The one who has a why to live for can bear almost any how." ~ Friedrich Nietzsche

LET US GATHER

PRELUDE Hosanna Filio David L. Smith

WELCOME to ALL!

No matter who you are or where you are on your life's journey you are welcome here!

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTROIT Palm Sunday Hosanna (see insert) D.G. Mason

READING Mark 11:1-11

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 24 by George Weissel, 1641)

- L: Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold, the King of glory waits; The King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here!
- P: Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart From earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.
- L: Redeemer, come, with us abide; our hearts to you we open wide; Let us your inner presence feel; your grace and love in us reveal.
- P: So come, O God and enter in! Let new and nobler life begin. Your Holy Spirit guide us on, until the light breaks glorious dawn.

LET US PREPARE

*HYMN All Glory Laud and Honor R 155

CONFESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: Let us examine our lives in the presence of God, humbly confessing our sins and opening our hearts.

P: Gentle and holy God, we acknowledge to you, to one another, and to ourselves that we are not what you have called us to be. We have stifled our gifts and wasted our time. We have avoided opportunities to offer kindness and have been quick to take offense. We have pretended that we could make no contribution to peace and justice in the world and have excused ourselves for not risk-taking in our own community. Have mercy on us and forgive us and help us to live our lives differently. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ, who has taught us to pray and say: Our Father, who art in heaven...(trespasses)...Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

L: One fact remains that does not change: God has loved you, loves you now, and will always love you.

P: This is our good news of grace that brings us life.

SUNG RESPONSE R527

Enrich, Lord, heart, mouth, hands in me, with faith, with hope, with charity: That I may run, rise, rest in thee.

LET US LISTEN

READINGS Psalm 22:1-5 Mark 14:1-9

HYMN O God, My God B 515

REFLECTION "My God, Why?"

ANTHEM Hosanna Filio David T.L. da Victoria

You are invited into a moment of silence for personal reflection.

LET US RESPOND

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

R 524

Lead me Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only that makest me dwell in safety.

- L: Let the people say...
- P: Amen and Amen.

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^{*} Please stand in body and/or spirit as you are able

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY O Sacred Head J. Pachelbel

*DOXOLOGY B778

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

*PRAYER OF THANKS AND DEDICATION

LET US GO FORTH

*HYMN What Wondrous Love B 223

* HOLY WEEK PRAYER

(Our open-ended conclusion to worship this morning reminds us that we are entering into the most sacred week of the Christian year. For followers of Jesus Christ, these days of passion are each an opportunity for reflection, prayer and worship. May God bless us through this holy season.)

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