



The People of God in Worship
April 14, 2019
Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Palm Sunday

THE GREETING

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

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, and place it in the collection plate. Welcome and thank you!

THE PRELUDE

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

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP** (choir process)

*Here I raise mine Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.*

***THE INVOCATION AND GLORIA PATRI**

The Hon. John Cook and The Community

*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.*

LITANY OF THE PSALM—from Psalm 18

The Hon. John Cook

Leader: The Lord lives, and blessed be my rock,
People: and exalted be the God of my salvation—
Leader: the God who rescued me from my enemies,
People: and delivered me from the man of violence.
Leader: For this I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations,
People: and sing to your name.
Leader: Great salvation he brings to his king,
All: and shows steadfast love to his anointed forever.

HYMN OF PRAISE No. 104

O Worship the King

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you!
Reply: And also with you!

THE SECOND READING

Genesis 15:12-16

The Hon. John Cook

Leader: A word from God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Gilbert M. Martin

**CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF COMMUNITY, THE MORNING PRAYER,
AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

*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, for ever and ever. Amen.*

THE OFFERTORY HYMN No. 300 (remain seated)

All Glory, Laud and Honor

THE GIFTS

Offertory Moment and Prayer
Offertory
*Doxology - No. 815

The Holy Heart

The Hon. John Cook
arr. Mary McDonald
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

THE MESSAGE

I Raise Mine Ebenezer

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

If you desire membership in this congregation, you are invited to present yourself at this time. If you prefer not to present yourself, you may speak to the minister after the service to effect membership. As an open membership church, we honor your previous baptism in any other Christian community. If you have not made a profession of faith, we invite you to do so and receive Christian baptism. Church members are invited to use this time to renew their covenantal relationship with God and their commitment to Christian service.

*HYMN No. 314

What Wondrous Love Is This

*THE BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

*THE CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen

Peter Lutkin

*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.

Copies of last week's sermon and the prayer list are in the narthex.

Offertory Emphasis

During this season of Lent, we have been given the gift of time to wander. The gift of being able to ask questions, of examining our own lives and trying new practices. Today, we give in gratitude for a season of wandering, and for the ways this community enables us to make our own journeys.

Please join me in prayer:

Lord, thank you for the gift of this season of wandering. Thank you for walking along with us, not solving our problems, but giving us space to ask questions and sharing with us your presence to guide us. Thank you for a community of faith, permeated by your love, walking with us on our paths. Amen.