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Sunday Meditation

Jesus is still parading down the streets of our lives. He comes to the gates of our hearts as He came to the gates of Jerusalem. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me" (Rev. 3:20). Jesus doesn't want our hosannas. He wants our hearts. Maybe today, you will crown him King!

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Mt Hope 8:30am
Palm Sunday

Greenfield 9:50am

Grace 11:00am

Community News

Prayer List and Prayers of the People

Prelude/Lighting of the Candles

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Statement

* Doxology

* Offertory Prayer

TH # 551

O Holy One,

Bless these gifts

So that the world may know your love

Even when we are silent. Amen.

* *Palms Sunday Congregational Response*

(wave the palms)

“Hosanna!

‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’

Blessed is the kingdom of our father David

That comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!”

* *Call to Worship*

inspired by Isaiah 50:4-9a

Come. Come seeking words.

Come to let your tongue give praise.

Come. Come to find your voice.

Come to hear the response.

Come. Come to open your ears.

Come to listen.

Come. Come to be healed by the silence.

Come to stand together.

Come. Come to approach what words cannot describe.

Come to find God.

* *Opening Hymn*

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

Gathering Prayer

Come. Come O Holy One. Come through the streets. Come into the house. Come to find a space beside us at the table. Come to challenge our answers about

Why tragedy comes

Why poverty increases

Why we are afraid.

Come O Holy One. Speak to us in the silence

With wisdom greater than ours

With love deeper than ours

With change wider than ours.

Shared Silence

Come O Holy One. Fill in these stories with your wisdom, with your love, with your change so that we might rely on your answers. Here and now.

Amen.

Praise to God for His Everlasting Mercy based on Psalm 118 NKJV

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go through them, and I will praise the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD, through which the righteous shall enter. I will praise You,

For You have answered me, and have become my salvation.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This was the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Save now, I pray, O LORD; O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.

God is the LORD, and He has given us light.

**All - You are my God, and I will praise You; You are my God, I will exalt You.
Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.**

Prayer of Confession

inspired by Psalm 31:9-16

O Holy One, we are too distressed to notice that you join us in the parade. We are too deeply grieved to be aware that you sit beside us at the table. We are too busy sighing. We are too busy talking. We have insisted upon our own answers. We proclaimed our own knowledge about why bad things happen, about why the rich get richer, about why the world feels so broken. We have assured ourselves that this is the way that things must be, but this life is in your hands. Our lives are in your hands.

O Holy One, speak to us. Fill our silences. Comfort us with your love so that we may find your understanding. Trust us to find your answers when we finally tire from our own. Save us, O Holy One, with your steadfast love. Amen.

Words of Assurance

God opens your ears. God speaks when you are silent. God approaches you in the parade and at table in your denial and your praise to be your help. Now and always.

Amen.

* *The Reading of the Holy Gospel* Mark 11:1-11 NIV (MH pg. 1610)
Gloria Tibi (Glory be to Thee, O Lord.) TH #497

Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King

¹ As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples,² saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here.³ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’”

⁴They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” ⁶They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

“Hosanna!”

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

¹⁰“Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

* *Gloria Patri*

Children's Message

* *Meditation Hymn* **“All Glory, Laud and Honor”**

Mt Hope PH #155

Greenfield CH #300

Grace TH #135

Today's Message

* *The Apostle's Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hades; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic/Christian church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.

* *Palms Sunday Prayer*

O God, who exalted the one humiliated by his own people,
help us to prepare in our hearts a path for the triumphal
entry of the Christ; that our shouts of joy and praise may
be sincere, flowing out of a deep appreciation of the exalted
one who comes astride a lowly beast of burden. In Jesus'
name we pray. Amen.

* *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.

* *Sung Response* “*Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*” TH # 501

* *Closing Hymn* “*The Old Rugged Cross*”

Mt Hope VH #104 Greenfield CH #327 Grace VH #104

* *Benediction*

Go into the world to find your voice.

Listening to what God will do.

Go into the world to find each other.

Reaching out when we need support.

Go into the world be amazed.

Knowing that God is always with us.

In the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forevermore. **Amen!**

* *Three-Fold Amen* TH # 558

* *Postlude/Extinguishing of the Candle*

* *Postlude 2/Exiting the Church*