

ZOOM WORSHIP SERVICE

APRIL 5, 2019
PALM SUNDAY

OPENING PRAYER

The prophet Zechariah said in ancient days, "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." (*Zechariah 9:9*)

Blessed are you, Holy God, for in Jesus you came to be with us, not as a king who rules with power, but as a friend who walks with us through all the difficulties of life, riding on a small donkey, a humble working beast, not a majestic chariot of war. We ask that you enter our hearts this day with all the glory that was shown you as you entered the gates of Jerusalem, that we too may greet you with joy that was expressed by the crowds and children. We sing your praises of your love and grace with them on this day. Amen.

WELCOME

You Are Welcome!

*No matter who you are or where you are in life's journey,
you are welcome here:*

If you are young or old, you are welcome.

*If you have brown skin, black skin, white skin,
or any other color of skin, you are welcome.*

If you are married or single, divorced or widowed, you are welcome.

If you are gay or straight, you are welcome,

If you are transgender, you are welcome.

If you identify as a man, woman, or gender fluid, you are welcome.

If you are an immigrant, refugee, or citizen, you are welcome.

If you cannot hear or see, you are welcome.

If you are sick or well, you are welcome.

If you are rich or poor, powerful or weak, you are welcome.

*If you believe in God some of the time,
none of the time, or all of the time, you are welcome*

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You are welcome here!

Come with your gifts, your pains and hopes, your fears.

Come with traditions that have helped you and hurt you.

Come with your experiences that have made you and broken you.

Come with a mind ready to engage, and a heart open to discern.

Come and listen for the Sacred Spirit that calls you to

*love your neighbor wholeheartedly, seek justice,
create peace and practice compassion*

...

You are welcome here

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: *Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!*

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

One: *Humilde y montado en un burro,
(Humble and riding on a donkey,)*

All: *we greet you;*

One: *受到人群的尊敬, 被孩子们所尊敬,
(honored by crowds and cheered by children)*

All: *we cheer you;*

One: *passer de la paix of campagne au centre du pouvoir,
(moving from the peace of countryside to the center of power)*

All: *We salute you Jesus.*

One: *twi
(You are giving a small donkey)*

All: *a new dignity;*

One: *आप महिमा दे रहे हैं
(you are giving majesty)*

All: *a new face;*

One: *당신은 구속을 갈망하는 사람들에게
(you are giving those who long for redemption)*

All: *A new song to sing.*

One: *With them, with heart and voice, we shout loudly:*

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

SONG OF CELEBRATION "HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA "

INVITATION TO PRAYER

God's love for us is beyond our ability to comprehend. God's ways are not our ways and we are astonished by God's grace. God's continual invitation to a loving relationship, even when we have failed repeatedly, is more than we can imagine. All we can do is humbly accept and be loved. Let us once again be loved by God. First in silent prayer.

PRAYER OF WHO WE ARE

(Our prayer this morning is led by two readers)

One: *Triumphant Jesus, we rejoice in your entry into the world and into our lives!*

Two: Joining with the crowds, we sing your praises and exalt your name, but even so, our hearts are far from true worship, our minds are distant from true understanding.

One: We are disappointed with your humility; we are uninspired by your selflessness.

Two: Our fear leads us to give you death even though you give us life.

One: Our treachery guides us to war even though you call us to peace.

Two: Help us to reflect in our lives the glory of your Son and to live faithfully here and now.

One: Have mercy on us, Savior of all, find us in these forsaken places.

Two: Forgive what we have done and who we have been.

One: Bring us home again and impart within us a new song of joy and celebration. Amen.

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LOVE

Friends and family, hear and believe the good news of the gospel message. God created you in God's image, and God loves you. Let us live in God's love. Amen.

Please hug yourself with the love of Christ.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"BLESSING "

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Merciful God, as we enter Holy week, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, and to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Stir up within us the gift of faith that we may not only praise him with our lips but may follow him in the way of the cross.

SCRIPTURE

MARK 11:1-10

¹ When Jesus and his followers approached Jerusalem, they came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives. Jesus gave two disciples a task, ² saying to them, "Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³ If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'Its master needs it, and he will send it back right away.'"

⁴ They went and found a colt tied to a gate outside on the street, and they untied it. ⁵ Some people standing around said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶ They told them just what Jesus said, and they left them alone. ⁷ They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes upon it, and he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread out their clothes on the road while others spread branches cut from the fields. ⁹ Those in front of him and those following were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" ¹⁰ Blessings on the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest!"

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

MESSAGE "The glory of the humble" Pastor Sunny

SHARING OF THE CUP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNITY LIFE

CLOSING SONG "**FILL WITH EXCITEMENT**"

*** BENEDICTION**