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St. Luke Union Church

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Sunday Worship Service — Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025 10:30am

PROCESSIONAL

ANTHEM

“A Festive Hosanna”
SLUC Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Let these branches be signs of his victory, and grant that we who carry them may follow him in the way of the cross, that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN #89

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sin to our God, trusting that God’s steadfast love endures forever.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of heaven and earth, we give you thanks for sending us Jesus Christ in your name. Even though we profess to follow him, we confess that in times of trial we too often deny him. Forgive us and heal us, we pray. Help us to put our faith not in the princes of this world, but only in the Prince of Peace. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

It is the Lord who helps us; who will declare us guilty? Because of the grace we received in baptism, we have nothing to fear. Forgiven and freed, let us praise Jesus. Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF RESPONSE #579

“Glory Be to the Father”

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, quiet within us all mortal voices, that through the story of the passion and by the power of your Holy Spirit, we may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9a

HYMN #SPW 68

“We Will Glorify”

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 19:28-44

SERMON

“Recognize Him”
Rev. Dr. Andrew J. Gifford

OFFERING

HYMN #428 (Verse 1)

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #371

“Lift High the Cross”

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

HYMN #593 (Doxology)

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

POSTLUDE