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 Palm Sunday Order of Service  
 11:00 A.M. – 12: 00 P.M.

## Prayer

### Announcements

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| 1. | Maundy Thursday Service, The Lord's Supper | 7:30 pm. |
| 2. | Good Friday service                        | 6:30 pm  |
| 3. | Easter Sunrise Prayer & Praise Service     | 5:30 am  |
| 4. | Easter Worship Service                     | 11:00 am |

**Unison Prayer** - Everlasting God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son to take our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. **Amen.** (*from the Book of Common Worship, Daily Prayer page 177*)

### Unison Call to Worship (Psalm 118:1, 19 -20)

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good; God's steadfast love endures forever! Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; let the faithful come and worship God.



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### **Proclamation of the entrance into Jerusalem (Matthew 21: 1- 11)**

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

### **Opening Hymn # 89**

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

1 Hosanna, loud hosanna the little children sang: through pillared court and temple the lovely 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 victory 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.

### **A Palm Sunday Litany (based on Matthew 5: 3- 12)**

**Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest

**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest

**Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest

**Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest

**Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called [children] of God.**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest

**Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest

**Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets before you.**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest

### **Meditation**

### **Invitation to Discipleship**

#### **Closing Hymn-**

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

1 I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow Jesus; no turning back, no turning back.

2 Though none go with me, I still will follow; though none go with me, I still will follow; though none go with me, I still will follow; no turning back, no turning back.

3 The world behind me, the cross before me; the world behind me, the cross before me, the world behind me, the cross before me; no turning back, no turning back.

#### **Benediction-**

To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. **Amen.** 1 Timothy 1: 17