**Worship Plan for Sunday, April 14, 2019**

**GREETING AND PRAYER**

Blessed is the one

Who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and king

by those who spread garments and branches along his way.

Bless these branches and those who carry them.

Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross,

So that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you;

Through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

One God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**LITANY FOR PALM SUNDAY**

Jesus rides into Jerusalem.

**Hosanna!**

Branches are waved, people shout!

**Hosanna!**

Hopes and dreams are running along with the parade!

**Hosanna!**

Shout and sing for joy! The Lord comes!

**Hosanna!**

Come, now is the time of dancing and joy!

**Hosanna!**

Now is the time of victory,

 For the Lord comes into our lives!

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. AMEN**

**PROCESSIONAL SONG** Hosanna

Hosanna, hosanna,

Hosanna in the highest

Hosanna, Hosanna,

Hosanna in the highest

Lord, we lift up your name

With hearts full of praise

Be exalted oh Lord my God

Hosanna in the highest

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**EASTER BASKET BLESSING**

A basket carried Moses from certain death to a place of safety and influence for God’s people. When Jesus fed the 5000 with five loaves and two fish, 12 baskets of leftovers were collected from the abundance.

May this basket be filled with wonder and surprise so that you will tell of the abundant new life Jesus has brought to you.

Jesus gave his life for you and for all the world on the cross where he died for our sins. He transformed a place of bitterness and tears into the sweet gift of salvation, mercy and grace.

May the sweet treasures contained within this basket remind you of the sweet sacrifice Jesus made to forgive our sins.

The women and the disciples were surprised to find an empty tomb on that first Easter morning. Later they would discover the fullness of the resurrection and the gift of new life it brings.

May the eggs found in this basket reveal to you the great gifts of Jesus’ life and the new life it brings to you.

**CHOIR ANTHEM** Palm Sunday Processional Ruth Elaine Schram

(The first reading is read by the lay assistant)
**THE LESSON** Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from Philippians.

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. 9Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, 10so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The reading may be concluded:

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL:** Luke 19:28-40

Please stand as you are able.

Today’s gospel is found in the 19TH Chapter of the Book of Luke

The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

28After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. 29When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, 30saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 31If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” 32So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. 33As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” 34They said, “The Lord needs it.” 35Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. 36As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. 37As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, 38saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” 39Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” 40He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** All Glory Laud and Honor (ELW 344), Vs. 1, 3, 5

**SERMON**

**PEACE**

 The peace of Christ be with you always.
 **And also with you.**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying;

“Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying; “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering, therefore, his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection which renews the face of the earth, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

**LORD’S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Christ has prepared the feast.

Come to the table where all are welcomed home.

**Thanks be to God!**

**COMMUNION**

(The prayer after communion is read by the lay assistant)

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Compassionate God,
You have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage;
may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace,
and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord.
**Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING**

**BLESSING**

May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth,
and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into new life.

Almighty God, Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit bless you, now and forever.
**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG** Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing (ELW 544)

(The dismissal is given by the lay assistant)

**DISMISSAL**

Marked with the cross of Christ,

Go forth to love and serve the Lord.
**Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**