

Call to Worship

From John 12:13; Matthew 21:9

Minister: They took palm branches and went down the road to meet Jesus and shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Procession of Palms

Acolytes

Invocation

Minister

✠Hymn of Worship

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

O God, our help in ages past, / Our hope for years to come, / Our shelter from the stormy blast, / And our eternal home!

Under the shadow of Your throne / Your saints have dwelt secure; / Sufficient is Your arm alone, / And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, / Or earth received her frame, / From everlasting You are God, / To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Your sight / Are like an evening gone; / Short as the watch that ends the night / Before the rising sun.

The busy tribes of flesh and blood, / With all their lives and cares, / Are carried downward by Your blood, / And lost in following years.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, / Bears all its sons away; / They fly forgotten, as a dream / Dies at the opening day.

Our God, our help in ages past, / Our hope for years to come: / O be our guard while troubles last, / And our eternal home.

✠Lenten Reading

Isaiah 53:10-11; Psalm 124:8

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush Him with affliction. When you make His life an offering for sin, He will have many descendants and prolong His days; through Him the will of the Lord shall prosper. When He sees all that is accomplished by His anguish, He will be satisfied. And because of His experience, my righteous servant will make it possible for many to be counted righteous, for He will bear all their sins.

Leader: *In whom do we look for help?*

People: Our help is from the Lord, creator of heaven and earth.

Hymn of Praise

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation / Is Jesus Christ, her Lord; / She is His new creation / By water and the Word: / From heav'n He came and sought her / To be His holy bride; / With His own blood He bought her, / And for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, / Yet one o'er all the earth, / Her charter of salvation / One Lord, one faith, one birth; / One holy name she blesses, /

✠Those who are able, please stand.

Partakes one holy food, / And to one hope she presses, / With ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder / Men see her sore oppressed, / By schisms rent asunder, / By heresies distressed, / Yet saints their watch are keeping, / Their cry goes up, "How long?" / And soon the night of weeping / Shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish! / Her dear Lord to defend, / To guide, sustain, and cherish, / Is with her to the end; / Though there be those that hate her, / And false sons in her pale, / Against both foe and traitor / She ever shall prevail.

'Mid toil and tribulation, / And tumult of her war, / She waits the consummation / Of peace forevermore; / Till with the vision glorious / Her longing eyes are blest, / And the great church victorious / Shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union / With the God the Three in One, / And mystic sweet communion / With those whose rest is won: / O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, / Like them, the meek and lowly, / On high may dwell with Thee.

Confession of Faith

Q. 322 *The Geneva Catechism*, John Calvin

Leader: *How many sacraments are there in the Christian Church?*

People: Two only; the use of which is common among all believers: Baptism and the Holy Supper.

Pastoral Prayer

Minister

✠Hymn of Preparation

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

O soul, are you weary and troubled? / No light in the darkness you see? / There's light for a look at the Savior, / And life more abundant and free!

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, / Look full in His wonderful face, / And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, / In the light of His glory and grace.

Through death into life everlasting / He passed, and we follow Him there; / O'er us sin no more hath dominion, / For more than conquerors we are!

His Word shall not fail you—He promised; / Believe Him, and all will be well: / Then go to a world that is dying, / His perfect salvation to tell!

✠Scripture Reading

Minister

Minister: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Fruit of Light

Dr. Renton Rathbun

Ephesians 5:6-12

✠**Hymn of Response**

Doxology

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.

✠**Hymn of Benediction**

Lord, I Need You

Lord, I come, I confess, / Bowing here, I find my rest. / Without You, I fall apart, / You're the One that guides my heart.

Lord, I need You, O, I need You, / Every hour I need You. / My one defense, my righteousness, / O God, how I need You.

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more. / Where grace is found is where You are. / Where You are, Lord, I am free; / Holiness is Christ in me.

So teach my song to rise to You / When temptation comes my way. / When I cannot stand I'll fall on You. / Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

✠**Benediction**



Palm Sunday

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers
and want fellowship;
to all who hunger
and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come,
this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome in the name of the
Lord Jesus Christ.*

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