

Welcome to . . .
The Presbyterian Church of Saint David
March 25, 2018
Sixth Sunday in Lent - Psalm/Passion Sunday

Opening Responses:

L> Choose this day whom you will serve;

ALL> We will choose the Living God.

L> The road is narrow that leads to life;

ALL> We will walk the way of Christ.

L> Faith is not our holding on

ALL> Faith is letting go.

L> We offer more than words, O God;

ALL> We offer you our lives.

Prayer of Approach:

L> God of glory, we praise you for Jesus Christ
who rode into the city on a lowly donkey as a sign of peace.
He brings victory through love and not through violence.
He is willing to lay down his life rather than be unfaithful to you.

**P> We rejoice in your goodness, O God,
and in the ways of your Son,
and in the guidance of your Spirit.**

L> Help us, we pray, to hear your word of love
in the words of your Son's suffering and death.

**P> Help us, we pray, to see your goodness
in your Son's courage and faithfulness.**

L> Help us, we pray, to know your mercy
through the merciless killing of your Son, our Saviour.

**P> Enable us to share in his obedience to your will
and in the glorious victory of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn: Hosanna, loud hosanna 218

RESPONSE in Preparation for the Readings:

L> Listen for the Word that God has spoken;

**ALL> Speak, Lord, to our speaking,
speak, Lord, to our listening,
speak, Lord, to our souls' deep understanding.**

The Word of God: *Isaiah 50:4-9a*
Mark 15:12-39

For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

ALL> Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Blessing, Prayers for Others

Communion

Prayer: *(said together)*

**Great God, we thank you for Jesus,
who suffered shameful death to rescue us.
We praise you for the trust we have in him,
for mercy undeserved,
and for the love you pour out on us, and on all.
Give us gratitude, O God,
and a great desire to serve you,
by taking our cross
and following in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Lord and Saviour. Amen.**

Hymn: Hail, our once-rejected Jesus 353

Commission & Blessing:

L> This is the day that the Lord has made.

ALL> We will rejoice and be glad in it.

L> We will not offer to God

ALL> offerings that cost us nothing.

L> Go in peace and serve the Lord.

ALL> We will seek peace and pursue it.

L> Glory be to God who made us
and to Christ who saved us
and to the Holy Spirit who keeps us in faith.

**ALL> As it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be forever. Amen.**