

and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

***Hymn** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" No. 199

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

The Offering of God's People

* **Offertory Response** "Doxology" No. 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

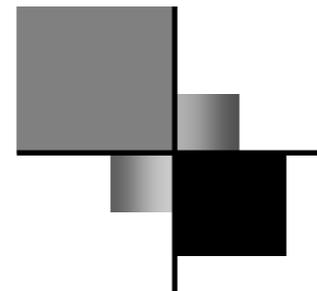
***Prayer of Dedication**

As we offer our gifts this day, God of salvation, remind us that we are called not just to parades, but to serving in the streets; not just to waving palm branches, but offering our hands to those in need; not just to days of celebration, but into the hearts that suffer and cry out for help. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

* **Closing Hymn** "Filled with Excitement" No. 199

* **Benediction**

* **Benediction Response** "Filled with Excitement" No. 199 *refrain*



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A People of *Loving Hearts* and *Helping Hands*

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Prelude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Arr. Mark Hayes

Opening Words

L: We raise our voices and wave with joyful hope the palms of deliverance of God's people.

P: Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David!

L: Our hearts are filled with expectation as we welcome the coming king.

P: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

L: We receive into the crowded streets of our lives the one who is Savior, not only of us, but of all the earth.

P: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

***Processional Hymn** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" No. 197

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Confession

We who wave palms and celebrate the presence of Jesus are also those who sometimes fail to follow his leading. In confession we find cleansing from our sense of guilt and failure. So let's join in our prayer of confession

Prayer of Confession

Sustainer of the weary, we know how we sang for joy when Christ came into our lives, and how we have not followed him as he leads us on this journey. We have hidden our faces from the pain and suffering of our world. We have turned a deaf ear to the cries of the

poor, the hungry, the oppressed. We trust in the slick promotion of the world, and not in your words that can transform our lives. Forgive us, Steadfast God, and shine your face upon us. Help us to have the same mind as Christ, so we would know your promises; help us to have the same heart as Christ, so we might serve your children; help us to have the same Spirit as Christ, so we might go wherever you lead us. (Silent, personal confession)

Assurance of Pardon

God does not turn away when we fail to be faithful. God does not reject us when we do not trust fully. God continues to love us, to forgive us, to restore us.

It is God who helps us; it is God who saves us. It is all we need or ever will need. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

May peace always find a way into our hearts and our relationships. Share that peace now with each other in the name of Christ our Lord.

Children's Message

Anthem "Hosanna! Hosanna!" Mary Kay Beall

Scripture Exodus 32, *Selected Verses*

Sermon "Off the Map" Rev. Dr. Dana Sutton

***Affirmation of Faith** *from A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent