

**Prelude: “Now Thank We All Our God”—Johann Cruger, AD 1598-1662**

What does the Lord require for praise and offering? What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring? Do justly; love, mercy, and walk humbly with God.

**Lighting the Candles**

Grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.

To Be The Light of the World be mercy born of grace that shines in the darkness of sin.

**Special Music: Palm Sunday Processional**

**Welcome**

Welcome to Bethany, the House of Affliction. Jesus still spends nights in Bethany eating with sinners and tax collectors.

Welcome to the Temple of God. Jesus sets the captives of Bethany free by cleaning their hearts of fear inflected with shame, guilt, and blame.

Welcome to the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus blesses those who curse him. He prays for those who persecute him. He loves his enemies.

Let us get off of our high horse of power, control, and wealth. Let us be like the donkey. The donkey didn’t experience any shame, or guilt of blame in carrying the Lord to cleanse the Temple.

**Morning Prayer**

**Special Music: “He Shall Feed His Flock” and “Come Unto Him” by George Fredrick Handel (1685—1759)**

**Hearing God’s Word: Matthew 21: 1-17**

**Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King**

<sup>1</sup> As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.” <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: <sup>5</sup> “Say to Daughter Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’” <sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did this as Jesus had instructed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>10</sup> When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup> The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

**Jesus at the Temple**

<sup>12</sup> Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the table of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. <sup>13</sup> “It is written,” he said to them, “‘My house will be called a house of prayer,’ but you are making it ‘a den of robbers.’” <sup>14</sup> The blind and the lame came to see him at the temple, and he healed them. <sup>15</sup> But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple court, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they were indignant. <sup>16</sup> “Do you hear what these children are saying?” they

asked him. "Yes," replied Jesus, "have you never read, "" From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise?"

<sup>17</sup> And he left them and went out of the city of Bethany, where he spent the night.

**Instrumental Meditation: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" — AD 1868 Welsh hymn based on Psalm 23**

**Message: The Three Gifts**

**Tithes and Offerings**

**Postlude**

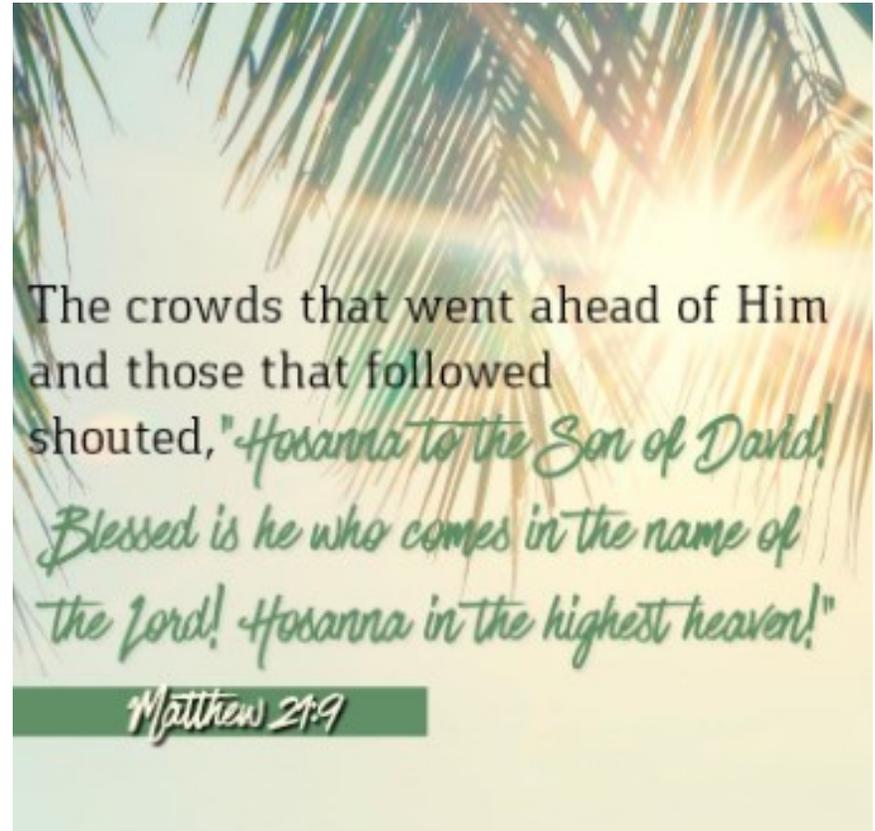
### ***Announcements***

- Trinity has returned to Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall at 10 am and one in-person worship service at 11 am. Covid-19 protocols will remain in effect. Facebook Live virtual worship and Worship at Home will continue.
- On Maundy Thursday, April 1st at 6 pm, you are invited to participate in an experience of scripture wherein Jesus prepares to fulfill the Old Covenant.
- The Easter Cross will be adorned with fresh flowers soon. If you would like to make a donation to the Flower Fund in honor/ memory of someone for the purpose of buying fresh flowers for the outdoor Easter cross, the money will need to be turned in by March 31st. If a check is sent, please make it payable to TUMC with Flower Fund and your loved one in the memo line.

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**SANCTUARY WORSHIP**



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