

## Order of Service 4.2.2023

### Palm Sunday

Liturgical Color: Purple

#### Prelude

*With Glory and Honor*—Callender

**Acolyte**—Melissa B.

#### Lenten Reading/ Extinguishing of the Lenten Cross

Cornelius, a Centurion— Reader: Tom Bennett

#### Welcome/Announcements

*Blessed Be the Name* CCLI# 3798438

#### Verse 1

Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name

#### Verse 2

Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name

#### Pre-Chorus

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord  
Still I will say

#### Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

#### Verse 3

Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be Your name

#### Verse 4

Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name

#### Bridge

You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord blessed be Your name

#### Opening Hymn

*Days of Elijah* (CCLI #1537904)

#### Verse 1

These are the days of Elijah  
Declaring the Word of the Lord  
And these are the days  
Of Your servant Moses  
Righteousness being restored  
And though these are days  
Of great trials  
Of famine and darkness and sword  
Still we are the voice  
In the desert crying  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

#### Chorus

Behold He comes  
Riding on the clouds

Shining like the sun  
At the trumpet call  
So lift your voice  
It's the year of Jubilee  
And out of Zion's hill  
Salvation comes

#### Verse 2

And these are the days of Ezekiel  
The dry bones becoming as flesh  
And these are the days  
Of Your servant David  
Rebuilding a temple of praise  
And these are the days of the harvest  
The fields are as white in the world  
And we are the labourers  
In Your vineyard  
Declaring the Word of the Lord

#### CHORUS

#### Bridge

There's no god like Jehovah  
There's no god like Jehovah  
There's no god like Jehovah  
There's no god like Jehovah (3 times)

#### CHORUS

#### Morning Prayer

**The Lord's Prayer—UMH #895**

#### Choir Music Special

*On the Road to Jerusalem*—Joseph M. Martin

#### Offering

*Triumphal Entry* —arr. Butler

#### Doxology UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### KIDS Central Music Program

#### Gathering Chorus

*Wondrous Cross* UMH #298

#### Verse 1

When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of Glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

#### Verse 2

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the death of Christ, my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

#### Verse 3

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

#### Verse 4

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

## Scripture Lesson

### John 16:27-33

<sup>27</sup> for the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. <sup>28</sup> I came from the Father and have come into the world; again, I am leaving the world and am going to the Father." <sup>29</sup> His disciples said, "Yes, now you are speaking plainly, not in any figure of speech! <sup>30</sup> Now we know that you know all things and do not need to have anyone question you; by this we believe that you came from God." <sup>31</sup> Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? <sup>32</sup> The hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each one to his home, and you will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me. <sup>33</sup> I have said this to you so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution, but take courage: I have conquered the world!"

### Colossians 1:17

<sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

## Sermon

Rev. Bruce Gwyn

## Baptism

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

I present **Clyde Crouse Kerns III and Laurel Jane Kerns** for baptism

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

**I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

**I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

**I do.**

Will you nurture **Crouse & Laurel** in Christ's holy Church, that by your teaching and example they may be guided to accept God's grace for themselves, to profess their faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

**I will**

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

**We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

**With God's help, we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, (who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Eternal Father: When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised. Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations. Declare Christ's works to the nations, his glory among all the people.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and those who receive it, to wash away their sin and clothe them in righteousness throughout their lives, that, dying and being raised with Christ, they may share in his final victory. All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. **Amen.**

**Crouse & Laurel**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother & sister in Christ.

**Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as member of the family of Christ.**

## Closing Hymn

*Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone* UMH #424

### Verse 1

Must Jesus bear the cross alone,  
and all the world go free?

No, there's a cross for everyone,  
and there's a cross for me.

### Verse 2

How happy are the saints above,  
who once went sorrowing here!  
But now they taste unmingled love,  
and joy without a tear.

### Verse 3

The consecrated cross I'll bear  
till death shall set me free;  
and then go home my crown to wear,  
for there's a crown for me.

## Benediction

### Chiming of the Holy Trinity

## Postlude

*Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!* -arr. Edwards

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