

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

April 9, 2017

11:00 A.M.

Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors

GATHERING IN CELEBRATION AND PRAISE

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED

*PASSING CHRIST'S PEACE TO OUR NEIGHBOR

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

**All: We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips;
we will travel through betrayal and death,
cradling hope deep in our hearts**

One: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow,
for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

**All: We wave palm branches of anticipation,
we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.**

One: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes:
modeling humility, obedience and compassion for all of us.

**All: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom
of God.**

*HYMN

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

No. 278

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN

**Immediately following the children's message, children are invited to join our staff and
volunteers in a Palm Processional through downtown Traverse City.**

CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

HYMN

"Blessed Is He Who Comes in God's Name"

(see insert)

LITANY OF CONFESSION

(see insert)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the Good News; Christ came riding a donkey of peace and
reconciliation, not a charging war horse of judgment. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are
forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

PROCLAMATION IN WORD AND SONG

CHORAL ANTHEM Fanfare for Palm Sunday" arr. Mary McDonald
Marnie Lane, trumpet

Lift your heads, ye mighty gates; the king of glory comes! See the people celebrate; saying, "blessed be the one!" Praise him all you people of earth. Praise him with your songs of worth. Praise him with your loud hosannas. Wave your palms with joy! Sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King! Lift your voices all ye children; Jesus is the king! Teach us how to give him glory; let your praises ring! Blessed be the son of David! Crown him king of kings! Worship, blessing, honor, glory all your praises bring! See the wonders he has done; this is Jesus, God's own son! With hosannas let us follow Jesus Christ, our king!

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 21: 1-11 NT p. 23
Leader: The Word of God. All: For the People of God. **Leader: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE *Lenten Sermon Series—Credo:*

"I Believe in the Forgiveness of Sins"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD (see insert)

GIVING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD'S WORK

Offertory Hymn "Would I Have Answered When You Called" No. 2137

*Doxology No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here

below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"** **No. 2129**

***PASTORAL BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"** **R.V. Williams**

***POSTLUDE**