



Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church

WELCOME

Order of Worship

PALM SUNDAY

Traditional Service - March 24, 2024

**Congregation is asked to stand if able*

Prelude

The Palms

arr. Fred Bock

Celebration of Community

Introit

#299 In the Name of the Lord

***Call to Worship**

One: King Jesus comes, King Jesus, Son of God, Son of Man, Messiah.

ALL: Hail! King Jesus, King of all!

One: Recall the words of the Scriptures: "A great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!'"

ALL: In praise we adore you, King Jesus. Enter our hearts today as you entered Jerusalem long ago, and lead us by faith in the way everlasting. Amen.

Call to Worship - Our liturgy begins by acknowledging God as God. We begin with a "Call to Worship," a responsive reading often from a psalm. With this we focus our minds and hearts on our shared work of worship.

Prayer of Confession -
Each Sunday we have a corporate confession of sins and hear an assurance of pardon. We strive to use the form of confession sincerely, acknowledging our brokenness—in thought, word and deed—and to receive God's forgiveness through Jesus Christ in thankfulness.

Assurance of Pardon -
We hear a reminder from Scripture that Jesus Christ has addressed the reality of sin through His life, death, resurrection and ascension.

Passing of the Peace-
This is an ancient greeting of brothers and sisters in Christ. After we have reflected and entered into God's presence, we greet one another with the peace of Christ as common forgiven sinners. As we are forgiven, so we forgive. As you are able, greet those around you with a kind word.

***Opening Hymn**

#297 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Prayer of Confession

Moment of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

from 1 Tim 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24, NRSV

One: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we, free from sins, might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed.

***Gloria Patri**

#813 Glory Be to the Father

Choir Anthem (11am)

Inscription of Hope

by Z Randall Stroope

***Passing of the Peace**

***Hymn**

#607 Close to Thee

Offertory

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

by JS Bach

***Doxology**

#815 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Offertory Blessing & Prayer

Message

The Crucible of Testing

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn**

#300 All Glory, Laud and Honor (vs. 1-2)

***Invitation & Benediction**

Benediction Hymn

#300 All Glory, Laud and Honor (vs. 3)

Announcements

Discovery Class

Are you interested in becoming a member of Saxe Gotha? Attend Discovery Class and join!

This series of 4 classes is open to anyone wishing to join or learn more about Saxe Gotha.

Discovery Class begins Sunday, April 7 at 9:45am in the Fellowship Hall.

Register Here:





We have a lot of exciting services planned for Holy Week. Make sure to Save the Date on your calendar so you don't miss out.

Maundy Thursday - A Service and a Small Meal:
Thursday, March 28, 7pm, LH Auditorium

Good Friday - Cantata:
Friday, March 29, 7pm, Sanctuary

Easter Sunday - Sunrise Service:
Sunday, March 31, 6:30am, In front of Bell Tower
*Bring your own chair

Easter Sunday - Easter Services:
Sunday, March 31, 8:30am, Sanctuary (Traditional)
Sunday, March 31, 10:45am, LH Auditorium (AWE)
Sunday, March 31, 11am, Sanctuary (Traditional)
No Sunday School

Nursery available for children 3 and younger
Registration required for Maundy Thursday
and Good Friday.
Sign up for Nursery at saxegotha.org/events

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