

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy
Sunday, April 2, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.

—Psalm 24:7-10, NIV

Song of Adoration: Hymn #235- “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise: Hymn #610 - “Take Up Your Cross,’ the Savior Said”

Song of Thanksgiving: Red Book #37- “Agnus Dei”

Confession of Faith – Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 31 & 32

Minister: Why is he called CHRIST, that is, the ANOINTED ONE?

Congregation: Because he is ordained by God the Father and anointed with the Holy Spirit to be *our chief Prophet and Teacher*, fully revealing to us the secret purpose and will of God concerning our redemption; to be *our only High Priest*, having redeemed us by the one sacrifice of his body and ever interceding for us with the Father; and to be *our eternal King*, governing us by his Word and Spirit, and defending and sustaining us in the redemption he has won for us.

Minister: But why are you called a Christian?

Congregation: Because through faith I share in Christ and thus in his anointing, so that I may confess his name, offer myself a living sacrifice of gratitude to him, and fight against sin and the devil with a free and good conscience throughout this life and hereafter rule with him in eternity over all creatures.

Scripture Reading: Zechariah 9:9-17

Confession of Sin

Minister: Let us confess our sin.

Congregation: Often, O holy and righteous God, we dare your justice, mock your mercy, jeer your patience, slight your power, and show contempt for your love. We even say “I’m sorry” insincerely and confess our sin flippantly. We plead your help to own up carefully to how we have wronged you, to admit honestly how we have grieved you, to plead penitently for your mercy and pardon. We beg your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

—based on a prayer by John Bunyan (1628-88)

Assurance of Pardon

Hear now the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sin and trust in Christ:

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of your possession? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in showing clemency. He will again have compassion upon us; he will tread our iniquities under foot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness to Jacob and unswerving loyalty to Abraham, as you have sworn to our ancestors from the days of old.

—based on Micah 7:18-20

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession – Dennis Ferris, Ruling Elder

Song of Preparation: Hymn #500- “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

Sermon: Guest pastor: Rev. Ed Veldhuizen, “The King is Coming”

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11

Outline:

The King Entered Jerusalem

The King & His Kingdom

The Will Never be Acknowledged in the Present Age

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to Communicants

Words of Institution

Distribution of the elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help? Dear children, let us love, not in word or speech, but also in truth and action.

—based on 1 John 3:17-18

Closing Song: Hymn #735- “Gloria Patri”

Benediction

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

-Jude 24, 25