

April 5, 2009 / Palm Sunday
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As we remember our Lord Jesus' riding into Jerusalem on a donkey, we invite everyone to hail him joyously. You are all sincerely welcomed and invited to participate fully in this time of worship.

We Turn Our Thoughts Toward God

PRELUDE
CALL TO WORSHIP "Commune With Me" Choir
WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING (Please register your attendance.)
MOMENT OF SILENT CENTERING
INVOCATION
*Hymn of Praise: 278 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"
Proclaiming the Word

*Psalter: 764 – Psalm 31:9 - 16
*Affirmation of Faith: 881 – The Apostles' Creed
*The Gloria Patri: 70 – "Glory Be to the Father"

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS:
THE OFFERTORY PRAYER
THE OFFERTORY
*THE DOXOLOGY: 95 – "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

*Hymn of Preparation: 292 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison):
Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

THE READING OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES: 806 – Mark 11:1 - 11
This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "If I Be Lifted Up" Choir

SERMON: "Why Do Christians Like Palm Sunday?" Dr. Bill Harris
Responding to the Word

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Hymn of Commitment: 294 "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed"
*BENEDICTION
*CHORAL RESPONSE "May You Run and Not Be Weary" Choir
*RECESSIONAL

* Please stand (if your health permits), as a means of giving honor to God.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP ...

TODAY:
9:30am Altar Prayer 10:00am Sunday School
9:30am Blood Pressure Screening 11:00am Morning Worship 3pm Emerald Gardens
THIS WEEK: *****
Mon., Apr. 6, 7:00pm – Art Class
Tues., Apr. 7, 6:30pm – Cub Scouts
Wed., Apr. 8, 7:00pm – Bible Study
7:45pm – Choir Practice
Thurs., Apr. 9, 7:00pm – Maundy Thursday Service
Sat., Apr. 11, 10:00am – Community Easter Egg Hunt
NEXT WEEK: *****
Sun., Apr. 12, Happy Easter!
Wed., Apr. 15, 7:00pm – Bible Study
7:45pm – Choir Practice
Thurs., Apr. 16, 6:30pm – Men's Club
6:30pm – Autism Support Group

SERVING OUR LORD:	Today	Next Week
Nursery:	Volunteer	Volunteer
Acolyte:	Andrew Joseph	Andrew Joseph

Preparation for Worship: *Loving God, on this Palm Sunday help us to be as fascinated with Christ as those who hailed him long ago. Amen.*

Welcome to all who visit with us today. Your presence enhances our worship of Almighty God. Please sign a visitor's card, found in the pew racks, and give it to an usher during the offering, **or** sign the pew register pad found at the end of each pew. You are always welcome at Mathews.

Art Class is Monday at 7:00pm. Everyone is invited to join us!

Our Community-Wide Easter Egg Hunt is planned for Saturday, April 11th from 10:00am to 12:00 noon. We need lots of volunteers to help with the following:

- Help with the Egg Hunt – hide eggs, help the children find eggs, assist with the games, or help in the kitchen. Please be here by 9:45am.
- Bring refreshments. Since we're expecting a lot of people and there isn't a set time for eating, we want to make the refreshment area as sanitary as possible by serving small individual bags of chips, wrapped desserts such as *Little Debbie's*, and sandwiches (cut into quarters). We also need 2-liter soft drinks. Please try to bring the non-perishable items to church by Wednesday, April 8, so we'll have an idea of what we'll have and still need to purchase.
- We'll be here Friday evening at 7:00pm to put the candy in the eggs and set up for the hunt. Please join us.

Thanks to everyone for making this Easter Egg Hunt a fun time for our children and the children in the Mathews community.



"Jesus Christ is the one whom we approach without pride, and before whom we humble ourselves without despair." (Blaise Pascal)