

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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Palm Sunday

John Dillon, Pastor
Palm Sunday
April 14, 2019 | 11:00

*As a courtesy, please silence cell phones before worship.
A "+" indicates all are invited to stand in either body or spirit.*

*It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to put confidence in princes. [Psalm 118:9]*

WE GATHER

PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD

from Godspell

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Shout and cheer, Daughter Zion!

Raise the roof, Daughter Jerusalem!

Your King is coming!

A good king who makes all things right.

A humble king riding on a donkey. (Zechariah 9:9)

As the people of Jerusalem spread their coats and
palm branches on the ground to welcome Jesus,
so shall we spread coats and palms
to welcome him into our lives this morning.

King of Glory, King of Peace, Servant King
reign in our hearts and lives this day and all days,
that we might praise your holy name.

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

All: Hosanna in the highest!

+HYMN 197: HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA

*(Please process down the center aisle and place your
coat/palm branch around the communion table
returning to your pew by the side aisles.)*

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: In the silence of this moment, hear us as we bring you our
personal regrets, for the way we have treated you and have
failed to live by your grace and by your way.

~ *silence* ~

One: Almighty God, you came to us in Jesus, riding humbly on
a donkey and now he sits exalted by your right hand. Yet
we see in his story of old— that so often instead of being
exalted, he was rejected and shunned.

All: As we think of the crowds who cheered as Jesus arrived in Jerusalem, we recall too that they later abused him, insulted him, and sought to shut down his ministry of redeeming love.

One: We seek your forgiveness for those times in our lives when we fail to praise you, and instead pay greater attention to lesser things.

All: We seek forgiveness for the way we turn our own agendas into things of great importance, while forgetting to give due regard to your own will for our world. Forgive us. Amen.

+GHANIAN KYRIE

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**Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**



+ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PASSING THE PEACE

One: God in your Son, you have given us freedom.
You have liberated us from all that
would stop your love and grace from ruling our lives.

All: In Christ, we are forgiven
and granted the peace which can never end.

One: Let us share the peace with one another.

+SANNA, SANNANINA

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WE GROW

WEE WORSHIP

ANTHEM

*Sanctus et Benedictus
from Requiem*

Ellingboe

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:28-38 (The Message)

MESSAGE *Who Goes There? Friend or foe?* Rev. John Dillon

+HYMN: I AM THE VINE (*see insert*)

NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE!

MISSION FOCUS: ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

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.

OFFERING *Agnus Dei* JL Bell

+DOXOLOGY: *WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS* (vs 4) GTG 223

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+HYMN: WE GLIMPSE O LOVE words: Catherine Smith © 2019
YOUR HIDDEN WAY (*see insert*) TUNE: Winchester New GTG 42

+SENDING

*We gather in grace, we grow in grace, we go in grace...
The journey continues in an ever-widening circle of grace.*

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