

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP – April 5, 2020

WELCOME

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna to the Son of David.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray: **Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Gospel Lesson: Mark 11:1-7 *See last page.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. On this

day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path.

(Hold palms high in the air.)

We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and

grant that we may ever hail Jesus as our Lord and King, and follow him with perfect obedience; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of the Lord.

Procession of Palms:

Hymn “All Glory Laud and Honor” LBW??

WORD

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

WORD OF GOD

Matthew 21:1-11 *See last page.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

Hymn

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need...

God of life, enliven the church throughout the world in creativity to provide ministry and blessing to all. Lord in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

God of life, you love the world you made and you grieve when this world suffers. Bring all things to new life in you. Lord in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

God of life, guide the leaders of the nations and government institutions as they respond to the pandemic and seek ways to protect and care for human life. Lord in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

God of life, be with doctors, nurses, medical researchers, scientists, and all in the medical profession, give to them your protection, strength and courage to meet the demands they face. Lord in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

God of life, be with those who are working, with those who have been laid off, with those uncertain about work in the future, bring calm and guidance in the midst of uncertainty. Lord in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

God of life, bring peace in the midst of change. Help those who are finding new ways of working, learning and living together at home. Lord in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

God of life, unbind all who are held captive by anxiety, despair, pain, grief, suffering or illness. We pray this day for.... Fill us with compassion and empathy for those who struggle and keep us faithful in prayer. Lord in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

God of life, you are our resurrection. We remember before you all those we are not able to be with us this day. Breathe new life into our dry bones until that day we are reunited with you and all the saints in your glory. Lord in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

We are grateful for the overflowing generosity of all those who participate in our congregation's ministry. Your continued financial support, prayers, and acts of service enable us to share Christ's love. Even though we are not presently gathering in person, we invite you to continue living into the faith-practice of giving to the ministry that God has called us to. You may give electronically (contact the church office if you need info) or mail your gift to the church office. Again, thank you for your continued generosity and for the love of Christ that you share with the world! We need that love now more than ever!

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray... **Holy and generous God, prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may know your peace, through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

Holy Communion

- Great Thanksgiving**
- Words of Institution**

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 trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.**

Communion Blessing

Communion Prayer

All: We thank you, living God, for the body and blood of your Son, which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. As Christ has loved us in this feast, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors. In Jesus' name we pray.

BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope
fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

And the God of grace,
Father, Son +, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn

Dismissal All together: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. God in Peace. Share the Good News. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

¹¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ² and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’”

⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵ some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶ They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷ Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it.

Matthew 21:1-11 - Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

²¹ When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.^[a]” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵ “Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd^[b] spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” ¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹ The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”