



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us enter the city with Jesus today!

Let us sing hosanna to our king,
to the son of God riding on a donkey.
Let us shout for joy at Christ's coming,
wave palm branches in anticipation,
and follow the One who welcomes the wayward
and dines with the outcast.
Let us offer praise as God-in-the-flesh draws near,
riding in triumph toward the cross.

HYMN #196 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

SCRIPTURE READING John 12:12-19

PRAYER OF PRAISE

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout, daughter of Jerusalem!
See, your king comes to you;
righteous and having salvation,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.* (Zechariah 9:9)

Humble Jesus, as the people spread their coats
on the ground and waved palm branches
to welcome you into Jerusalem,
so we welcome you into our lives this morning.
King of Glory, Prince of Peace, Servant King,
reign in our hearts and lives this day and all days,
that we might praise your name.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the
Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!

RESPONSE #197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

SPECIAL MUSIC *Ode to Joy*
- Cathy Draper & Tracy Karpowicz, flute

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

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 him!"
We confess that our praise is often fickle.

As the crowd laid their coats
and waved their palms in front of you,
you took no glory for yourself on the way to the
cross.
We confess that we want to be accepted
and take the easy way.
We do not stay true to your will.
Forgive us, and help us to follow
in the way of faithfulness.

(silent prayer and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE—from Psalm 118:4-5, 14, 17

*"Let those who fear the Lord say,
'God's steadfast love endures forever.'
Out of my distress I called on the Lord;
the Lord answered me and set me free.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.
I shall not die, but live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord."*

In Christ, God answers us and sets us free!
In Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

SCRIPTURE READINGS Luke 23:13-25

MESSAGE An Uneasy Sunday

HYMN #269 Lead On, O King Eternal

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
AND DEDICATION OF OUR ONE GREAT
HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING**

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory
now and forever. Amen.

HYMN (insert) *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Crown Him with Many Crowns*
- Cathy Draper and Tracy Karpowicz, flute