

The Eliot Church of Newton

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Order of Worship Palm/Passion Sunday March 28, 2010

Welcome guest! Here is a sample of a Sunday Worship Bulletin at Eliot Church, to give you a sense of the order of service and the music of our prayer life. We hope you can join us soon in person for our 10:00 Sunday service.
Pastors Tony Kill & Karla Miller

Thought for Reflection

HE WILL WALK

A: He will walk

A little in front of us
towards Jerusalem.

He will not be scared
though we are apprehensive,

If we try to discourage him,
he will recognize the Devil in our voice,
and he will tell us as much
in no uncertain terms.

Then he will go on again,
in faith,
towards Jerusalem.

*B: He will walk
a little in front of us
into controversy.
He will not be scared
though we are apprehensive.*

*He will argue with the intelligent,
stop in their tracks the self-assured,
touch the diseased,
upset bank balances
by his outlandish behavior in the sanctuary,
and weep in public.*

*Then he will go on again,
in faith,
towards Jerusalem.*

A: He will walk
a little in front of us
into Gethsemane.

He will not be scared
though we are apprehensive.

He will sweat blood
And ask God if there is another way.
And when God says no,
he will take the traitors' kiss,
the soldiers' spit
the bile and venom
from the princes of religion.
Then he will go on again,
in faith,
towards the cross.

*B: He will walk
a little in front of us
towards Calvary.*

*He will not be scared,
no, he will not be scared.*

*He will feel the pain
of wood and nails
but more than this
he will feel the weight
of all the evil,
all the malice,
all the pettiness,
all the sin of the world
heaped upon his shoulders.*

*He will not throw off that weight
though he could.*

*He will not give back evil for evil.
He will not give back the sin of the world.
He will take it away...
Then he will go on again,
In faith,
Towards the resurrection.*

and admit our complicity in his life's ending.

A: He will walk
a little behind us
through the graveyard.

Then he will come up behind us,
and say our name,
so that we can say his,
forever.

He will wait
until we realize that he has died

* *From Stages on the Way: Worship Resources for Lent, Holy Week, Easter, by the Iona Community Worship Group*



Prelude Salve Festa Dies “Hail Thee, Festival Day” Michael Burkhardt

Introit Antiphon for Palm Sunday F. Schubert

* **Gospel of the Palms** from Luke 19

* **Call To Worship** (*continuation of the Gospel of Palms*)

R: As Jesus was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives,
the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a
loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

C: *Hosanna!*

R: Blessed in the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: *Hosanna!*

R: Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!

C: *Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!*

* **Processional Hymn** **All Glory, Laud and Honor** **Red Chalice 192**

Greeting and Invocation

Confession of Sin *Today there is only one candle still lit in our Lenten wreath,
as we enter the Holy Week between Palm Sunday and Easter,
and commemorate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus.*

R1: Today we will extinguish the last purple candle in our Lenten crown of thorns. Just as Jesus' journey to Easter led through the cross, our journey as followers is also risky.

R2: We can imagine how easy it must have been to shout hosannas with the rest of the crowd as Jesus rode into Jerusalem. But we can also imagine how easy it might have been to shout “Crucify him” with the crowd only days later. Being a responsible person of faith takes courage. It often means going against the crowd.

R1: As we put out this candle, let us think of those times when we have not been courageous in responding to the call of God. Let us also remember the commitment of Christ and the light of his example. (*Sixth candle is extinguished*)
Let us pray:

C: *O Christ, whose arrival in Jerusalem was welcomed with a show of palms and shout of praise: We confess that we, too, make a joyful noise at your coming but sometimes turn our backs on discipleship when the way seems too demanding. We want to serve you with our lips, but not with our lives. We*

say we will follow wherever you go, but when others look askance, we follow the crowd. Forgive us, our timid and faltering faith. Help us praise you not only with our lips, but with our lives. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

R2: Hear these words from the First Letter of Peter: “Jesus bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.” Believe this good news: In Christ we are forgiven and set free. Thanks be to God!

*** Acclamation**

*God has eternal life implanted in the soul
God’s love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.
Praise to the living God! All praised be the name,
Who was and is, and ever shall be still the same.*

The Life and Mission of the Church

The Children’s Time

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Sung Blessing of the Children

Black *New Century* 82, verse 1

*Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone;
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children with my blessing, you are my own.*

Anthem

Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs

G.F. Handel

A Time For Thanksgiving

Offering

Offertory

Doxology

Behold the Lamb of God *from Messiah*

G.F. Handel

Red *Chalice* 46

The First Reading

Philippians 2:1-11

The Gospel

The Passion according to Luke – Congregational Reading

Sermon

Prayer For The Church And For The World

Call To Prayer

Bless the Lord

Taizé

Silent Prayer

Prayer Requests

After each request, the worship leader will say “For this, let us pray”
and all are invited to respond, “*Gracious God, receive our prayers.*”

Pastoral Prayer

*** Hymn**

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Red *Chalice* 207

*** Benediction**

Postlude

Herzlich tut Mich Verlangen, BWV 727

J. S. Bach

