

Palm Sunday Service of Worship Distancing Together
St. John's United Church of Christ

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP**

***DECLARATION OF WORSHIP**

M: Friends in Christ, we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the holiest of all weeks in the church's life. It is the week in which Christ entered in triumph into his own city to complete his work as God's Messiah – to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion this entry which began his saving work and follow him with a lively faith. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life. Hosanna!

P: Hosanna in the Highest!

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

P: Hosanna in the highest heaven!

HYMN OF PRAISE

All Glory Laud and Honor

Refrain

**All glory, laud, and honor; To thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children; Made sweet hosannas ring.**

**Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, The King and Blessed One.**

Refrain

**The company of angels, Are praising thee on high,
And mortals joined with all things, Created make reply.**

Refrain

**The people of the Hebrews, With palms before thee went;
Our prayer and praise and anthems, Before thee we present.**

Refrain

**To thee, before thy passion, They sang their hymns of praise;
To thee, now high exalted, Our melody we raise.**

Refrain

**Thou didst accept their praises; Accept the love we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King.**

Refrain

*** INVOCATION**

M: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

P: **Triumphant God, who comes to us as one who seeks and serves, lead us through the events of this Holy Week, that we may receive Christ afresh into our lives, and embody Christ's spirit into the world. Fill now our hearts with gospel joy, as with anticipation we enter the sanctuary.**

Bless us and these branches we bring, that our very being shall cry aloud, "Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Amen.

*** GLORIA PATRI**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL PRESENTATION A gift of Dance - Vera Mattingly song: "Fighting For Me"

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

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L: What do we have to give? For what are we most thankful? All good things we possess and all the time we enjoy on this earth are gifts from God. Although we are not together in space, through our worship distancing we remain thankful to God, therefore; let us worship God with our thank offering.

ANTHEM What A Beautiful Name –

Hillsong Worship - cover by Reese Oliveira and Friends

*** DOXOLOGY**

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)**

P: **Loving Creator, in our outgathering worship, though we are not gathered together, we nevertheless make our love offering to you. As they find their way to church and to your use, may what we have to give, be used that more of your children may know the good news of Christ. We have much to give, and we cherish the joy of giving. Bless our gifts of thanks to the fuller commitment they are meant to represent. Hallelujah! Amen.**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

L: From our homes with Jesus, we worship in distance together. Let us pray as we prepare to hear Good News.

P: **Loving God, you make yourself known in so many ways. As we join our sisters and brothers in social and worship distancing we still get glimpses of your son through the actions of many. Help us to continue to hear your words that support, nurtuer and encourage us to use them, that we might be Christ in the world for others, and our actions be shouts of hosannas to you. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS Philippians 2:5-11 ~ Matthew 21:1-11

SERMON

PASTORAL PRAYERS & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer requests, Prayer & Moment for Silent Reflection

Lord's Prayer – Debts/Debtors

*** CLOSING HYMN**

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, Alleluia

Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along
O praise Him, Alleluia

Thou rising moon in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening find a voice
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

And all ye men of tender heart, Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, Alleluia, Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care,
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him, Alleluia

Praise, praise the Father, praise the son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise him, O Praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*** BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE**