

April 2, 2023 Palm/Passion Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS
PRELUDE

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord,
God's steadfast love endures forever.

Line the festival procession with branches.

This is the day the Lord has made.

*HYMN PH #155 "***All Glory, Laud and Honor***"

The Palm Sunday Gospel Matthew 21:1-11

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (B. J. Beu)

Righteous One, we often ignore the desire of our hearts. We long to sing hosannas with a cheering crowd but we turn aside at the sight of an angry mob. We yearn to dine lovingly at your table but we retreat into the courtyard shadows. We hope to defend the one we love, but we succumb to the limits of our strength. It is so easy to betray you with a kiss. Forgive our fickle faith and heal our hesitant hearts, for our spirits ache to be found worthy. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The one the builders rejected has become our cornerstone, the very foundation of our salvation. Christ offers us forgiveness and fullness of grace. **Amen.**

THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Passion of Christ Matthew 26 – 27

HYMN PH #158 "***Go To Dark Gethsemane***"

PRAYERS FOR THE DAY

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Intercession

Pastoral Prayer 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Response

THE OFFERING

Invitation to Giving

Offertory

Special Music

Lamb of God

Twila Paris

Doxology#514

Prayer of Thanksgiving (B. J. Beu, adapted)

Thank you, O God, for coming to us in Christ Jesus. Work through these gifts, that the world might know the breadth of your mercy and your grace. Amen.

HYMN PH#177 "***When I Survey the Wondrous Cross***"

BENEDICTION