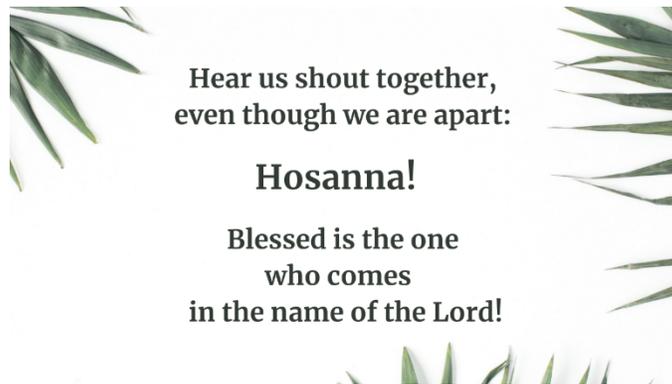




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Hear us shout together,
even though we are apart:

Hosanna!

Blessed is the one
who comes
in the name of the Lord!

Order of Worship Palm Sunday April 5, 2020

GATHERING MUSIC

Lilly Breshears

Silence your phone
pour a cup of water, tea, or coffee
gather your communion elements
light a candle
breathe.

WELCOME, announcements and tech adjustments.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Howard Neal

O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!
Let Israel say, "God's steadfast love endures forever."

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the holy one; the righteous shall enter through it.
I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.
The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
We bless you from the house of the Lord.
The Lord is God, and he has given us light.



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Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.
You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.
Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

OPENING HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Ian Timmons

*All Glory, laud and honor to you, O Christ, we sing,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
The people of the Hebrews with palms adorned your way;
Our praise and prayer and anthems we offer you this day.*

*As you received their praises, receive our prayers today,
Whose justice and whose mercy and sovereignty hold sway.
All glory, laud, and honor to you, O Christ we sing,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Come, Lord Jesus, into our midst this day.
Open our hearts to receive your love;
open our minds to hear your story;
open our hands to receive your grace.
In praise and adoration, we raise our palms to you. Amen.**

JESUS' TRIUMPHAL ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

Matthew 21: 1 - 11

Adair Law

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; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,



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“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.”

REFLECTION

Pastor Jeanne

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE PRAYER OF JESUS

Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.

Ian Timmons

Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.

Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.

Our father, our Mother, 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 thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.

Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION

For Holy Communion this morning, we are invited to lend Christ our everyday kitchen and dining room and coffee tables.

On the first day of that first Holy week, long ago, Jesus asked to borrow a donkey, while people throughout Judea arrived at the dusty gates of Jerusalem, primed with “Hosanna” in their hearts

On the Thursday that followed, Jesus borrowed the upper room that belonged to John Mark’s mother, a space where he could celebrate the Passover with his friends.

On the afternoon of the resurrection, Jesus was invited into a house in Emmaus and used the bread of that hospitality to break and bless.

Now, for this day, lend Christ your table, your bread, your cup, and your heart, for, as the disciples told the person who loaned the donkey, “The Lord has need of it.”



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PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Leader: We are one bread, one body, one cup of blessing. Though we are many throughout the earth and this church community is scattered, we are one in Christ. In your many kitchens, and living rooms, rest your hands lightly upon these elements which we set aside today to be a sacrament. Let us ask God's blessing upon them.

**Gentle Redeemer, there is no lockdown on your blessing and no quarantine on grace.
Send your Spirit of life and love, power and blessing
upon every table where one of your children shelters in place,
that this Bread may be broken and gathered in love
and this Cup poured out to give hope to all.
Risen Christ, live in us, that we may live in you. Breathe in us, that we may breathe in you.**

WORDS OF REMEMBERING

Leader: We remember that Paul the apostle wrote letters to congregations spread far and wide across the ancient world ... "remote" worship resources for small groups in their separate places. These are the words Paul wrote to the church at Corinth:

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

Leader: Let us in our many places receive the gift of God, the Bread of Heaven.

Unison: We are one in Christ in the bread we share.

Leader: Let us in our many places receive the gift of God, the Cup of Blessing.

Unison: We are one in Christ in the cup we share.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: Let us pray in thanksgiving for this meal of grace, rejoicing that, by the very method of our worship, we have embodied the truth that Christ's love is not limited by buildings made with human hands, nor contained in human ceremonies, but blows as free as the Spirit in all places.



All: Spirit of Christ, you have blessed our tables and our lives. May the eating of this Bread give us courage to speak faith and act love, not only in church sanctuaries, but in your precious world, and may the drinking of this Cup renew our hope even in the midst of pandemic. Wrap your loving presence around all whose bodies, spirits and hearts need healing, and let us become your compassion and safe refuge. Amen



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BLESSING

Pastor Jeanne

SENDING SONG

Ride on, King Jesus

Ian Timmons