

Parma Greece United Church of Christ

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*"No matter who you are, no matter where you are in life's journey,
you are welcome at Parma Greece UCC!"*

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY

March 29, 2015

Palm-Passion Sunday

The Prelude

Ring of The Bell

Word of Greeting and Announcements

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Musical Meditation

Call to Worship

Liturgist: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks

**People: We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips;
we will travel through betrayal and death,
cradling hope deep in our hearts.**

Liturgist: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow,
for His is the life we long for, He is the Word who
sustains us.

**People: We wave palm branches in anticipation,
we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.**

Liturgist: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes:
modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

**People: Hosanna! Hosanna!
Blessed is the One who brings us
the kingdom of God.**

***The Hymn**

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

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***The Call To Confession**

When the parade is over, do we pick up our lives, brush them off, and live in the old way? Do we toss our palm branches aside, so we can grasp the seductions of the world? As we begin the journey through the holiest of weeks, let us speak the truth, as we confess to our God, praying together:

***The Prayer of Confession-Unison**

Ever constant God, mixing love and hope together; You pave the way to the kingdom, but we prefer to stub our toes on the potholed roads of temptation. You will touch the cup of grace to our parched lips, but we seem to hunger for the ashy taste of bitterness. You beg us to learn the songs of salvation, but we hum along with the chorus death plays in the background of our lives. Have mercy upon us, God of Holiness. As You come to us, You bring healing for our brokenness, peace for our troubled lives, hope for our doubting minds. May we empty ourselves of everything which keeps us from following You, so we may receive these gifts, and more, from Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

***The Kyrie**

***Words of Assurance and Pardon**

Liturgist: Laying aside judgment, God offers us redemption;
setting aside anger, God embraces us with love;
letting go of grief, God pours living water upon us.
This is the good news, my friends:
God's steadfast love endures forever. We are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

Liturgist: O Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

***An Act of Praise**

"The Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen**

The Palm Sunday Gospel

Liturgist: The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to St. Mark.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Mark11:1-11

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Liturgist: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Blessing of the Palms

Liturgist: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Liturgist: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Liturgist: We praise and bless You, ever-living God, for the acts of love by which You redeem the world through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: This day He entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments and palm branches along His way.

Liturgist: Let these branches be for us signs of His victory; and grant that we who bear them may always acclaim Jesus Messiah, by walking the way of His suffering and cross; that, dying and rising with Him, we may enter Your kingdom. Bless

then, these branches and each of us that their use this day may announce in our time that Christ has come, and that Christ will come again. Amen.

***The Anthem**

"Palm Sunday Choral"

In the Name of the Lord
All Glory Laud and Honor
We Will Glorify

The Collect - Unison

Come Holy Spirit, source of all life. As we hear again the story of the passion, let the same mind be in us that was in Christ, who was a servant that we might be free. Awaken our ears, open our hearts, and sustain the weary with your Word. We ask this in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Reading of God's Word

Isaiah 50:4-9a

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Philippians 2:5-11

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Liturgist: For the Word of God in Scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us.

People: Thanks be to God.

Liturgist: The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to St. Mark.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Mark15:1-39

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Liturgist: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Homily

"Which Procession?"

The Hymn

"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"

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The Call to Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Silent Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

The Prayer Of Our Savior

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.

The Prayer Response

“O Lord Hear My Prayer”

The Giving of Our Gifts and Offerings

The Offertory "Entry Into Jerusalem"

The Offertory Response "Take My Life"

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Take my life, God, let it be consecrated faithfully.

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

***The Prayer of Dedication - Unison**

As we offer these tangible gifts, Holy One, remind us of those who could use the clothes hanging in our closets unworn, those who could be feed by the food stored in our pantries, those who could be healed by the grace and hope we keep locked away in our hearts. May we be as generous with others as You are with us, we pray. Amen

***The Hymn** "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty"

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The Sending Forth

Liturgist: Let the same mind be in you that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Love and care for one another in His name.
Go in peace,
assured of God's presence with you,
with the mind of Christ Jesus as your path and guide,
and the Holy Spirits presence always with you.

People: Amen.

The Postlude