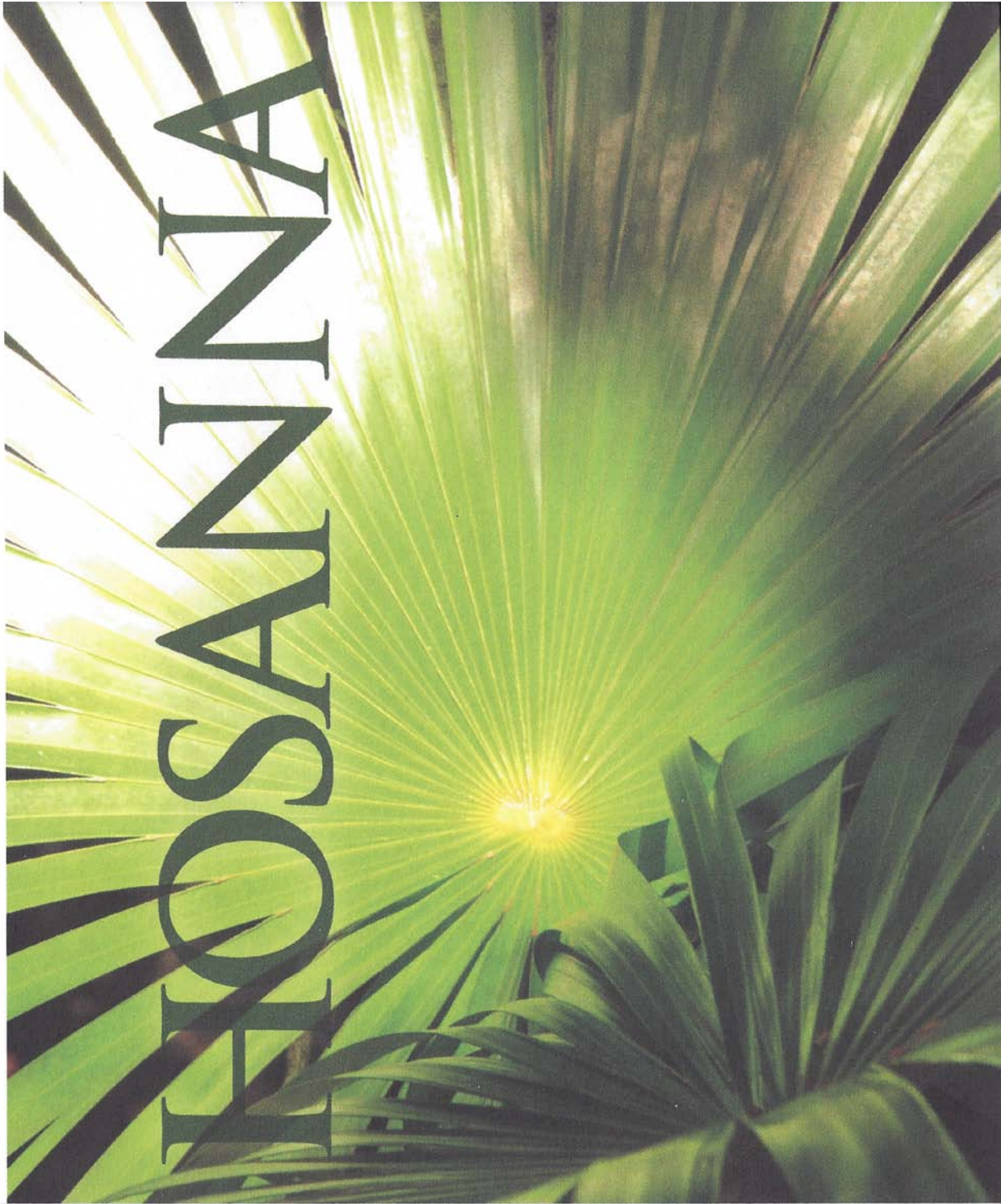


PHOSANNIA





The Setauket Presbyterian Church

As active disciples of Jesus Christ, we celebrate and share the love of God among ourselves and with others."

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Palm/Passion Sunday

March 29, 2015

9:30 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Silent Meditation

*We use this time to make the transition between "getting here" and "being here".
Take these few minutes to find the still, deep places within you, where God's Spirit dwells.
Feel the spirit of the community.*

Prelude

Ringling of the Steeple Bell

Welcome and Announcements

(Please sign the Friendship Roster found at the end of the pew,
noting the name of fellow worshippers when it is returned.)

Introit *Grosse Lieb' (from St. John's Passion)*

J.S. Bach

* Call to Worship (John 11:55-57; 12:12-13)

The Bible Story of Palm Sunday with Blessing of the Palms

Now the Jewish Passover was near, and many went up from the country to Jerusalem before the Passover to purify themselves.

They were looking for Jesus and were asking one another as they stood in the temple, "What do you think? Surely he will not come to the festival, will he?"

Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that anyone who knew where Jesus was should let them know, so that they might arrest him.

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.

So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!"

**On this day the earthly fate of Jesus was sealed,
and his followers knew nothing of it.**

God our help, let these palms be for us reminders of his Passion and his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our Lord, and follow him in the Way of the Cross, the Way of eternal life, for we pray in his strong name.

Amen.

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the Highest!

* **Processional Hymn 196** *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

WITH THE CHILDREN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Children should proceed to their church school classrooms.)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, save us: we confess that we like the safety and comfort of the crowds better than the risk of responsibility. We shout “hosanna” with everyone else, but when someone asks, “are you one of them?” we deny it. Lord, it is presumptuous even to ask that you forgive our fickleness—and yet the amazing truth is we know you already have. This week, we remember all you took upon yourself, and only because you love us so. We believe Jesus came into the world to save sinners. We know that means us, and that we are worse sinners than we think we are. We ask you to be patient with us, to help us understand our own part in the sins of the world, and then to pour out your forgiveness in such a way that, this very Easter, we may be forever transformed, through Jesus Christ our Lord...

(period of silence for self-examination and confession)

Choral Supplication *Lamb of God*

Paul Vasile

Assurance of God’s Grace

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

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

HEARING THE WORD

Sung Prayer for Illumination

Hymn 460: *Break Thou the Bread of Life* (verse 1)

***Break Thou the Bread of Life, dear Lord, to me:
as Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page, I seek Thee, Lord;
my spirit pants for Thee, O Living Word!***

Lesson from the Gospels John 11:1-6, 17-53

CHORAL PRESENTATION

Choir *Blessed is He!*

Lloyd Larson

Instrumental Mediation *Adagio*

J.S. Bach

Choir *Thy Saviour Comes, Jerusalem*

David H. Williams

MINUTE FOR MISSION

One Great Hour of Sharing

* HYMN 209 *My Song Is Love Unknown*

LOVE UNKNOWN

THANKING GOD THROUGH OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem *The Palms*

J. Faure

* Offering Song, Hymn 708, verse 1 (*please rise as the offering is brought forward*)

**We give thee but thine own, whate’er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

* Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, we dedicate these gifts as an expression of our trust in you. You alone know our hearts, and you more than any human being love us. May this act of giving draw us closer to you, and spread a table of bounty before all who come closer to you through our sharing, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 826 *Lift High the Cross*

CRUCIFER

* CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION and BENECTION

POSTLUDE

**please rise in body or in spirit; unison prayers are in bold.*

Large print bulletins, Bibles, hymnals and listening devices are available; please ask a Deacon.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Palm Sunday, March 29

9:30am Worship Service

with Children's Palm Processional, Special Music from the Choir,
and an Easter Egg Hunt for Children up through 5th Grade



Maundy Thursday, April 2

6:00 pm Model Seder

with The Lord's Supper



Good Friday, April 3

12 noon - 3:00 pm Community Service
at Setauket United Methodist Church

8:00 pm Tenebrae Service at SPC



Easter Sunday, April 5

6:30 am Sunrise Service

9:30 am Worship Service

with Communion; Children's Choir; Childcare (ages 1-3);
Special program for preschool and kindergarten age children
during service

11:00am Worship Service

with Communion