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**Palm Sunday**

**April 5, 2020**

*Welcome to worship – May you experience the Presence of Christ this morning,  
and walk through this week with His peace and gentle love.*

**WE REALIZE OUR NEED FOR FORGIVENESS**

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, One God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us  
and calls us, who unites us and sends us. C: Amen.

P: Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

*Silence for reflection*

P: Mighty and loving God,

C: **We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN ELW NO. 259 "Fling Wide the Door"**

Fling wide the door, unbar the gate; the King of glory comes in state; the Lord of lords and King of kings, the Savior of the world who brings his great salvation to the earth. So raise a shout of holy mirth and praise our God and Lord, Creator, Spirit, Word.

He is the rock of our believe, the heart of mercy's gentle self. His kingly crown is holiness; his scepter is his loveliness; he brings our sorrows to an end. Now gladly praise our king and friend, and worship him with song for saving us from wrong.

Oh, happy towns and blessed lands that live by their true king's commands. And blessed be the hearts he rules, the humble places where he dwells. He is the rightful Son of bliss who fills our lives and makes us his, creator of the world, our only strength for good.

Come, Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ; our hearts are open wide in trust. Oh, show us now your lovely grace, upon our sorrows shine your face, and let your Holy Spirit guide our journey in your grace so wide. We praise your holy name, from age to age the same!

P: The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the uplifting love of God, and the power of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## KYRIE

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and 'Assistant:' and contains the lyrics 'Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have'. The second staff is labeled 'Congregation:' and contains the lyrics 'mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.' with a 'to Verses' instruction at the end. The third staff is labeled 'Assistant:' and contains the lyrics 'Help, save and de - fend us, O'. The fourth staff is labeled 'Congregation:' and contains a single note 'O'.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**All:** O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## FIRST READING from Isaiah 50: 4-9a

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

## PSALM: Psalm 31: 9-16

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble

**my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.**

For my life is wasted with grief, and my ears with sighing;

**my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances;

**when they see me in the street they avoid me.**

Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;

**I am as useless as a broken pot.**

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;

**they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.**

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.

**I have said, "You are my God**

My times are in your hand;

**rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

Let your face shine-up your servant;

**save me in your steadfast love."**

## SECOND READING from Philippians 2: 5-11

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### “Return to God”

*Congregation:*

Re - turn to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and

*Optional Repeat*

mer-cy; Come, seek the ten - der faith-ful-ness of God.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major and 2/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Congregation:' and contains the lyrics 'Re - turn to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and'. The second staff is labeled 'Optional Repeat' and contains the lyrics 'mer-cy; Come, seek the ten - der faith-ful-ness of God.' The music consists of simple eighth and quarter notes.

## GOSPEL READING from Matthew 21: 1-11

P: The gospel of the Lord C: Praise to you, O Christ

MESSAGE – Rev. Aida Muñiz

## HYMN OF THE DAY *ELW* NO. 264 “Prepare the Royal Highway”

Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near! Let every hill and valley a level road appear!

Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story:

Refrain

Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God’s word!

God’s people, see him coming: your own eternal king! Palm branches strew before him! Spread garments!

Shout and sing! God’s promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you! R

Then fling the gates wide open to greet your promised king! Your king, yet every nation its tribute too may bring. All lands will bow before him; their voices join your singing: R

His is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heav’n above. His rule is peace and freedom and justice, truth, and love. So let your praise be sounding for kindness so abounding: R

## THE APOSTLES’ CREED -

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

P: Because we are so blessed, we offer our gifts back to God with grateful hearts. We invite you to, if able, mail your envelopes to church or to keep using your bank institutions for your offerings.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – Make sure to check out our Facebook page and website for Maundy and Good Friday Worship**

