



PALM SUNDAY

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Palm Sunday

Welcome

Announcements

Please take a quiet moment to prepare your heart for worship.

Prelude

“The Holy City”

Adams

Prayer of Preparation *(for your personal use, during Prelude)*

Loving God, you have made us that we cannot live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from your mouth. Give us a hunger for your Word, and in that food satisfy our daily need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Call to Worship

L: Almighty and ever living God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature,

P: **and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility.**

L: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection,

P: **through Jesus Christ our Lord,**

L: who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

P: **one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

*Hymn

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

PH #89

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, we stand at the gate, hesitant and uncertain; we are reluctant to answer your invitation; we are slow to embark on the journey toward your reign. Forgive us, we pray. Grant us the help we need to be your people—the courage to join you in the procession; the selflessness to lay our cloaks before you; the freedom to lift our palms to your glory; and the knowledge that by your grace we are forgiven. Amen.

Time of silence for personal reflection.

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

L: Peace be with you.

P: And also with you.

*Gloria Patri *“Glory Be to the Father”*

PH #579

Chancel Choir *“Ain’t No Rock Gonna Shout”*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Time with Young Disciples

Jonah Steele

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm

Psalm 31:9-16

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon

“Palm Sunday”

Jonah Steele

[New Testament Reading Philippians 2:5-11]

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

PH #88

Prayers of the People

As prayers are offered:

L: God of Mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebration of the Lord's Supper (Insert)

The Great Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread & Cup (*wine is in the outer circle of the trays*)

Offering

Offertory "Consider the Lilies" Osman

*Doxology PH #591

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty" PH #91

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude "Ride On in Majesty" Broughton

Please be seated for the Postlude.

WORSHIP LEADER: Jonah Steele
ORGANIST: Emma Lou Denton
PIANIST: Rich Ford/Julia Territo
GREETER/USHER: Rebecca Rowe
LITURGIST: Jan Costello
COMMUNION STEWARD: Pat Claussen

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