



The People of God in Worship

March 25, 2018

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Palm/Passion Sunday

THE GREETING

The Rev. Dr. Michael K. Cheuk

To our Guests, Members, and Friends: In the pew rack you will find a small brochure to give us the opportunity to get to know you and serve you better. Fill in where appropriate, place it in the collection plate, or give to the Pastor. Welcome and thank you!

THE CHIMES

Three chimes are sounded, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ, centering us in the embrace of the Spirit.

THE PRELUDE

Please consider the organ prelude as an invitation to quietly, reverently prepare yourself for worship.

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Mr. Vic Angell

Leader: Today is God's gift, a day made for us.

People: We rejoice with glad hearts of praise!

Leader: Today is Christ's day, a day made for thanks.

People: We rejoice with glad hearts of praise!

Leader: Today, we gather in joy and thanksgiving, in sorrow and grief, remembering Christ's gift of great love.

People: We give thanks for the gift and remember the price, as we worship God.

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 300**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

***INVOCATION AND THE GLORIA PATRI**

Mr. Vic Angell and The Community

THE FIRST READING

Mark 11:1-11

Mr. Vic Angell

Leader: A Word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Michael K. Cheuk

***THE OFFERTORY HYMN No. 308**

There Is a Redeemer

THE GIFTS

*Offertory Moment and Prayer

Mr. Vic Angell

Offertory

*Doxology - No. 815

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

THE SECOND READING

Mark 15:1-15

Mr. Vic Angell

Leader: A Word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE REPONSIVE CONFESSION AND PARDON

People: **We make a road of palms.**

Choir: We line a road to Calvary.

People: **We shout, "Hosanna!"**

Choir: We cry, "Crucify!"

People: **We watch a criminal.**

Choir: We see a ruler.

People: **We laugh at our God.**

Choir: We proclaim our Messiah.

People: **We will welcome Jesus.**

Choir: We will condemn him.

Leader: It was a long week, a long journey from the high gate of Jerusalem to a forsaken place and a cross. Even longer from the praise of "Hosanna!" to the blasphemy of "Crucify!" A long march for humankind: from the high point of crowning God's chosen one, to the depths of having him executed. A long, long walk through the fickleness and whims of humanity. God lives with us still.

Choir: Forgive us, God.

People: Forgive us, God.

Leader: The scriptures proclaim that God's love goes on forever, through all the tragic story of human wrong and misery. Be assured that, as Jesus forgave his killers from the cross, so God forgives you. Go and sin no more.

All: Thanks be to God!

THE THIRD READING

Mark 15:16-39

Mr. Vic Angell

Leader: A Word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Gilbert M. Martin

THE MESSAGE

Journeying Into Jerusalem

The Rev. Dr. Michael K. Cheuk

***HYMN No. 316**

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

***THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

Walk With the Lord

Kevin D. Thomson

***THE POSTLUDE**

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- * The ushers will seat those waiting.
 - * Those who are able will please stand.
 - * Hearing aids are available from the ushers.

Offertory Emphasis

Jesus proclaimed the coming of the kingdom of God to those on the margins of society. It is on the margins of society that the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Virginia has a special focus on ministry to the Roma – sometimes called gypsies. Jon and Tanya Parks are CBF field personnel minister in the eastern European nation of Slovakia at an all-Roma private school. Your mission gift is at work among these often reviled and persecuted people, through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

Please join me in prayer.

We uphold Tanya and Jon Parks as they help bring God's kingdom among the Roma by working to provide opportunities for education, care, and loving relationships. We dedicate our mission gifts to these and similar ministries near and far. Amen.