



In Preparation for Worship

“This Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter 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

Gathering Prayer

Prelude

Hear My Prayer, O Lord *Antonin Dvorak*

Welcome and Announcements

At this time, please take a moment to let us know you are worshipping online with us by sharing your name in the “comments” on our video feed, as well as filling out the [online friendship pad](#) at [slpres.org](#).

Procession

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

God of palm branches and hallelujahs:
We confess—we love a good Palm Sunday celebration.
We love the sound of a joyful parade.
We love shouting, “hallelujah!”
We love that Palm Sunday means Easter is just around the corner.
We love good news.
However, if we slow down and pay attention,
We know that Palm Sunday was not a walk in the park for you.
There was risk. There was fear. There was the threat of violence.
You were leading a peaceful protest against an unjust empire,
And the whole world knew it.
Forgive us for glossing over the courage this day took.
Remind us that the story of faith is a story of courage,
And even we can do hard things.
With hope we pray.
Hear also our personal confessions that we offer in silence...
(Silence is kept for personal reflection.)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Song of Praise

Holy, Holy, Holy

Passing of the Peace of Christ

We encourage you to pass the peace with your fellow worshippers in the “comments” of the video feed and to take time today to reach out and share Christ’s peace with your friends, neighbors and family.

Prayer for Illumination

Michelle Moebes

Scripture Reading

Mark 11:1-11

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

Catherine Anne Thomas

Sermon

Hosanna!

David Lower

Musical Response

The Palms *Gabriel Faure*

Affirmation of Faith

from Sanctified Art

I refuse to believe that I am powerless.
I refuse to believe that injustice and hatred are simply the way it has to be.
I refuse to believe that I am better or more deserving than my neighbor.
I refuse to believe that my self-worth is rooted in my accomplishments or appearance.
I refuse to believe that the Church is dying, because I see God all around me.
I refuse to believe that the traditions of old are the only path for moving forward.
I refuse to believe that I cannot make a difference.
So with hope in my heart, I will strive to live a life of courage, conviction, and compassion,
Just as Jesus taught us. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy 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. Amen.

The Offering

*Giving is a tangible sign of worship. During this interesting time in our world, we encourage you to continue to share your time, talent and treasure. You may also "Text to Give" to **73256**. The body of the text needs to start with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.*

Hymn #197*

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

**Hymns will be provided on the screen.*

Benediction

Postlude