



Entry into the City, John August Swanson

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY *FANFARE ON ST. THEODULPH* ARR. EDWIN T. CHILDS
(As the opening voluntary begins, please use the time to center yourself for worship.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.*

RINGING OF THE BELL

✦ OPENING SENTENCES

*O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
Hosanna in the highest!
God's steadfast love endures forever.
Hosanna in the highest!
Let us throw down our cloaks and wave our palms,
For Christ is here among us.*

SANDRA McDONALD

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

✦ When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

Lectionary Texts for today:
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Mark 11:1-11

For the younger ones among us:

Today we remember the story of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. The crowd was so excited to see Jesus that they shouted "Hosanna!" and spread their coats and branches on the road before him, like a homemade red carpet for Jesus! Listen for the word "Hosanna" in worship today. What could it mean?

✦CALL TO CONFESSION

✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We love to shout, "Hosanna," but, more often, we whisper it.

We often cry, "Crucify," but, always, we deny it.

We sing of peace and justice, but rarely do we live it.

Forgive us, God of mercy. Heal us, God of grace.

Free us from our sin, and embolden us to live in the light of your good news . . .

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

✦KYRIE

SINGAPURA

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy on us.

✦ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✦PASSING THE PEACE

✦RESPONSE

HYMN NO. 197, STANZA 3

ELLACOMBE

"Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing;

For Christ is our redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King.

O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,

And in his blissful presence, eternally rejoice.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALTER

PSALM 118:1-2, 19-29

PAGE 575 OT, PEW BIBLE

ANTHEM

SANCTUS, FROM *REQUIEM FOR THE LIVING*

DAN FORREST

CHANCEL CHOIR

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis!

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

SECOND READING

MARK 11:1-11

PAGE 44 NT, PEW BIBLE

SERMON

HEAVY HOSANNA

ANNA GEORGE TRAYNHAM

SILENCE AND STILLNESS

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN NO. 200

A CHEERING, CHANTING, DIZZY CROWD

CHRISTIAN LOVE

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM A DECLARATION OF FAITH

Jesus, the long expected Savior, came into the world as a child,
descended from David, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of Mary.
In the person and work of Jesus,
God and a human life are united but not confused, distinguished but not separated.
The coming of Jesus was itself the coming of God's promised rule.
Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection,
Jesus brings about the relationship between God and humanity that God always intended.
Jesus was what we are. He grew up in a family and a society
troubled by the common problems of the world.
His knowledge was limited by his time and place in history.
He felt deeply the joy of friendship and the hurt of being rejected.
Jesus prayed, struggled with temptation,
knew anger, and was subject to suffering and death.
Jesus was what we should be.
He served God with complete trust and unwavering obedience.
He loved all kinds of people and accepted their love.
In constant dependence upon the Holy Spirit,
Jesus allowed no temptation or threat to keep him from loving God with his whole being
and his neighbor as himself.
We recognize in Jesus what God created us to be.
Jesus exposes our failure to live as he lived.
He demonstrates the new humanity
God promises to give us through him.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

(Please sign the Friendship Pad found at one end of your pew, and pass it along.)

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

WERE YOU THERE
CHORAL ENSEMBLE
(See text at Hymn No. 228)

WERE YOU THERE

✦AT THE PRESENTATION

HYMN NO. 209, STANZA 5

LOVE UNKNOWN

Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine;
never was love dear King, never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦HYMN No. 218

AH, HOLY JESUS

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

✦HYMN No. 209

MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN, STANZA 1

LOVE UNKNOWN

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me.
Love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
O who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

Lenten Prayer Tree

During the Lenten season, we are placing two Prayer Trees in the Sanctuary. During the Prayers of the People each Sunday, you are invited to go to the trees to tie a colored prayer ribbon on a branch to represent your prayer concerns. By Easter the tree will have "bloomed" with a visible, tangible manifestation of our congregation's prayers. Let us lift up our hearts together in prayer!

Color key for the ribbons

PINK - Praise and Adoration
RED - Courage
YELLOW- Thanksgiving
SILVER – Wholeness & Healing
LIGHT GREEN – Confession and Forgiveness
TURQUOISE - Strength
WHITE – Peace
PURPLE - Wisdom and Discernment

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 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.

During the offering, take a minute to sign the friendship pads found in each pew. If you are visiting with us, please leave your contact information so that we can reach out to you! Newcomers and regulars alike can see who is sitting around them and greet each other by name. By signing in, you help us build stronger community connections at Central.

WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our liturgists today are David Cozad and Sandra McDonald.

Our lector today is Wills Moore.

Audio recordings of sermons may be found at www.cpcatlanta.org. You may find us on Facebook as "Central Presbyterian Church."

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Michelle Hwang	Associate Pastor for Christian Education and Spiritual Formation
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P. C. (Buddy) Ennis	Pastor Emeritus
David A. VanderMeer	Minister of Music and Fine Arts
Vicki Fey	Organist
Michael Morgan	Organist Emeritus

MEMBERS IN PREPARATION FOR ORDINATION AS MINISTERS OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Sarah Paulsen
Erin Burt
Julia Watkins

Maundy Thursday

Parish Gatherings

March 29 | 6:30 pm

Intown South

Rob Forbes, host

Intown North (7:00 p.m.)

Meridith Rentz and Dean Baker, hosts

Brookwood

Mary and Tony Amos, hosts

Decatur

Marilyn and Dean Hammond, hosts

Down Yonder

Anne Watkins, host

Northern Lights

Marcia and Robert Catterall, hosts

THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers

Jeff Spruell, captain
Mary Sidney Harbert ▪ Sherry Wright
Kimble McNair ▪ Deanna Robbins
Em McNair ▪ Wills Moore

Greeters

Isabel Werber ▪ Daphne Evans
Nancy Wilkes ▪ Martha Kimes

Sound Engineer

Tom Banyai

Deacons of the Day

Karen Beaty ▪ Philip Covin

Collectors of Friendship Pads

Liz Burkhardt ▪ Becca Leland
Hugh & Shirley Landrum

Bell Ringer

Lynne Rea

Choir Guild

Kathy Kohn

Counters

Max Gallman ▪ Doris Beachy
Sandy Hoke

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

Sunday, March 25

12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch

Monday, March 26

2:00 p.m. All Staff Meeting
3:00 p.m. Worship Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting

Tuesday, March 27

No events scheduled

Wednesday, March 28

5:30 p.m. Geneva Handbell Choir
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 29

12:15 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
Michelle Hwang preaching
Rand Chapel
6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday worship
In parish homes

Friday, March 30

12:15 Good Friday Service
Rand Chapel
7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service
Sanctuary

Saturday, March 31

No events scheduled

Sunday, April 1: Easter Sunday

9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast
11:00 a.m. Worship for the Lord's Day
David Cozad preaching
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
No fellowship lunch on Easter Sunday

WELCOME VISITORS

Welcome to Central! We are glad you are here! All are invited to worship God in this place. Wherever you are on the journey of faith, may Central be a community in which you can be nurtured and supported along the way and a place where you may serve and be served in the spirit of Christ. Contact Debbie Miller at debbietimmiller@gmail.com to learn more about life at Central. We hope to see you again soon!