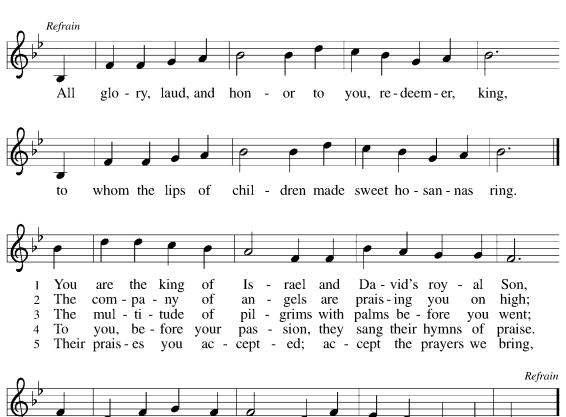


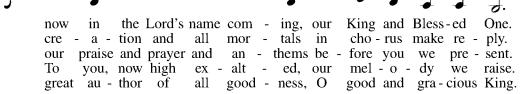
GATHERING ————

**W**ELCOME

GATHERING SONG – All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Congregation is invited to light their candle as a sign of God's presence with us as we begin worship.





Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

## OPENING LITANY

As Christ approached the city of Jerusalem, the streets were crowded.

The mood of a parade filled the air.

From young and old, rich and poor, shouts came from deep in the heart.

Hosanna! Save us!

Save us from the darkness that threatens to surround and fill us.

Hosanna! Save us!

Save us from illness, from anxiety, from fear, and from death itself.

Hosanna! Save us!

Save us from callous indifference and neglect of neighbor.

Hosanna! Save us!

Save us from lukewarm faith and wandering hearts.

Hosanna! Save us!

Save us from lazy habits, faithless commitments, and hard-heartedness.

Hosanna! Save us!

Together with the people long ago, we cry from the depth of our hearts and the very pit of our souls. **Hosanna! Save us! Save us now!** 

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus, save us, we cry! Look upon us in your love, and deliver us from all that binds. Come to reign in our hearts as our King of Glory, and open our mouths to shout out your praise. By your Spirit, lead us through this Holy Week. Direct our gaze upon you, Jesus, as we walk with you from Jerusalem to the hill of Calvary. We pray this in the name of Jesus, our Savior and our Lord. Amen.



READING: LUKE 19:28-40

Congregation is invited to read the bolded parts along with Pastor Aleese.

<sup>28</sup> Now after Jesus had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup> When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup> They said, "The Lord needs it." <sup>35</sup> Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." <sup>40</sup> He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

## REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response to "Lord in your mercy," is "hear our prayer. "If you would like to add a prayer petition, email it to Pastor Aleese at pastoraleesebaldwin@gmail.com We conclude in the words of the Lord's Prayer.

BLESSING AND SHARING OF THE PEACE

From this time of worship, we are sent out... shouting our cries of "Hosanna!"

From this time of worship, we are sent out...

joining our brothers and sisters around the world in celebration and jubilation.

From this time of worship, we are sent out...

telling the news of Christ's triumphal entry into our world and into our lives.

From this time of worship, we are sent out...

committing ourselves to walk with Jesus, in all that is to come.

So go forth from this time of worship, dear church, into your lives, and into this Holy Week, with the blessing of our almighty God, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The peace of Christ be with you all **And also with you** 

All are invited to share the sign of the peace with those in their homes or via text/phone call/virtually with others in the congregation!