

PALM SUNDAY

April 5, 2020 10:30 A.M. Facebook Live

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Look! Your King is coming – humble and riding on a donkey.

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Lay your cloaks before him; spread palms to honor him.

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

Raise your voices. Lift your hearts. Rejoice – our Savior comes!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

*OPENING PRAYER

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came in your name and turned the lonely way of rejection and death into triumph. Grant us wisdom, in this Lenten journey, to seek your will and walk in your way. Instruct us, inspire us and commission us as your disciples, showing your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

*PALM PARADE (HYMN 196)

All Glory, Laud, and Honor VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*Refrain: *All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!*

*Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One. *Refrain*

*The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee present. * Refrain*

*To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. * Refrain*

*Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King! * Refrain*

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children: May God be with you in worship there.

Congregation: May God be with you in worship there.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Wellspring of Salvation, we come with hesitant steps to this Lenten journey. Yet, we come knowing that the time is right to sweep out the corners of our hearts and uncover the ways we have strayed

from your truth. In you we find forgiveness and healing; in you we find an invitation to be made whole. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of great mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you. You provide our daily bread; still we hunger for other things. You give your word to guide us; still we surrender to temptation. Forgive us, God of grace. Create a clean heart within us, teach us your holy way, and restore the joy of salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silence is kept for personal prayer

POURING OF THE WATER & DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

* SUNG RESPONSE (HYMN 197) *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

*Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.*

*“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient son we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
And in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious and loving God, you know us through and through. Speak to us in the Word read and proclaimed, that in the shelter of your love we may find the courage to face the parched places in our lives and find life in your spring of living water. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29
Here ends the Psalm. **Amen.**

Matthew 21: 1-11
The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death will be able to separate us from Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING *Ride on, King Jesus*

INVITATION AND PRAYER

Prayers of the People

Lord hear us...

...**Lord graciously hear us.**

THE SENDING

*HYMN 209

My Song is Love Unknown

*My Song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me.
Love to the loveless, shown that they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I that for my sake,
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?*

*He came from heaven's throne, salvation to bestow;
But they refused, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
This is my friend, my friend indeed.
Who at my need his life did spend.*

*Sometimes they crowd his way and his sweet praises sing,
Resounding all the day Hosannas to their King.
Then, "Crucify!" is all their breath,
And for his death they thirst and cry.*

*Here might I stay and sing of him my soul adores,
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like yours.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days would gladly spend.*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY