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Service for the Lord's Day

8:45 am & 11:00 am

Palm Sunday

Holy Communion

The Gathering for Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, I pray for my enemies today. If I cannot rejoice in their company may I at least rejoice in their welfare. Give me grace to win them rather than strength to crush them. May I be ruled by my loves not by my hates. May I be right with Thee. *from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds*

PRELUDE - "March on a Theme of Handel" .....A. Guilmant  
Grave-Adagio

*The service of worship begins with the music of the organ. Through its power and brilliance may you feel the majesty and glory of God; in its quietness, His peace.*

INTROIT - "Hosanna to the Son of David" .....Michael Praetorius  
Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest! *Matthew 21:9*

CALL TO WORSHIP .....Rev. Clayton

Minister: Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
that the King of glory may come in.

**People: Who is the King of glory?**

Minister: The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.

**People: Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.**

Minister: Who is he, this King of glory?

**All: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.**

\*HYMN 196 - "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" .....

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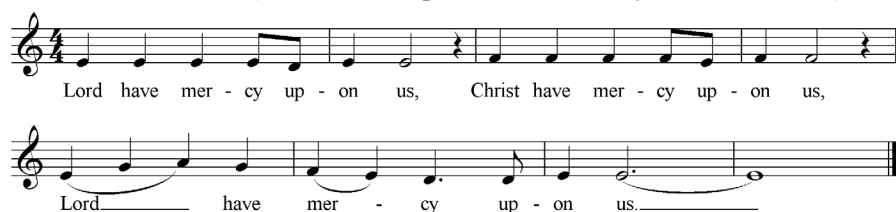
*The children will lead the procession with palm branches.*

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Unison:**     **O Thou, Redeemer King, we are quick to join the crowds in singing your praises today. With loud hosannas we welcome your arrival into our city, our church, and our homes. But later this week we will be as quick to deny we ever knew you – so addicted are we to the way things are. Forgive us for living as if our Savior had not arrived. Forgive us for failing to follow you all the way to the cross. Forgive us for the fear that blinds us to the hope that only comes from you, our good and gracious King. In your name we pray. Amen.**

*A period of silence for personal confession.*

**\* KYRIE ELEISON (from *The Independent Service* by Jeff McLelland)**



**\* DECLARATION OF PARDON**

**Minister:**     Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**People:**       **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**\* THE PEACE**

**Minister:**     May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People:**       **And also with you.**

**Minister:**     Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

*Please exchange the peace with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you."*

**\* GLORIA PATRI (from *The Independent Service*)**



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Rev. Long

The Word

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST LESSON - John 12:12-16 (Pew Bible, p. NT106)**

**Minister:**     The Word of the Lord.

**People:**       **Thanks be to God.**

*During the 8:45 service, nursery care only (infants - 5K) is available. Both nursery care and worship care are available for the 11:00 service.*

\*HYMN 197 - "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" ..... ELLACOMBE

SECOND LESSON - Zechariah 9:9-10 (Pew Bible, p. OT884)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON - HAIL TO THE KING .....Rev. Long

### The Response to the Word

\*NICENE CREED.....Rev. Clayton

**I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light; Very God of Very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who for us, and for our salvation, came down from heaven; And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered, and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven; And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Lord and Giver of Life; Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead; And the Life of the world to come. Amen.**

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### ***One Great Hour of Sharing***

*Today is a day for celebratory giving! We, with so much, join Presbyterians everywhere each Palm Sunday in the One Great Hour of Sharing. The funds collected through today's special offering at IPC will benefit Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Please consider giving to this annual tradition. You can place your contribution in today's offering plate marked with "One Great Hour of Sharing" in the memo line of your check or on the outside of the envelopes available in the pew racks. To give online, text SHARE to (205) 927-3100 and follow the step-by-step instructions.*

\* The Offertory Statement

\* The Doxology (*The Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 606).....

OLD HUNDREDTH

\* The Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory Anthem – "Lift Up Your Heads" .....George Handel

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in! Who is this King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in! Who is this King of Glory? The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory. *Psalm 24:7-10*

## The Eucharist

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE.....Rev. Seamon

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The minister continues in prayer, and then is sung:*

### SANCTUS (from *The Independent Service*)

introduction

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
10 po-wer and might. Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - san - na  
18 in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the  
25 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The minister continues in prayer.*

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (from *The Independent Service*)

Christ has died, Christ is ri-sen, Christ will come a - gain!

*The minister continues in prayer.*

### AMEN (from *The Independent Service*)

A - men, A - men, A - - men!

### THE LORD'S PRAYER (*In unison*)

**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, for ever. Amen.**

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"Motet for Passion Sunday" .....Frank Ferko  
Passing from one celebration to another, from palms and branches let us now make haste, O faithful, to the solemn and saving celebration of Christ's Passion. Let us see Him undergo voluntary suffering for our sake, and let us sing to Him with thankfulness a fitting hymn: Fountain of tender mercy and haven of salvation, O Lord, glory to you! *from Vespers of Palm Sunday, Byzantine Rite*

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" .....Hans Leo Hassler, arr. J. S. Bach  
*The lyrics to this anthem can be found in the hymnal under Hymn 221.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Sending

\*HYMN 93 - "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" ..... TRURO

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE - "O Man, Lament Your Great Sin" .....Johann Sebastian Bach

*\*Congregation standing*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME TO IPC!** We are so thankful that you have joined us today for Worship Services. If you are looking for a church to grow in your faith, you are welcome here at IPC! We invite you to join us at our next IPC WELCOME event to learn more – sign up online at [www.ipc-usa.org](http://www.ipc-usa.org) or email Stacy Pulliam at [spulliam@ipc-usa.org](mailto:spulliam@ipc-usa.org). We look forward to personally meeting you. **PLEASE LET US KNOW YOU WERE HERE** by signing the registers in the pews, then passing them down to others.

**THE FLOWERS** on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Warren St. John, Sr., First Lieutenant, Air Force, during Vietnam; husband of Irma St. John; father of Warren St. John, Jr., Mary Claire St. John Butler, and Susanna St. John Davis.

**LENTEN COOKIES IN THE COURTYARD:** Enjoy some cookies and punch with your IPC family in the courtyard after the 11 am worship service.

**MAKE A SPLASH FOR THE CHILDREN’S FRESH AIR FARM:** The Pool House at the Farm has served its purpose since the 1950s, and we need your support to complete improvements and a redesign. Thanks to the generosity of early donors, we are halfway to our fundraising goal of \$600,000. Please consider how you can give to bring new life to the Farm now and for generations to come. To give online, text POOL to (205) 927-3100 & follow the step-by-step instructions.

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES:** Come on Maundy Thursday, April 6, at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary to commemorate Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples and remember his mandate to love one another. Return to the sanctuary on Good Friday, April 7, at noon to remember Jesus's Crucifixion and his sacrifice to save us. Childcare is available for both services.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS** *(continued)*

**CHILDREN'S EGG HUNT:** Join us on Saturday, April 8, for our annual Easter Egg Hunt at IPC. Arrive at 9:30 am for breakfast, Easter crafts, and pictures with the Easter Bunny. At 10:30 am we'll start the egg hunt. Candy donations are needed for the eggs, please! Any peanut-free candy is accepted. Drop off candy in the basket by the front desk.

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9:** Christ the Lord is risen! Celebrate the good news with us at worship services at 8, 9:30 & 11 am in the Sanctuary and at 5 pm in Highland Hall. No Sunday School on Easter Sunday. Childcare is available.

**FIRST LIGHT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to provide and serve dinner to women and children on April 16-22 (except April 19). Sign up at [ipc-usa.org/connect](http://ipc-usa.org/connect) or contact Sarah Scruggs at [sscruggs@ipc-usa.org](mailto:sscruggs@ipc-usa.org).

**RACIAL WEALTH GAP SIMULATION:** Join us for an event sponsored by IPC's Community Ministries and Bread for the World Teams, Understanding the Racial Wealth Gap, on Tuesday, April 25, at 5 - 7:30 pm in Highland Hall. This simulation will deepen our understanding about hunger, racism, and the wealth divide to increase our service to others. Spots are limited so please register at [ipc-usa.org/connect](http://ipc-usa.org/connect).

## **SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED**

**CHILDREN'S FRESH AIR FARM:** In memory of Tina Darnell and Bee Morris.

**IPC COMMUNITY MINISTRIES:** In memory of Ernie Cowart, Tina Darnell, Bee Morris, Mary Russell, and Frances Shepherd.

**IPC FOOD MINISTRIES:** In honor of Maureen King and Caroline Thomas.

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### **Participants in Today's Services**

The Rev. Kevin J. Long, Pastor

The Rev. Susan A. Clayton, Associate Pastor, Congreg. Care & Adult Ed

The Rev. David J. Seamon, Associate Pastor, Faith Formation

Dr. Jeff R. McLelland, Director of Music and Fine Arts

The Independent Presbyterian Church Choir

Acolytes: (8:45) Elizabeth Lucile Smith,,

Gavin Andrew Vanlandingham, Charlotte Goodner Walthall

(11:00) Andrew Lindstrom Murphree, Julia Mitchell Mather,

William Steel Mather

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