

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
PALM SUNDAY March 25, 2018
11:00 A.M.
Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.

GATHERING TO PRAISE

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus is coming!
From the mountainside, from the seaside,
from the homes of the rich and the company of the poor,
**ALL: From the bedside of those who are sick,
Jesus is coming!
Along dusty roads, with a ragged band of travelers,
Jesus comes to Jerusalem and to us.
Jesus comes to worship and witness.**
One: So will we greet him with Hosannas?

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "All Glory, Laud and Honor" No. 280

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN AND SEND THEM FORTH WITH PALMS

Following the Children's Message, children age 5-12, may join our staff and volunteers on a short walk through downtown Traverse City. Those children not wishing to join the parade, should remain with their family for worship. The nursery is open for infants and toddlers.

CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

CALL TO PRAYER "There's Something About that Name" No. 171

A TIME FOR PRAYER

Unison Prayer of Approach
**O God of Joy and Arrival, enter our lives as Christ entered Jerusalem.
May we celebrate your continual coming.
May we cry out with the stones so the world might hear your glad arrival.
Yet do not leave us in the events to come.
This joyous crowd which greets you will turn and flee.
From a crowd of hosannas, we turn into a silent, denying crowd at the Cross. Do not leave us
in the events to come!
Even though we may leave you, do not leave us, O Christ!
Then tell us the hard truth about ourselves and forgive us,
so we can return to you changed.
This is our prayer for ourselves (moment of silence is kept)**

Pastoral Prayer for Others
Lords Prayer Jesus taught Us

No. 895

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" arr. Joseph Martin

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang. Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna to the King. Hosanna in the highest. Rejoice, give thanks and sing! Hosanna in the highest. Declare the coming Lord. Hosanna in the highest. O praise for evermore! "Hosanna in the highest!" The ancient song we sing. Behold the son of David, Lord of heaven our King. O may we ever praise him with heart and soul and voice, and in his glorious presence eternally rejoice!

TODAY'S GOSPEL John 12: 12-15, 20-27 (NT p. 106)

Leader: The Word of God. **All: For the People of God.** Leader: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "A King in Disguise"

LITANY FOR PALM SUNDAY "Only One"

One: Only one king comes to our town
not in a Rolls Royce or BMW with police bikes all around,
but bareback on a runt of a donkey,
like a comedian, feet brushing the ground.

MEN: Only one high priest comes to our church
not led by bishops and cardinals
rich-robed with religious sentiment,
but led by a grubby gang of street kids
screaming their heads off with merriment.

WOMEN: Only one god comes down our street
not surrounded by holy angels or shining like the sun at noon,
but with tears running down his cheeks
for those who play the devil's tune.

**ALL: Only one true-man comes along this way
never looking to be served or honored with public praise,
but to serve and give his life
to draw to himself all us rebels and strays.
We will walk with you this Holy Week, O King Jesus.**

GIVING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS FOR GOD'S WORK

Offertory Hymn "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" No. 581

*Doxology for Lent

**Praise God through out these forty days. Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise. And
praise the Spirit who imparts, God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.**

*Prayer Over the Gifts

GOING FORTH IN JOY

*HYMN FOR ENTERING HOLY WEEK "Jesus Shall Reign" No. 157

*PASTORAL BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "Sevenfold Amen" John Stainor

*POSTLUDE