

Zion United Church of Christ
Le Sueur, Minnesota
The Rev. Janet Crissinger, Pastor

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 24, 2024

9:00 a.m.

It may well be that the world is denied miracle after miracle and triumph after triumph because we will not bring to Christ what we have and what we are. If, just as we are, we would lay ourselves on the altar of service of Jesus Christ, there is no saying what Christ could do with us and through us.

William Barclay

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING REFLECTION

Shift Worship

Zechariah 9:9

CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Lift up your heads, O mighty gates,

That the King of Glory may enter.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord

Let us celebrate with songs of "Hosanna!"

This is the day that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, in Jesus Christ you were greeted with shouts of joy in Jerusalem, but the end of the week brought, pain, sorrow, and rejection. Forgive us that we do not understand: those brief moments of triumph were proclaimed by those who did not understand Your mission. Even those of us who claim to be Christian would rush from the excitement of Palm Sunday to the joy of Easter. In so doing, we forget to walk the way of the cross, brushing past the suffering and ignoring the reality of death.

Forgive us, Lord; and help us to walk in the footsteps of Christ our Savior, knowing that as we do so, we may fully claim the joy of Easter. Amen.

FORGIVENESS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER
THREE-FOLD AMEN

ANTHEM

I Believe!

Zion Children & Youth

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Russ Kahle

Shyla and Brandon Kahle, Parents

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always

And also with you.

PSALM 118:1-2, 19-29

Text on NCH page 701
Sung response NCH page 700

R: The righteous shall enter the gate of God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" ¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Sequence. Failed. Continuity.

Pastor Jan

THE OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

+BENEDICTION

+RESPONSE



Welcome to Zion United Church of Christ

Whether you are looking for a place of worship or are just passing through, we hope our service has blessed you on your journey as your presence has been a blessing to us.