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**Come, Worship the Lord, Our God
PALM SUNDAY**

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10:30 am

PRELUDE *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

They brought the colt of a donkey to Jesus;
and after throwing their cloaks on the colt,
they set Jesus on it.

**As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks
on the road.**

As he was now approaching the path down from the
Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God
joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

**“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”**

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him,
“Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” He answered them:
“I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

GATHERING PRAYER

Gracious God, as we enter this Holy Week,
strengthen us to move beyond the festive parade of palms
and to follow Jesus into the way of the cross,
that united with him and all the faithful,
we may one day enter through the gates of righteousness
into the eternal city, the New Jerusalem,
where we may praise you with Christ and the Holy Spirit forever. **Amen.**

***HYMN:** #197 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sin to our God,
trusting that God’s steadfast love endures forever.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of heaven and earth,
we give you thanks for sending us Jesus Christ
in your name.**

**Even though we profess to follow him,
we confess that in times of trial we too often deny him.**

Forgive us and heal us, we pray.

**Help us to put our faith not in the princes of this world,
but only in the Prince of Peace.**

In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

It is the Lord who helps us; who will declare us guilty?
Because of the grace we received in baptism,
we have nothing to fear.
Forgiven and freed,
let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Luke 19:28-40,
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

SERMON

Rev. Kirk Laubenstein

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

God is our rock and our fortress. Let us celebrate our salvation by fearlessly giving a portion of what has already been given to us, either by placing it in the basket in the back of the church, or by mailing it in.

THE OFFERTORY *Were You There*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy One,
we give you thanks for the great deeds of salvation
that you have done and continue to do.
Bless these offerings of thanksgiving
that they may further your kingdom in this world;
through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

***HYMN:** #203 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

CHARGE

Go in peace, trusting in Christ's promise that we will be with him in paradise.

BENEDICTION

We would like to thank Rev. Kirk Laubenstein for sharing his gifts with us today.

Hymns

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna #197

- 1 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.
- 2 From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm-branch waving, and chanting clear and loud;
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
Nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.
- 3 "Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song 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.

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love #203

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve the neighbors
we have from you.

- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. (Refrain)
- 2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are near us and far away. (Refrain)
- 3 These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. (Refrain)
- 4 Loving puts us on our knees,
willing to wash others' feet;
this is the way we should live like you. (Refrain)

Scripture Lessons

Luke 19:28-40

²⁸ After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen ³⁸ saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

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Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

² Let Israel say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷ The LORD is God,
and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.

²⁹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.