

Groomsport Presbyterian Church - Order of Service
Palm Sunday 24th March 2024
Service Conducted by Rev Paul Dalzell & Rev Elliot Swattridge (Groomsport Parish)
Organist: Mr John McIlwaine
Pianist: Miss Gillian McCutcheon

Organ prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit: Come, now is the time to worship Brian Doersken

Scripture Sentences

PRAISE 395 All glory, praise and honour (St. Theodulph)

All glory, praise and honour,
to You, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.

1 'You are the King of Israel,
great David's greater Son;
You ride in lowly triumph,
the Lord's anointed One!'

2 The company of angels
are praising You on high,
and we with all creation
together make reply:

3 The people of the Hebrews
with palms before You went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before You we present.

4 To You, before Your passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to You, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.

5 As You received their praises,
accept the prayers we bring,
for You delight in goodness,
O good and gracious King!

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Anthem: 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) Mynn & Redman

Lesson 1 Mark 11: 1-10 The triumphal entry into Jerusalem

PRAISE 422 Ride on, ride on in majesty (Winchester New)

- 1 Ride on, ride on in majesty,
as all the crowds 'Hosanna!' cry;
through waving branches slowly ride,
O Saviour, to be crucified.
- 2 Ride on, ride on in majesty,
in lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, Your triumph now begin
with captured death, and conquered sin!
- 3 Ride on, ride on in majesty --
the angel armies of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.
- 4 Ride on, ride on in majesty,
the last and fiercest foe defy;
the Father on His sapphire throne
awaits His own anointed Son.
- 5 Ride on, ride on in majesty,
in lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow Your meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, Your power and reign!

Lesson 2 Mark 14: 12-26 A Passover Meal

Anthem: Into Your Hands Cindy Berry

Lesson 3 Mark 14: 32-42 Gethsemane

PRAISE 399 From heaven you came, helpless babe

- 1 From heaven You came, helpless babe,
entered our world, Your glory veiled;
not to be served but to serve,
and give Your life that we might live.

This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow Him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.

- 2 There in the garden of tears
my heavy load He chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours,' He said.
- 3 Come see His hands and His feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,

hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.

- 4 So let us learn how to serve
and in our lives enthrone Him;
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.

Lesson 4 Mark 14: 43-50 The Arrest

Anthem: Let us draw near to God David Fellingham

Lesson 5 Mark 15: 6-15 Jesus is sentenced to death

PRAISE 402 Here is love vast as the ocean (Dim Ond Jesu)

- 1 Here is love vast as the ocean,
lovingkindness as the flood,
when the Prince of Life, our ransom,
shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten,
throughout heaven's eternal days.

- 2 On the mount of crucifixion
fountains opened deep and wide;
through the floodgates of God's mercy
flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
poured incessant from above,
and heaven's peace and perfect justice
kissed a guilty world in love.

Anthem: Beneath the Cross of Jesus Getty

Lesson 6 Mark 15: 21-37 Jesus is crucified

Anthem: God so loved the world Sir John Stainer

Lesson 7 Isaiah 53: 1-6 The Saviour of the world

Prayer of intercession

Offering & Dedicatory Prayer

Anthem: A Clare Benediction John Rutter

PRAISE 449 Crown Him with many crowns (Diademata)

- 1 Crown Him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon His throne,
while heaven's eternal anthem drowns
all music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing
of Him who died to be
your Saviour and your matchless King
through all eternity.

- 2 Crown Him the Lord of life,
triumphant from the grave,
who rose victorious from the strife
for those He came to save:
His glories now we sing
who died and reigns on high;
He died eternal life to bring
and lives that death may die.
- 3 Crown Him the Lord of love,
who shows His hands and side,
those wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.
- 4 Crown Him the Lord of peace,
His kingdom is at hand;
from pole to pole let warfare cease,
and Christ rule every land!
A city stands on high,
His glory it displays,
and there the nations 'Holy' cry
in joyful hymns of praise.
- 5 Crown Him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
in majesty sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail,
for You have died for me;
Your praise shall never, never fail
through all eternity!

Benediction and Choral Amen

Organ postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kidszone Rota

TODAY & 31st March – Fiona McCreedy, Julie Stirling and Sylvia Nelson

Porch Duty Rota

TODAY – June Kirk and Rosemary Gillespie

29th & 31st March - Michael and Julie Steele

Elders and Assistants: The Directory, Newsletter, FWO letters and communion tokens are all ready for collection TODAY.

Invitations from Groomspoint Parish

TONIGHT - Sunday 24th March at 6.00pm – Palm Sunday evening service at which Rev. Paul Dalzell will be preaching.

Monday 25th to Wednesday 27th March, 7.00am – 7.00pm there will be a special prayer room open in the Parish church hall. You would be welcome to pop in at any time, long or short.

PW will have their final meeting tomorrow night, Monday 25th March. There will be some entertainment and apple tart to finish the season. Do come along.

Session meet this Tuesday night, 26th March at 7.30pm in the Archie Agnew Hall.

Wednesday

The Church building is open for **private prayer** 10.00am – Noon.

Gifts for **Storehouse** can be left 10.00am – Noon.

Please remember to donate as all the cupboard essentials are very much appreciated.

Supplies can be left in the trolley in the foyer either on Wednesday morning or before the Sunday service. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Good Friday Communion Service will take place this Friday 29th March at 8.00pm.

EASTER SERVICES

Next Sunday 31st March at 11.00am – **Easter Sunday Service**

Leprosy Mission: There are still some envelopes in the pews if anyone would like to make a donation to this year's special 150th anniversary appeal. Please remember to add your FWO number so that we can claim the gift aid for the Leprosy Mission. If you are interested in learning a little more about their work, there are copies of the latest issue of the LM magazine in the vestibule. **There are also some LM collection boxes that you can fill with loose change over of the coming weeks.** They can be returned anytime and we will add this to our LM donation this year. Thank you again for your support. (Dr Michael Steele)

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