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Words of Welcome

Morning Prayer

Loving Jesus, You came to us, a teacher and healer, prophetic and yet humble. You called us all into a new way of life, taught us the ways of God's love and forgiveness, healing and peace. You call to us anew this day to live into Your ways. Help us, Lord, when the world weighs down, when our lives become difficult, to not forget our calling to love You. And we cannot fully love You if we do not love our neighbors. Even during times of trial, when it feels like we are walking in the darkest valley, Lord, remind us that You are with us, that You call us to love with our whole being, and when we love our neighbors, we love You, and we find new strength to carry on. As we remember this Holy Week Your life, death, and resurrection, help us also to experience Your love in new ways, and to share that love with your world. In Your name we pray. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

"Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Bible Reading

Matthew 21:1-11 (NRSV)

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."



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Reader's Theatre

"Who Are We On Palm Sunday"

A mini-drama on the Triumphal Entry

By Kay Bascom

Cast

Narrator.....Jeff Tews

Caiaphas.....Sheldon

High Priest of Israel at the time of Christ

Thomas.....Dick Oakland

One the disciples of Jesus, sometimes called a "doubter"

A Pharisee.....Alice

Representative of the temple leadership in Jerusalem

A Greek.....Tressie Gade

A gentile visitor in Jerusalem the week of the annual Passover Celebration

Judas Iscariot.....Brian Abendroth

One of Jesus's disciples, the one who betrayed him

Mary.....Susan Rather

Sister of Martha and Lazarus, of Bethany, just outside of Jerusalem

A Crowd Member.....Bruce Koch

Jerusalem resident aware of the dispute over the healing of a blind man

John.....Bob Tietz

Intimate disciple of Jesus, who later recorded the Gospel of John

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Sermon

Pastor Scott Walters

Pastoral Prayer

Announcement

Blessing