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VIRTUAL WORSHIP: PALM SUNDAY

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WELCOME TO ALL WHO ARE
JOINING US FROM NEAR AND FAR!



GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

ACCLAMATION

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

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HYMN: All Glory, Laud, and Honor (stanzas 1 and 5 only)

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Prayer of the Day

God our hope,
 today we remember that when Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem
 the people shouted hosannas and proclaimed him as king.
 Help us to honor him every day,
 choose him as our leader,
 and follow him in the way that leads to new life;
 for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

First reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Philippians is a letter sent by Paul and his associates to the church in Philippi. These verses show that Jesus did not regard equality with God as something to be used to his own advantage. Rather, He emptied himself of all claims to divine glory and honor to become a human - a lowly slave serving other human beings. Jesus has given us a pure example of a life of pure love and service. He has shown us what it looks like when someone puts aside his/her self-interest to do something for others.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name
that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.



Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:1-11

When they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus gave two disciples a task. He said to them, “Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter, you will find a donkey tied up and a colt with it. Untie them and bring them to me. If anybody says anything to you, say that the Lord needs it.” He sent them off right away. Now this happened to fulfill what the prophet said, Say to Daughter Zion, “Look, your king is coming to you, humble and riding on a donkey, and on a colt the donkey’s offspring.” The disciples went and did just as Jesus had ordered them. They brought the donkey and the colt and laid their clothes on them. Then he sat on them.

Now a large crowd spread their clothes on the road. Others cut palm branches off the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds in front of him and behind him shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!” And when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” they asked. The crowds answered, “It’s the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Nancy M. Raabe

Prayers of the People

Jesus, Son of Man, Son of God: In this year of years, our usual way of living has changed as quickly as those who turned from *Hosanna* to *Crucify Him*. Grant us the willingness to walk consciously through this Holy Week with fresh eyes, and, the uncomfortable awareness of how often we, too, have slept in your presence.

O Lord our GOD,

Our times are in your hands.

Jesus, Son of Man, Son of God: Lighten the hearts and enlighten the minds of all who govern in this community, nation, and world, that they may seek the cause of healing humanity through global cooperation.

O Lord our GOD,

Our times are in your hands.

Jesus, Son of Man, Son of God, cradle in your benevolent arms all who are sick, desperate, or hopeless, and give peace of heart to those who care and worry. We now join our voices to pray aloud for those in need... (*add your own petitions*)

O Lord our GOD,

Our times are in your hands.

Jesus, Son of Man, Son of God, ease the burden of grief in these dark times, as those we mourn now live in the eternal radiance of everlasting resurrection in You.

O Lord our GOD,

Our times are in your hands.

Jesus, Son of Man, Son of God, embrace and enrich those You have called to lead us in Your Church through this sacred week and beyond. Inspire their words, their prayers, and their souls, that they and we together, may draw ever closer to You. We pray especially for those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts:

O Lord our GOD,
Our times are in your hands.

Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, in your loving-kindness sustain our hope and save us from this time of trial, that humbled in our human form, we may seek and serve Christ in ourselves, in each other, and in all of humankind. We ask all this through Jesus, our strength and our Redeemer; and the Holy Spirit, renewer of life, who together with you are one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Greeting of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

Plea to continue your giving to the church

Blessing

May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth,
and claimed us as children of the light,
strengthen you on your journey into life renewed.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and give you ✝ peace. **Amen.**

HYMN: Go to Dark Gethsemane (stanzas 1 and 2)

1. Go to dark Gethsemane,
All who feel the tempter's pow'r.
Your Redeemer's conflict see;
Watch with Him one bitter hour.
Turn not from His griefs away;
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

2. Follow to the judgment hall,
View the Lord of life arraigned.
Oh, the wormwood and the gall
Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame or loss;
Learn from Christ to bear the cross.

Dismissal

Please join us again for worship on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.