

CULTIVATING & LETTING GO

Palm Sunday CULTIVATING & LETTING GO 6. Gentleness over Violence

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*The Prelude is part of our Order of Worship, time to pray
and seek quietness as we all prepare to worship God together.*

PRELUDE “Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross” Doane

WELCOME, INTRODUCTION and CHURCH NEWS Jim Simpson

*** CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT # 177 I Will Come to You v4 and Refrain 4.**
*I am the Word that leads all to freedom I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up, now, walk, and live*
Refrain: *Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow Me. I will bring you home, I love you and you are mine*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Tom Barrentine

The story of Palm Sunday tells of how people removed their cloaks
and spread them out in front of Jesus as he entered Jerusalem.

**The cloak we wear every day to face the world
is both the persona we wish to present,
and our defense against the elements.**

As we come to worship may we be willing to lay down our defenses and disguises,
at the feet of the One who sees us as we really are.

**And then, set free for worship,
may we offer our praises with open hearts and lives.**

***HYMN # 196** “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

CALL TO CONFESSION and PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Silent Prayer, then spoken*)

Jesus rode into Jerusalem, not as a conquering king, but in humility, the Servant King,
ready to complete the task for which he had walked this world.

Forgive us those times when we think too highly of ourselves
and remind us always that you ask from us lives dedicated to service,
to you and to our neighbors, wherever and whoever they might be.

Enable us to take off our cloaks of self-righteousness
and lay them down at your feet. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND LIGHTING OF LENTEN CANDLE

SONG OF ASSURANCE #421 v4 “Have Mercy, God, upon My Life”

Create in me a faithful heart, a spirit right and new.

Sustain me with your saving love and keep me close to you

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 50:4–9a (p. 640/832) Isaiah 43:16–21 Tom Barrentine

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON (*Activity Packs for children available ask Usher*)

*** HYMN # 197** “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

GOSPEL READING Luke 19:28–48 (p.78/101) Pat Barrentine

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM “Lamb of God” Paris

SERMON “Spreading our cloaks” Jim Simpson

THE OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” Townsend

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Pat Barrentine

God of wilderness and Promised Land,

in days of want and in days of plenty you have been with us.

By these gifts we now share, may others know of your providence and care.

Send us, not only our offerings but our very selves,

to console and comfort, to lift up and reach out,

to listen and sit beside your children everywhere

at the one Table you have set; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(We use gluten-free bread and grape juice for our Congregational elements.)

INSTITUTION AND COMMUNION PRAYER including the Lord’s Prayer

(...forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us...)

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

As you serve each other with bread, please say “**The Body of Christ broken for you**”

And as you serve the cup, please say, “**The Blood of Christ poured out for you**”

***SHARING THE PEACE** “The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*** HYMN # 215** “What Wondrous Love Is This”

* **OUR SHARED FAITH** – we go to work and witness in God’s world...

We believe in God the maker and shaper of our pathways;

**who sent Jesus to show us the narrow way,
and who is the beginning and end of our travelling.**

We believe in Jesus Christ the sharer of our flesh;

**who entered and experienced the human journey,
and who walks beside us on the road.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit the midwife and nurturer of our potential;

**who drove Jesus out into the desert,
and who calls us now to cast off from the shore.**

We believe in Father, Son and Spirit

**the shaper, sharer and stirrer of our journeys;
and we recommit ourselves to following their Way. Amen.**

* **RESPONSE OF THE COMMUNITY “BEYOND THE WOOD AND STONE”**

* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

May the mercy of God ground you, the love of Christ take root in you,
and the Holy Spirit grow in you.

**That we may cultivate what leads us to God and our neighbors,
and let go of all that would distract or frustrate God’s loving purposes. Amen.**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #547 v3 Go, My children, with My Blessing**

Go my children, fed and nourished, Closer to Me;

Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.

Here My Spirit's power filled you; Here His tender comfort stilled you.

Go, My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.

POSTLUDE

“How Great Thou Art”

Swedish Melody

Kathy Cardwell, Director of Music

**All who are comfortable standing, please stand.*

~~ Second Sunday Lunch follows this Service. ALL welcome! ~~

Next Sunday, April 21-Easter-CULTIVATING & LETTING GO 7. Resurrection

Scripture Readings: 1 Corinthians 15:19–26 and Luke 24:1–12 Sermon: Love wins!

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Palm Sunday

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