

Welcome to
Grace – St. Andrew's United Church
Palm Sunday: Online Service **April 5, 2020**

- *(congregation to stand if able)*
(congregation to speak the text that is bolded)

We come into God's presence

Prelude

Greetings and Welcome

Centering Video: *(The Psalms Worship)*

Lighting the Christ Candle: (Song of Faith)

One: We sing of Jesus. He knew human joy and sorrow. So filled with the Holy Spirit was he that in him people experienced the presence of God among them.

All: We sing praise to God incarnate.

Digital Palm Waving:

Call to Worship:

One: So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord— the King of Israel!" (John 12:13)

All: Today we celebrate that great moment when Jesus rode into Jerusalem. Something worth laying down blankets and waving high our palm branches.

One: 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." (Matt 21:10-11)

All: Today we worship and give thanks for the prophet Jesus who will rise Easter Sunday as Lord and Saviour. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Opening Hymn:

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week and gather in your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For all that you have done through Christ for us, forgive us when we take it all for granted as just another Easter. Help us to

regain a sense of awe and majesty. Help us to seek a greater union with Christ who lives and reigns to save us; Hosanna in the highest heaven. Amen.

Words of Assurance: God knows the confessions of our hearts, the joyous "hosannas," the silent denial, the cruel calls of "Crucify." In joy, in trouble, in torment, God's comforting presence and forgiveness is real. Be assured that God is with you. Amen.

We hear God's Living Word

Scripture: Matthew 21: 1-11

Holy Week Sermons: "Who is this?"

Reflection Music Video: (Celebrate Palm Sunday)

Holy Week Prayer:

Life and Work of the Church

We go forth with love

Offertory:

Prayer of Dedication:

Holy God, you come to us in Jesus, a poor man, riding a donkey; we thank you for this witness of the power of love. We thank you with "hosannas!", with joy in our hearts, that Jesus has directed us to live in gratitude for the abundance you have provided. Through our offering, may we share this abundance and continue our commitment to life and ministry of our church. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Closing Hymn:

Blessing and Commissioning:

One: Just as we receive Jesus as King, he gives us the patience and courage to go with boldness into this new day.

All: Let us go to be and become the Good News of God.

One: So the Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit are in you to be blessed and to be a blessing to others. Amen.

Postlude: