

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 28, 2010

8:30 and 11:00 AM

PALM SUNDAY

*As you enter this sacred space,
you are invited to assume an attitude of prayer and meditation. (Psalm 46. 10)*

GATHERING

CENTERING PRAYER

Almighty God,

**you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ,
to suffer death on the cross.**

**Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and ever. Amen.**

PRAISE

VOLUNTARY

“Fantasy in G Minor”

Johann Sebastian Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP, 8:30

“Enter Into His Gates”

Robert Scoggin

CALL TO WORSHIP, 11:00

“Ride Through Jerusalem”

Michael Bedford

Ride through Jerusalem, little donkey, ride through the city today,
palms spread along the way. You bear a dear and precious load, making
your way down a crowded road. You bear the son of God, you see.
He'll bear a cross for you and me. Sing hosanna. Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.

† GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 19: 28-40

New Testament Page 77

† HYMN NO. 280

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

ST. THEODULPH

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

*Please write your name in the Friendship Pad on the center aisle and pass it to your
neighbor. First-time guests are encouraged to list your address and telephone number or e-
mail address so that we may share additional information about our church.*

PRAYERS

KYRIE

“Lord Have Mercy”

Adam M. Ward

COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND INTERCESSION

**Lord Jesus, we want to be your followers,
and often we are among those who offer praise
and thanksgiving to you.**

**We do acknowledge, however,
that we sometimes look to the horizon,
and there in the distance is Golgotha.**

We confess that we are hesitant to take up the cross.

**And yet the cross is the very sign
of your great love for us,
and for all people.**

**Look upon us with compassion in the days ahead,
and unite us,
not only in the fellowship of your suffering,
but also in the power of your resurrection.**

**Let your compassion flow through us
toward those in need.**

**As you identified with us in our human condition,
guide us toward a solidarity
with all who suffer this day.**

**As we bear witness to your love,
keep us near the cross,
your power made perfect in weakness.**

**We ask in the name of Jesus,
who taught his disciples to pray...**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**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 WORD

ANTHEM

“Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates”

William Mathia

The text of the anthem is adapted from Psalm 24:7-10.

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. The Lord of hosts, he is the
King of glory.

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 2. 5-11

New Testament Page 182

† HYMN NO. 294

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

MARTYRDOM

† GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 23. 44-49

New Testament Page 83

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Atonement”

RESPONSE

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, Hymnal No. 881
Apostles' Creed

† GLORIA PATRI, Hymnal No. 71
“Glory Be to the Father”

GREATOREX

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

arr. Gilbert Martin

The text of the anthem may be found on Hymnal Page 298.

† DOXOLOGY, Hymnal No. 296, verse 5

“Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle”

PICARDY

**Unto God be praise and glory: to the Father and the Son,
to th'eternal Spirit honor now and evermore be done;
praise and glory in the highest, while unending ages run.**

SENDING FORTH

† HYMN NO. 286

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

PASSION CHORALE

† COMMON PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ,

**you stretched out your arms
on the hard wood of the cross
that everyone might come within the reach
of your saving embrace:
so clothe us in your spirit that we,
reaching forth your hands in love,
may bring those who do not know you
to the knowledge and love of you,
for the honor of your name. Amen.**

† SILENT PRAYER

† CHIMING THE TRINITY

† VOLUNTARY

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

Johann Sebastian Bach

**Our service of worship has ended.
Our worship through service now begins.**

As we leave this Sanctuary, let us greet one another in Christ's name.

† Congregation may stand

Our **Palm Sunday service** this morning marks the journey of Jesus into
Jerusalem. Within the hour of worship we move from the joyous processional of
palms to the somber anticipation of the passion (suffering) of the Christ, on our
behalf. Today's service finds its completion in the two evening services, Maundy
Thursday and Good Friday. For this reason, we conclude this service in
contemplation, as Holy Week has begun.

PARISH NOTES

During Holy Week, our chapel will be transformed into the **Way of the Cross**. This guided prayer devotion will use hymns to lead the participant through seven scenes from the Holy Week drama. You are invited to use this devotional tool as a time for prayer and reflection.

A **Prayer Vigil** is held in the Chapel, from 8:00 p.m. on Good Friday evening through the sunrise of Easter morning. Continuous intercession is offered during these hours. You may sign up at the welcome center. All are welcomed and invited to participate in this Providence tradition. This is a wonderful way to turn our minds toward the true meaning of Easter.

Three services will be held on **Easter**. A **sunrise service** at 7:00 am, at the cross adjacent to Providence Road, features scripture readings, informal hymn singing, and a message by Dr. Carter. Two identical **sanctuary services** are offered at 8:30 am and 11:00 am. These services will feature music by the Chancel Choir with Brass Charlotte, and Dr. Carter will preach. We encourage our members to carpool and arrive early, if possible, and to invite friends to share in these celebrations of the Resurrection.

Mission Support Opportunities You may purchase the "Lord's Prayer" poster, benefitting Samaritan House, by contacting Brian Hadley at bhadley1@carolina.rr.com. The Imprints Bible Study Group is collecting books to be taken to the Dominican Republic and distributed by Lindsey Parr. They will have a table in the Atrium this Sunday. Copies of Greg Cagle and Ken Carter's Easter CD, "Hymn for Resurrection People" are available at the Welcome Center. If you wish to make a contribution, it will be directed to the Haiti Microcredit Initiative.

HOLY WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday-Saturday	The Way of the Cross A time of prayer and reflection. 7:00 am-7:00 pm, Chapel
Maundy Thursday	Worship Service, 7:00 pm Holy Communion Jamie Wollin, preaching Susan Bilon, soloist Childcare will be provided (<i>infants through Kindergarten</i>).
Good Friday	Service of Tenebrae (Darkness), 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Childcare will be provided (<i>infants through Kindergarten</i>). Easter Prayer Vigil 8:00 pm Friday to 6:00 am Sunday, Chapel
Easter	Sunrise Service, 7:00 am Dr. Ken Carter, preaching Greg Cagle & Beverly Vanlandingham, musicians Worship Service, 8:30 am Dr. Ken Carter, preaching Chancel Choir & Brass Charlotte Children's Program Sanctuary, 10:00 am followed by Butterfly Release Worship Service, 11:00 am Dr. Ken Carter, preaching Chancel Choir & Brass Charlotte

SERVING THIS MORNING

Crucifers	Jordan Pierpont, Trent Patterson
Acolytes	John Higgins, John Hunting, Alexandra Rabey, Natalie Bonsall
Preacher	Ken Carter
Liturgists	Bill Jeffries, Tara Bain, Teresa Dunn
Choir	Chancel, Wesley and Cherub (11:00)
Visitation	Edie Butler, Cindy Duncan, Laura Flowe, Aimee Norris
Sound System	Sandy Seawright, John Hunter
Sanctuary Stewards	Sue & Jim Spears
Ushers	8:30 Group Chairmen: Paul Bumgarner, Terry Wallace; Terry Britt, Emma Cleek, John Cleek, Vernon Patterson, Al Rose, Glenn Shepherd 11:00 Group Chairmen: Bob Lindsley, Maurice Waddell; Tim Berkey, Richard Boner, Len Bullock, Win Coffield, Brian Crutchfield, Bob Flowe, William Gean, Ed Gilliam, Matt Ingham, Bob James, Diana Maa, Keith Richard, Lloyd Von Cannon

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PROVIDENCE?

Our **Inquirer's Class** meets the first, second and third Sundays at 9:45 am in the church parlor. Join others like yourself who want to know more about our community of faith. Simply indicate your interest on the Ritual of Friendship pad or contact Suzi Stephens, 704.714.9365 or sstephens@providenceumc.org.



Our nave is equipped with a hearing loop system. Switch hearing aid to T-coil to receive sound through your hearing aid. Personal receivers are also available for others desiring enhanced listening. Please ask an usher.

OUR VISION

To Be the Body of Christ by Glorifying God and Serving Others

OUR MINISTERS

All of the People of Providence United Methodist Church

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