



SOTC Worship
March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday

GATHERING

The congregation assembles in the narthex to begin worship.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: MARK 11:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 11th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’ ” ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

OPENING LITANY

At the direction of Pastor Aleese, the congregation responds throughout the litany with:

“Hosanna! Save us!”

PROCESSION

Musicians lead the congregation in a refrain once, then the congregation is invited to join. After singing through the refrain twice, the congregation is led through the sanctuary, out the side door, around the parking lot and back into the sanctuary.

Je-sus is coming! Pave the way with branch-es.

Je-sus is coming! Ho-san-na!

As we continue to process, “with brach-es” will be swapped with the following verses:

“with just-ice”

“with peace”

“for neigh-bors”

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.

OPENING PRAYER

————— **WORD** —————

STORYTELLING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

In preparation to receive God’s Word, we light the Christ candle and pray for illumination from God’s word. Take a moment for silent reflection.

READINGS: PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11; PSALM 118:1-4, 15-29

In response to the readings:

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

HYMN

ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR

ELW 344 (vs. 1-4)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response to “Lord in your mercy” is “hear our prayer.”

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!

And also with you!

Congregation is invited to share a sign of peace with others.

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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PREFACE

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the midst of the prayer, the response to “as we proclaim the mystery of faith” is
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

LORD’S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Together we receive God’s gift of love given to us in the sacrament of communion. All are welcome at the table, where Christ is our host.

Following the directions of the ushers, the congregation will be invited forward in groups. Each group will stand before the altar to receive the bread and wine/juice. After receiving both bread and wine,

remain with your group until Pastor Aleese offers a short blessing, dismissing each group to return to their seats. Those not desiring to receive communion may come forward for a blessing.

LAMB OF GOD

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

ELW 660 (vs. 1, 3, 4)

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God!

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