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<u>Lectionary for Today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
<i>Liturgy of the Palms</i> Matthew 21:1-11 Psalm 118:2, 19-29	Jeremiah 31:1-6 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-18
<i>Liturgy of the Passion</i> Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 26:14-27:66	

GATHERING

PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 21:1-11

WELCOME (including our friends worshipping by CD)

LIGHTING THE LENTEN CANDLES

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP – “And on This Path” – MV #8

And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide,
and on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide,
and on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide!
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide! The gates are open wide!

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So enter in, the gates of holiness are open wide,
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so enter in, the gates of holiness are open wide!
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide! The gates are open wide!

GATHERING PRAYER

GATHERING HYMN – “Come Into the Streets With Me”

Come in to the streets with me!
Come to where the crowds will be,
see a strange and gentle king
on a donkey travelling.

Refrain

*Come follow my leader,
come and follow my leader,
Jesus Christ is riding by,
come and follow my leader!*

All the people shout his name,
waving branches, sing his fame,
throw their coats upon his road,
glad to praise the Son of God.

Refrain

If the soldiers draw their swords,
will we dare to sing these words,
be his friends for just a day,
cheer him on, then run away?

Refrain

Jesus goes where things are rough,
Jesus knows when life is tough,
always comes to us, his friends,
so his story never ends.

Refrain

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A LENTEN SPIRITUAL PRACTICE (Extravagance) (in unison)

**God of the Lenten journey,
as the smoke from this candle rises,
may it take with it our warped sense of extravagance.
Instead of being amazed by wealth and power,
help us see the power your love offers the world.
May your extravagant gift of life
empower us to challenge ourselves to live more faithfully
and to walk more gently in the world.
Amen.**

CHORAL RESPONSE - "How Deep the Peace" – MV #95

***How deep the peace, the confidence,
of those whose wrongs are forgiven.
How deep the peace, the confidence,
of those whose hearts are healed.***

SHARING A STORY

SINGING A SONG – "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" – VU #123

Hosanna, loud hosanna the happy children sang;
through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang;
to Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,
the victory palm-branch waving, and singing clear and loud;
the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
content that little children should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer; earth, let your anthems ring.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his humble presence eternally rejoice!

RE-CENTERING FOR WORSHIP –

"As the Deer Pants for the Water" – VU #766 (Vs 1 & Refrain)

As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you;
you alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.

Refrain

*You alone are my strength, my shield,
to you alone may my spirit yield;
you alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you!*

SCRIPTURE READINGS – Philippians 2:5-11 (and others)

Philippians 2:5-6

Matthew 4:8-10

Philippians 2:7a

John 3:16-17

Philippians 2:7b-9

John 4:13-14

Philippians 2:10

John 5:35-38

Philippians 2:11

John 11:25-27

DUET – "Jesus, Remember Me" (*Gifted by Martha & Emma Vickers*)

SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 26:14—27:66

Judas's Betrayal

Preparation for the Passover and the Last Supper

Temptation, Betrayal and Desertion

Leveling Charges against Jesus

The Trial of Jesus

The Crucifixion

The Burial

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

GIFT OF MUSIC – “It Is Well with My Soul” (*Emma Vickers*)

RESPONDING

MINUTE FOR MISSION

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

**Spirit God, even on a day such as this,
when more than any other
we contemplate how we’ve failed
to uphold your world and your work,
still—we offer these gifts of our hands and of our hearts.
And still—we pray you’ll receive them
and use them that together,
we might continue to tell the world of your love.
Amen.**

SHARING OUR CONCERNS – “Hold Us in Your Grace”

***Hold us in your grace, O God,
Hold us in your grace.***

***Hold us in your grace, O God,
Hold us in your grace.***

***Hold us, hold us in your grace.
Hold us, hold us in your grace.***

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER – VU #921 (in unison)

**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, the power,
and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.**

GOING OUT (as God’s people)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN – “All Glory, Laud and Honour” – VU #122

Refrain

*All glory, laud and honour to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

You are the King of Israel, and David’s royal son,
now in the Lord’s name coming, our King and blessed one.

Refrain

The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.

Refrain

To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Refrain

Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring;
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious king.

Refrain

BLESSING

GOING FORTH –

"Stay with Us through the Night" - VU #182 (Verse 1)

Stay with us through the night.

Stay with us through the pain.

Stay with us, blessed stranger

till the morning breaks again.

SCRIPTURE READINGS – Philippians 2:5-11 (and others)

Friends, hear the profession of faith from Philippians through the stories that have shaped our Lenten journey...

Philippians 2:5-6

5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited.

Matthew 4:8-10

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor;
9 and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.”

10 Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

Philippians 2:7a

7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

John 3:16-17

16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

17 “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Philippians 2:7b-9

7b And being found in human form,

8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross.

9 Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,

John 4:13-14

13 Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,

14 but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”

Philippians 2:10

10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

John 5:35-38

35 John the Baptist was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light.

36 But I have a testimony greater than John’s. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me.

37 And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form,

38 and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

Philippians 2:11

11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

John 11:25-27

25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,

26 and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

27 She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."