

Palm/Passion Sunday      March 28, 2021      10:00am

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Gathering and Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: People of God, be gathered together!

**All: Like a hen with her brood beneath her wings, God has brought us together!**

One: People of God, await Christ's coming!

**All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord of heaven!**

Opening Hymn      "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"      No. 278

Opening Prayer of Invocation

**Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ so that, united with Christ and all the faithful, we may one day enter in triumph the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens, where with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory forever. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, you rode a donkey and came in peace, humbled yourself and gave yourself for us. We confess our lack of humility. As you entered Jerusalem, the crowds shouted, "Hosanna: 'Save us now!'" On Good Friday they shouted "Crucify!" We confess our praise is often empty. We sing "Hosanna," but cry "Crucify!" As the crowd laid their palms in front of you,**

**you took no glory for yourself. We confess that we want to be accepted and take the easy way. We do not stay true to your will. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to follow in the way of obedience. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Special Music

Scripture Reading      Mark 11:1-11

Sermon      From Loud Hosannas to the Cross      Pastor Sam

Hymn of Preparation      "Were You There"      No. 288

The Passion of the Christ      Mark 14:1-15:47

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn      "What Wondrous Love is This"      No. 292

Thank You

Blessing and Benediction

Postlude

**Large print bulletins and hymnals are available. If you would like one, please see an usher.**