**Order for Worship for Palm Sunday**

**April 5, 2020**

**Call to Worship**

As we are called into worship today, it is sobering to remember that when God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus, most of the world did not recognize him and therefore did not worship him. Today we ask for faith that will open our eyes to see Jesus for who he is, that we might worship him in truth. People of God, behold and see your God!

**We open our eyes to see his glory. We open our ears to hear his wisdom. We open our hands to offer him gifts. We open our mouths to sing his praise. We open our hearts to offer him our love. He is Lord!**

**Opening Prayer**

**Hymn of Praise # 196** *“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”* *(v. 1 ,2, 4)*

**Confession and Pardon**

**O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you, we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem’s, that our faith is often more show than substance, that our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own. Amen.**

**Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Readings from Holy Scripture** Isaiah 50:4-9a

Matthew 21:1-11

**Sermon** *Fools for Christ*

**Affirmation of Faith** *From Romans 8*

**We believe there is no condemnation**

**for those who are in Christ Jesus;**

**for we know that all things work together for good**

**for those who love God,**

**who are called according to God’s purpose.**

**We are convinced that neither death, nor life,**

**nor angels, nor rulers,**

**nor things present, nor things to come,**

**nor powers, nor height, nor depth,**

**nor anything else in all creation,**

**will be able to separate us from the love of God**

**in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Prayers of the People**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Offering of Our Gifts and Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Hymn # 748** *“Go with Us, Lord” (sung twice)*

**Charge and Blessing** *from Luke 9:23 and Philippians 4:7*

If any want to become my followers,

let them deny themselves

and take up their cross daily and follow me.

Now may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God’s Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, remain with you always.

**Amen.**

**All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

All glory, laud, and honor to thee Redeemer, King,

to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David’s royal Son,

who in the Lord’s name comest, the King and blessed One.

*Refrain*

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;

our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present.

*Refrain*

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,

who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!

*Refrain*

**Go with Us, Lord**

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way

through this and every coming day,

that in your Spirit strong and true

our lives may be our gift to you.

*(Repeat once)*