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Liturgy of the Palms

— Gathering —

March 28, 2021

Sixth Sunday in Lent

Passion / Palm Sunday

PRELUDE

Joshua Allen

WELCOME

Rev. Michele R. Goff

OPENING SENTENCES

Who is this unlikely king?

Hosanna! His name is Jesus!

Why does he ride into the city?

Hosanna! He comes to save us!

Let us wave our palms, throw down our cloaks,
and follow Christ toward the cross.

Liturgist, John Hillin

PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM, MARK 11:1-11 John Hillin

WAVING OF THE PALMS Rev. Michele R. Goff

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. ***Hosanna in the highest!***

MUSIC Joshua Allen

PRAYER OF THE DAY John Hillin

— Word —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Our first reading is from the prophet Isaiah chapter 50 verses 4 through 9.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

This is the word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Our next reading is Psalm 31 verses 9 through 16.

This is the word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Our epistle reading is from the letter to the Philippians chapter 2 verses 5 through 11.

This is the word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

GOSPEL

The Passion of our Savior Jesus Christ, from the gospel according to Mark beginning in chapter 14

Go and tell everyone what you have seen and heard. ***Thanks be to God.***

~~ Having listened to the Passion of our Lord, we observe 3 minutes of silent reflection.~~

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DESCRIPTION OF PRAISE

— Response —

MUSIC

Joshua Allen

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

John Hillin

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.09

Let us confess our faith together:

God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways.

It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd's life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest;

again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil.

These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for humankind.

They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's reconciling work.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Loving God,

you cause rain to fall on the just and the unjust.

Hear our prayers for your church and world:

for the hungry and the overfed,

may we have enough;

for the mourners and the mockers,

may we laugh together;

for the victims and the oppressors,

may we share power wisely;

for the peacemakers and the warmongers,

may clear truth and stern love lead us to harmony;

for the silenced and the propagandists,

may we speak our own words in truth;

for the unemployed and the overworked,

may our mark on this earth be kindly and creative;

for the troubled and the secure,

may we live together as wounded healers;

for the homeless and the pampered,

may our homes be simple, warm, and welcoming;

for the vibrant and the dying,

may we all die to sin and live to love. Amen.