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"Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together."

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Palm Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

Call to Worship

Ministry Matters

Leader: The journey has been long and sometimes very difficult.

People: During this Lenten journey we have seen miracles and mysteries.

Leader: Now the Lord comes to us in victory.

People: Jesus rides into Jerusalem and into our hearts.

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's Name!

People: Hosanna in the highest! AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Ministry Matters

With great joy we welcome you, Lord Jesus! The journey has been long and we have longed to enter the Holy City. You come into our hearts and our lives, humbly, patiently, encouraging us to learn and grow, to embark on journeys of hope and healing. Open our hearts today to hear your words, as we sing praise to you. Hosanna! Blessed is the One who come in the Lord's Name. AMEN.

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Time with Our Children

Congregational Prayer

Confession

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Leader: O God, we come to you as the people who greeted Jesus on the road to Jerusalem, full of joy and praise and thanksgiving. Forgive us for the times we forget to show you our gratitude.
Lord, have mercy.

People: Kyrie eleison.

Leader: We come as the people who were baffled when they realized how quickly their joy was turned to sorrow for you.
Lord, have mercy.

People: Kyrie eleison.

Leader: We come, wanting to be with you as you enter the time and place of your death, knowing we cannot face this week alone.
Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Kyrie eleison.

Assurance of Pardon

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Know that Jesus does offer mercy and understands that hard road between joy and devastation, between belief and disbelief. Know that Jesus will never leave you and will love you on whatever part of the road you find yourself on.
Amen.

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Thoughts on Giving

Instead of teaching us how to do more (time management), the Bible calls each of us to do less, and consequently, to receive peace and rest with God (time stewardship). Reversing time-warped living is about restoring our relationship with the Time Giver. :::by doing less, we can have more of God by Steve Ganger.

In our time of social distancing, may we use this time to draw close to God and our families moving away from our frenetic paces to a simpler lifestyle.

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Lesson

Mark 14:32-42 (NRSV)

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

Sermon

Jesus Walked That Lonesome Valley

GO IN GOD'S NAME

Benediction

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May you find the balance you need in the ups and downs of your life, and may you have the courage to keep walking with Jesus. Go in peace to continue your walk with Jesus.