

Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey. [Zech. 9:9]

April 5, 2009
Palm Sunday
10:30 AM

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PRELUDE

March Magnifique
Suk Choi

by M. Williams

**CALL TO WORSHIP*

Debbie Heath

Leader: This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

People: *Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. This is God's doing; let us give thanks to God.*

Leader: Celebrate this time of worship. Give praise to God whose steadfast love endures forever.

People: *Hosanna to God in the highest! God is here; let us lift our voices in thanksgiving and praise!*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 204*

All Glory, Laud and Honor

ST. THEODULPH

PRAYER OF ADORATION

PALM SUNDAY LITANY OF CONFESSION

Leader: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: *How we love a parade! We eagerly line the streets and fill our sanctuary to witness the triumphant entrance of Jesus into our lives!*

Leader: Christ comes among us this day, and we join the multitudes who celebrate his coming!

People: *We adorn his head with the crown of our hope; we cloak his shoulder with the robe of our joy!*

Leader: We anticipate the victory over the forces of death and await a season of new life and new beginnings.

People: *Yes, we want a messiah, but is this the messiah we want? When the crowds have all gone home, will we shrink back into our comfortable lives seeking to avoid the difficult journey that we know lies ahead?*

Leader: Will our songs of praise turn into shouts of ridicule? Will we replace the crown of hope with one of thorns, and the robe of joy with one of mockery?

People: *Apart from the crowds, we are forced to come face to face with our own questions, our own confusions, our own doubts, and our own fears.*

Leader: Lord, hear us now as we offer our personal prayers of confession.
(Continue in the silence.) . . . Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

Leader: Now we can shout our hosannas with real enthusiasm!

All: *We are forgiven! Let us celebrate this good news!*

**PRAISE TO GOD (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. Amen.*

**AFFIRMING GOD'S GRACE*

HOLY WEEK PAGEANT "A Week that Changed the World"

Pathfinders

Hosanna

by Carl Tuttle

LNPC Children's Choir and Congregation

How Beautiful

by Twila Paris

LNPC Children's Choir

Because of Your Love

by Paul Baloché

LNPC Children's Choir; Congregation joins when invited

(Following the pageant, children are dismissed to Sunday School.)

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

MORNING PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Emily McColl

*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.*

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Lift Your Voice

by Boersma/Lantz III

Kari Cox, Soloist

**DOXOLOGY*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (In Unison)

*O God, by your spirit tell us what we need to hear,
And show us what we ought to do,
To obey Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 26:36-46

Pew Bible, N.T. Page 30

SERMON

Dr. Randy Steele

“A Journey with Peter: Fumbles in the Garden”

Peter and the rest of the disciples learn a powerful truth. When asked to “stay awake” the disciples fall asleep. To this Jesus responds, “Spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

**HYMN 95 (vss. 1, 2, 4, 5)*

All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name

CORONATION

**BENEDICTION*

(The Prayer Team is available at the end of the service. To share a prayer concern or give thanks for what God is doing in your life; please go to the right side of the Sanctuary after worship.)

**CHORAL RESPONSE*

Prayer for the Road

**POSTLUDE*

Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor

by J. S. Bach

Today’s Pastoral Deacons are Judy Grant (9:00),
Cheryl Kelsey and Jill Bone (10:30).

Today’s flowers are donated by Betty Von Der Lohe,
“In memory of my loving daughter, Nancy.”

“Remember, God loves you!”