

\*You are invited to stand in either spirit or body.

## Morning Worship, Sunday, 4/5/20 Passion/Palm Sunday

**Words to ponder:** “On the back of a humble donkey, Christ looks beyond the shouts of “Hosanna in the highest.” He is traveling a slow journey to the cross – and he will pay the price of turning the tables on the money changers, upsetting the status quo, and living authentically before God. Will he travel that road alone?

**Additional Scriptures for this Sunday:** Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;  
**Scriptures for Easter Sunday:** Acts 30:34- 43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4;  
John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

### WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE

**Hymn of Praise** “Hosanna A Procession of Promise” (from the Sanctuary Contata)

**Welcome** Pastor Ed

**Announcements** (see insert in bulletin)

**Call to Worship:** (*responsively*)

Youth: This is the day that the Lord has made.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Youth: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People: God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

Youth: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**People: This is the Lord’s doing. It is marvelous in our eyes.**

Youth: Bind the festival procession with branches.

**People: Jesus is the gate of the Lord. The righteous enter through him.**

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**Opening Prayer:** (*Unison*) Blessed One, we are humbled by your example. You entered Jerusalem in lowly estate, riding on a donkey. You emptied yourself and came as a servant to all, forsaking the power to command. Sone of David, come to us now and be our King, that we too may sing our hosannas! Amen.

\*Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

May the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

A Time for Children of All Ages “Hosanna”

### WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

**New Testament** Philippians 2:5-11

Lector: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God!**

\*Gospel Reading Matthew 21:1-11

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon** “Let’s Give It Up for Jesus” Pastor Ed

### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

**Prayer of Confession:** (*Unison*) God of righteousness, this day places a mirror before our faces. We would rather sing hosannas with the cheering crowd, than stand up for our convictions in the face of an angry mob. We would rather dine with Christ at his table, than stand up for him in a courtyard of accusers. We would rather see ourselves as Christ’s champions, than admit to ourselves that two could betray him with a kiss. Forgive our fickle faith, and heal our hesitant hearts. In your loving name, we pray. Amen.

**Silent Meditation & Words of Assurance**

**We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns**

*Response: “Lord, hear our prayers”.*

**Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer**

**The Offering of our Gifts** (*Please mail in your offerings*)

\***Offering Prayer** (*Unison*) Holy One, your love for us is so great that you gave us your own Son to each us the ways of life and death. May the gifts and offerings we bring this morning reflect our gratitude for Christ’s gift of self, for Christ’s anguish and passion, and for Christ’s never-failing love. Amen.

Love Fest

**WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

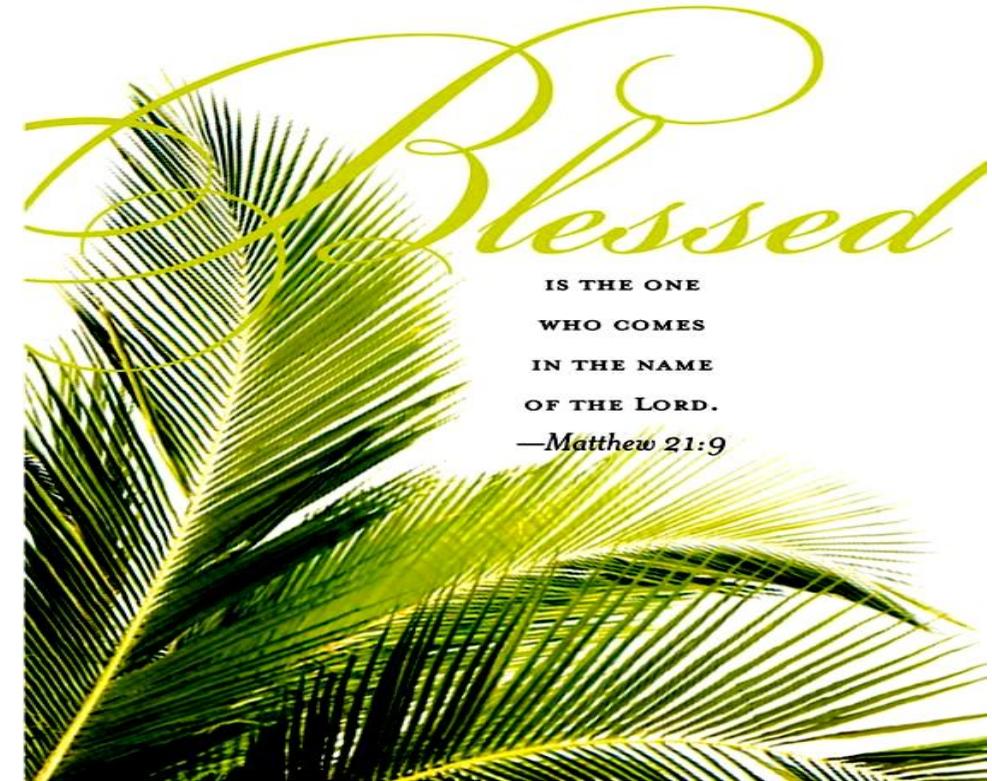
\**Sending Hymn #280*

*“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”*

\*Lord’s Prayer

\*Benediction

Pastor Ed



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