

Prairieland Parish

As we unite in worship today, we extend a warm welcome to each one present.

May we together experience the presence of God

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We Gather to Prepare Our Hearts to Meet Our Lord



Prelude – Welcome - Announcements

The story of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem, tells us that after his celebrated arrival. He went into the Temple and looked around at everything.

As we gather here for worship today may it be with a sense that Jesus has walked in too and is looking around.

May our eyes be open to see Him, may our hearts be ready to be seen by Him, may our worship be worthy of His presence, and may we be transformed so that we see the world through His eyes. Amen.

A CALL TO WORSHIP FOR PALM SUNDAY

Open the gates and let him in!

As we love to give thanks to our Lord.

Clear a path and call on his name.

As we shout our praises to our Lord!

Wave your palms and welcome him.

As our home is forever your home, our Lord.

Lay you palms at his feet for each step he takes.

As we bless the holy land you walk on, our Lord.

Shout your wishes and pray for relief!

As we know you will gift our faith, our Lord.

Stand tall, with your heads held high.

As we breathe in the presence of grace, our Lord.

Raise your voices and sound your horns!

As we live to play, in your name, our Lord.

Bow your heads and clasp your hands.

As we will always exalt you, our Lord.

Give thanks to him.

For you are good, our Lord.

Love him.

You are the only one, our Lord!

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, on this day your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. Let those branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our Lord and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life. In his name we pray. Amen.

Praise Hymn

We Hear God's Word

Gospel Reading..... Matthew 21:1-11
New Revised Standard Version

Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King

21 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, **2** saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. **3** If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

5 "Say to Daughter Zion,
'See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"[a]

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. **7** They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. **8** A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. **9** The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

"Hosanna[b] to the Son of David!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"[c]

"Hosanna[d] in the highest heaven!"

10 When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"

11 The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

The word of God for the People of God, **Thanks Be to God**

Faith Hymn

Meditation

Joys/Concerns

Prayer of the People for Palm Sunday

Almighty and gracious God,
our hearts are lifted this day and we rejoice.
As we lift palms and holy hands toward you,
so now do we lift praises and prayers,
confident that you hear us,
confident that you abide with us still.

Merciful God,
on this day we shout "Hosanna!"
"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"
and in doing so, we join our voices with the company of saints
throughout every time and place.

As we say these words of welcome as Jesus enters the blessed city
and sets into motion the sacred events of Holy Week,
may this shout of joy and anticipation,
be for us also a call to action.
May we too come in the name of the Lord,
may we too go out into this world in the name of the Lord,
proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God,
bringing your kingdom to life here and now.

We raise to you this day...

And Lord, as we embark this morning down the mysterious and wondrous path
toward the cross,
may we never forget that this day comes at a cost,
that before this week is through,
we will suffer the greatest loss,
but also enjoy the greatest victory.
hold us in your tender mercies this week.
even now as we join our voices with his in the prayer he taught us to pray: Our Father . . .

Departing Hymn

Holy Week Benediction

And now, my friends go forth. To a week were transformation
Will meet you and guide you.
Do not hide when they recognize you,
Do not doubt when you see Christ,
Do not deny when you are confronted.
Do not stop until you are at the cross, and there you will see the light;
And the burdens of your heart will roll away. Until then, God be with you!
Amen

Postlude