Order of Worship Sunday, March 28, 2021 10:00 a.m. Online

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Prelude and Lighting of Candles Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (setting by J. Carter)

Gaye Herndon, organist Liam Hatfield, acolyte

Welcome

Opening Prayer Sylvia Walford, liturgist

Humble and riding on a donkey, we greet you;

Acclaimed by crowds and caroled by children, we cheer you;

moving from the peace of the countryside to the corridors of power,

We salute you: Christ our Lord.

You are giving the beast of burden a new dignity;

you are giving majesty a new face;

you are giving those who long for redemption a new song to sing.

With them, with heart and voice, we shout:

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

Opening Praise Palm Sunday: Percussion Story

Children's Arts Participants

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in the God who is the pillar of fire and the pillar of cloud.

We trust in our Holy Parent who judges and shows mercy.

We hope in our Creator who is faithful to all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in the Jesus who rode in triumph into Jerusalem.

We trust in the Messiah who was crucified, died, and was buried.

We hope in the living Christ who walked out of the tomb.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, giver of faith and formation.

We trust in the Breath of Life who stirs, sustains, and sanctifies.

We hope in our Advocate who brings to us, and through, us the gift of God's peace.

Gloria Patri

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music The Holy City (F. Weatherly/S. Adams)

Sue Spencer, soloist

Scripture Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon Cultivating Spiritual Fruit: Gentleness

Closing Hymn

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (UMH 278)

Closing Prayer

Merciful God, as we enter Holy week, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, and to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Stir up within us the gift of faith that we may not only praise Jesus with our lips, but may follow him in the way of strength wrapped in peace. Amen.

Postlude

All Glory, Laud, and Honor (setting by J. Linker)