

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. Journey in the way of Jesus. **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 Philipppians.

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

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.

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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