

April 5, 2020 ~ Palm Sunday

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION: One Great Hour of Sharing - PDA; also Great Community Give

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP:

On Palm Sunday so many years ago, the people saw Jesus and asked,

Who is this?

In worship, we respond. In worship, we declare:

Jesus is a miracle worker and healer.

Jesus is a teacher and preacher.

Jesus is our light in the darkness.

Jesus is our source of love.

Jesus is our path in the wilderness.

So may we lay down our hearts like they laid down their coats.

Let us worship Holy God.

SCRIPTURE READING:

SUNDAY | Matthew 21:1-11

OPENING LITANY | **"Who is this?"**

Who is this?

I heard he was a carpenter's son.

I heard he was from Nazareth.

Can anything good come from Nazareth?

Who is this?

I heard he knew John the Baptist.

I heard he was related to John the Baptist.

I heard he can heal people.

Do you think he can heal me?

Who is he?

I heard he talks to gentiles.

I heard he talks to children!

And women!

And tax collectors!

Seriously, who is this?

I heard he's the Son of David.

I heard he's the Son of Man.

I heard he's the one we've been waiting for.
I heard he was born of a Virgin.
I heard he was born in a stable.

Who is this?

Why is he riding a donkey?
How does he have so many followers?
Do you think Caesar knows that a man from Nazareth has been welcomed with
such a large parade?

Who is this?

I don't know who he is, but I've heard he's gracious and kind.
I heard he fed five thousand.
I heard he survived the wilderness.
I heard he helped the blind man see.
Do you think he sees me?
I heard he walked on water! Is that even possible?
I heard he can save us.
I heard he can save all of us.
Who is this?

Who is this?

PALMS PROCESSIONAL AND TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

HYMN: No. 196 - | "All Glory, Laud & Honor"

SCRIPTURE READING:

TABLES TURNED | Matthew 21:12-13

DRAMATIC READING:

MONDAY | The woman in the temple

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Confess with me:

God—for all the things we try to hide from you, forgive us. Amen.

AUTHORITY QUESTIONED | Matthew 21:23

DRAMATIC READING:

TUESDAY | A Pharisee

SCRIPTURE READING:

ANOINTED | Matthew 26:6-13

DRAMATIC READING:

WEDNESDAY | The woman with the alabaster jar

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

*DOXOLOGY: - No. 645 - "Sing the Praise to God (v.3)

The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing,
as with a mother's tender hand God gently leads her chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE READING:

BETRAYAL | Matthew 26:14-16

DRAMATIC READING:

WEDNESDAY | Judas

COMMUNION

You are invited to share communion with the community gathered virtually. Using your own bread and cup, share the elements with those gathered in your household. If you need to, you may pause the video and resume it when you have finished sharing communion. The sung responses for the liturgy can be found at the end of this bulletin.

*Children: **Why do we give thanks and praise before this table?***

*Congregation: **We give thanks for God's work of creation and salvation.***

...Therefore with all people and all creation, we shout your praise:

...to eat together until he comes again.

*Children: **Why do we eat bread at this table?***

...Do this in remembrance of me.

*Children: **Why do we drink from the cup at this table?***

...Do this in remembrance of me.

*Children: **What do we remember at this table?***

...And remembering, we offer ourselves and our gifts for the world, according to our Lord's commandment.

Children: **What do we ask at this table?**

...until the day you make all things new.

Congregation: **Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE READING:

THE GARDEN | Matthew 26:36-47

DRAMATIC READING:

THURSDAY NIGHT | A disciple in the garden of Gethsemane

RESPONDING TO THE WORD PROCLAIMED

HYMN NO. 215 - **"WHAT WONDROUS LOVE THIS IS"**

CLOSING LITANY | **"Who is he?"**

Who is he?

On Sunday he was everything—the center of the parade, the center of our attention. His arrival was holy and unexpected and beautiful.

Who is he?

On Monday he turned the world upside down. He flipped the tables while he flipped the script. I've never seen anything like it before.

Who is he?

On Tuesday he was a teacher. But he wasn't like the other teachers. He sat and they sat. He spoke and they listened. What they don't know is he hasn't earned his place.

Who is he?

On Wednesday he pulled me from the wilderness. He gave me the gift of new life, so I gave him all that I had. People may have stared and talked, but newness does that to people.

Who is he?

On Wednesday he was nothing more than a man worth thirty pieces of silver.

Who is he?

On Thursday he was the body broken for us, the blood shed for us.

Who is he?

On Thursday he was betrayed. He was arrested. He was treated like a convict. On Thursday he was alone, and I was asleep.

Who is he?

It's the question everyone is asking.

BENEDICTION

*SUNG BENEDICTION: NO. 783 - "When We Are Tested" (v. 2)

When in the desert we cry for relief, pleading for paths marked by certain belief,
lift us to love you beyond sign and test, trusting your presence, our only true rest.

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"The Lord be With You", "Holy, Holy, Holy", "Christ has died..."

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Minister/Leader *People*



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Minister/Leader



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Isa. 6:3, Rev. 4:8; Ps. 118:25-26

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,



heaven and earth are full, are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.