

***Palm Sunday***  
**Sunday, April 9, 2017**  
Evening Worship | 6:00pm

*Fourth*  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome

**Song of Preparation**

“Holy Holy Holy”

John Bacchus Dykes, Reginald Heber

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons blessed trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see;  
Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee,  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed trinity!

**Call to Worship**

*The triune God calling his church to worship him*

**Prayer of Invocation**

*Asking God to be present and to receive our worship through Christ*

**Reading of the Law**

Genesis 2:15–17

*God's perfect law condemns and convicts us of our sin and serves as a guide for the Christian life.*

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

**Confession of Sin**

*Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking his forgiveness*

**Private Confession of Sin**

**Corporate Confession of Sin**

Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge that we were conceived and born in sin, and are therefore inclined to all evil and slow to all good; that we transgress your holy commandments without ceasing, and ever more corrupt ourselves. But we are sorry for the same, and beseech your grace and help. Have mercy upon us, most gracious and merciful God and Father, through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant to us and increase in us your Holy Spirit, that we may recognize our sin and unrighteousness from the bottom of our hearts, attain true repentance and sorrow for them, die to them wholly, and please you by a new godly life. Amen.

**Reading of the Gospel**

Isaiah 53:10–12

*The Lord's declaration of our freedom from the penalty and power of sin*

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

**Songs of Thanksgiving**

“Nothing But The Blood of Jesus”

Robert Lowry

What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*O precious is the flow,  
That makes me white as snow.  
No other fount I know,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my pardon this I see,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
For my cleansing this my plea,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Naught of good that I have done,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
This is all my righteousness,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

“Lead Me to Calvary”

Duncannon

King of my life, I crown thee now,  
Thine shall the glory be:  
Lest I forget thy thorn-crowned brow,  
Lead me to Calvary.

*Lest I forget Gethsemane;  
Lest I forget thine agony;  
Lest I forget thy love for me,  
Lead me to Calvary.*

Show me the tomb where thou wast laid,  
Tenderly mourned and wept;  
Angels in robes of light arrayed  
Guarded thee whilst thou slept.

Let me like Mary, through the gloom,  
Come with a gift to thee;  
Show to me now the empty tomb,  
Lead me to Calvary.

May I be willing, Lord, to bear  
Daily my cross for thee;  
Even thy cup of grief to share,  
Thou hast borne all for me.

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 21:1–11

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**Prayer of Illumination**

*Asking God's Spirit to illumine our hearts and minds for the understanding and application of his Word*

**Sermon**

“The Triumphal Entry”

Rev. Ron Meyer

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Here is love, vast as the ocean, loving kindness as the flood,  
 When the Prince of Life, our ransom, shed for us his precious blood.  
 Who his love will not remember? Who can cease to sing his praise?  
 He can never be forgotten, throughout heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide;  
 Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
 Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above,  
 And heav'n's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

Let me all thy love accepting, love thee, ever all my days;  
 Let me seek thy kingdom only, and my life be to thy praise;  
 Thou alone shalt be my glory, nothing in the world I see.  
 Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me; thou, thyself hast set me free.

In thy truth thou dost direct me by thy Spirit through thy Word;  
 And thy grace my need is meeting, as I trust in thee, my Lord.  
 Of Thy fullness thou art pouring thy great love and power on me,  
 Without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to thee.

### Celebration of the Lord's Supper

#### Declaration of Faith—The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### Invitation to the Table

#### Words of Institution

#### Prayer of Consecration

#### Sharing of the Supper

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

#### Passing the Peace of Christ

### Communion Response

#### “Communion Hymn”

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And so with thankfulness and faith we rise  
 To respond, and to remember  
 Our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
 As his body here on earth.  
 As we share in his suffering  
 We proclaim Christ will come again!  
 And we'll join in the feast of heaven  
 Around the table of the King.

### Benediction

*Pronouncing God's blessing on his people*

***If you have an offering, please leave it in the plate at the back of the Sanctuary.***

***We would like to thank the musicians who participated in this evening's service of worship.***

***We welcome children in our worship service this evening.***  
*Room 210, off lower Halverson Hall, is open for parents of young children.*  
*A live-feed of the service is available as you care for your children.*  
*If you have to leave the service, feel free to do so, but please come back.*  
*As Jesus said, “Let the children come to me.”*

# *Holy Week 2017*

## *Maundy Thursday* **April 13, 2017**

7:30pm Communion Service  
Dr. Robert Norris  
“The Prayer That Broke God’s Heart”  
*Matthew 26:36–46*  
*Childcare, infants through kindergarten*

## *Good Friday* **April 14, 2017**

7:30pm Tenebrae Service of Darkness  
Dr. Todd Smedley  
“The Christ Stripped for Our Shame”  
*Matthew 27:27–31*  
*Childcare, infants through kindergarten*

## *Easter Sunday* **April 16, 2017**

**Easter Sunrise**  
6:00am Communion, Sanctuary steps  
Dr. Todd Smedley  
“Jesus’ Easter Morning Hymn”  
*Psalm 30*

*Continental breakfast follows in the Upper Room.  
(In the event of inclement weather the service will be moved inside.)*

**Easter Morning**  
8:00, 9:30, 11:00am  
Dr. Todd Smedley  
“The Christ Re clothed for Our Salvation”  
*Matthew 28:1–15*

**Easter Evening**  
6:00pm  
Rev. Rob Yancey  
“Witnesses”  
*Luke 24:36–49*

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