational Response

“Not What My Hands Have Done” Hymn 461

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 13. *Did our first parents continue in the estate in which they were created?*

A. Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate in which they were created, by sinning against God.

Q. 14. *What is sin?*

A. Sin is any lack of conformity to, or transgression of, the Law of God.

Q. 15. *What was the sin by which our first parents fell from the estate in which they were created?*

A. The sin by which our first parents fell from the estate in which they were created was their eating the forbidden fruit.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

Tithes and Offerings

Gloria Patri*

Hymn 735

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.

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.

THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Second Reading*	John 11:38 - 12:11
Congregational Response	“My Song Is Love Unknown” Hymn 182
Pastoral Prayer (based on 1 Peter 1:13-21)	
Sermon	Pastor Ben Muresan
	“Jesus’ Triumphal Entry” Matthew 21:1-11

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*	“Crown Him with Many Crowns” Hymn 295
Benediction*	
Congregational Benediction Response*	(Sung to TRINITY)
To the great One in Three eternal praises be, hence evermore. His sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore. Amen.	

LORD’S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

All four gospels record Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It was a significant event that revealed Jesus’ awareness of his identity and his determination to accomplish the work the Father had given him to do (John 17:4). Jesus was aware of the danger to his life if he entered Jerusalem, and that is precisely why he went and coordinated his entrance to coincide with the symbolism familiar to the Jews of his day. Jesus was prepared to “give his life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45) and believed that he would be vindicated and “raised for our justification” (Romans 4:25).

As we consider Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem, we are reminded of Jesus’ promise that he will return triumphantly on the Last Day. The difference will be that he will not come quietly on a colt, but will come bringing his peace through the final judgment of all his enemies. We hear this promise at the end of the Book of Revelation as Jesus says, “Surely I am coming soon” (Revelation 22:20). And we as his Church say, “Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!”

1. For review, read Philippians 4:19-20. What is the glory of God? How do we glorify him?
2. Read 2 Samuel 7:12-17; Isaiah 9:6-7; 11:1-10; and Psalm 110. What kind of Messiah do these passages describe? How does this help you understand the expectations that many first-century Jews had about the Messiah?
3. What does Jesus’ planning of his entry into Jerusalem in Matthew 21:1-7 reveal about his intentions? What did he want people to conclude about his identity?
4. What is the significance of Matthew’s citation of Zechariah 9:9? How does this prophecy connect with 1 Kings 1:38-40 and Genesis 49:8-12?
5. What are the practical implications for our lives as we consider Jesus’ triumphal entry, especially as we consider the crowd’s initial reaction to Jesus and their later rejection of him on Good Friday?
6. In preparation for next week, read 1 Corinthians 15:1-28 and Colossians 3:1-4. What is the importance of Jesus’ resurrection? What do you think Paul means when he says that we have been “raised with Christ” in Colossians 3:1?

