Worship Service ~ March 28, 2021, 9:00 Palm Sunday

VISION: Be the body of Christ: welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith. MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

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PRELUDE MUSIC

on Valet Will Ich Dir Geben/St. Theodulph ELW #344 by Kristina Langlois

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OPENING SONG

ELW #344 ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR

stz 1, 2

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king, To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son, Now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. Refrain

Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring, Great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King.

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father, and of the \oplus Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer. God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

~Silence for reflection~

L: Fountain of living water,

C: pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.

L: Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are + forgiven, and God remembers them no more. lourney in the way of lesus. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Everlasting God,

C: establish your kingdom in our hearts through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. Through the Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

PRAYER LAB MINUTE

SPECIAL MUSIC "Wave Your Branches"

-by Thomas Pavlechko; Faith Online Choir and Children's voices; Lisa Funk, viola; Alan Ball, piano; Ted Lautzenheiser, drum; Dean Jensen, bells; Linda Burk, director

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

R: A reading from Philippians.

Philippians 2:5-8

5Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, 6who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, 7but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, 8he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

R: A Gospel reading from the 11th chapter of Mark.

Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ² and 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. ³ If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.' ⁴ They 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.

SONG OF THE DAY ELW #346 RIDE ON, RIDE ON IN MAJESTY
stz 1, 2 alternate tune: TRURO - CHRIST IS ALIVE ELW #389

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hear all the tribes hosanna cry; O Savior meek, your road pursue, with palms and scattered garments strewed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.

MESSAGE Pastor John Klawiter

MUSICAL OFFERING "Spirit of the Living God" by Daniel Iverson; Lisa Funk, viola; Alan Ball, piano

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: We pray,

C: God our provider, you feed us with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH L: Lord, in your mercy. C: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

L: May the LORD bless us and keep us; May the LORD's face shine upon us and be gracious unto us, May the LORD look upon us with favor, + and give us peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG ELW #264 PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY stz 1, 2

Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near! Let ev'ry hill and valley a level road appear! Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story: Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word.

God's people, see him coming: your own eternal king! Palm branches strew before him! Spread garments! Shout and sing! God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you! Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word.

R: A Gospel reading from Mark 14:10-11.

¹⁰Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE on Truro by Ewald Weiss

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