## Palm/Passion Sunday



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One: God calls the servant-Christ to sustain the weary:

Many: the ones in exile, the ones in despair, the ones who are afraid.

One: Jesus enters the city in humility:

Many: lauded by the crowds: "Hosanna! Save us!"

questioned by the powers that be, betrayed and denied by his friends.

One: We watch with unease and bewilderment,

Many: complicit with the fickle crowd,

misunderstanding true power,

frightened and looking to our own interests.

One: Lord, have mercy
Many: Christ, have mercy
One: Lord, have mercy

## Let us pray:

Creator God,

we give thanks to you for you are good, your steadfast love endures forever.

We seek courage for the living of these days.

Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus,

so that we may give ourselves in love and humility

to further your purpose of life for the world.

So may all people come to know

the height and depth of your redeeming love;

through Jesus Christ our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.



## Bringing Health Care Closer to Home

In a poor village in Haiti, one-year-old Marcellus weighed only 10 pounds. He was losing weight rapidly and had a persistent cough.

Because of crop losses, Marcellus's single mother was struggling to feed the little boy and his five siblings. Marcellus needed medical attention, but the cost of transportation to the closest health facility was more than his family could afford.

Hope came in the form of a mobile clinic supported by PWS&D in collaboration with Canadian Foodgrains Bank partners. Vehicles carrying nurses, community health workers, medicine and Nourimanba — a therapeutic food that saves lives — arrived close to their home and set up a health post to treat malnutrition.

There, Marcellus received Nourimanba, antibiotics and multivitamins. Within a few weeks, nurses saw his health improve dramatically. Today, Marcellus is on course to grow up healthy and strong.

Good health starts with good nutrition — especially for young children. This Lenten season, faithfully respond to ensure children have healthy bodies to carry them through life.









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