

PALM SUNDAY

First Church in Pembroke
Order Of Worship
Sunday March 24th 2024

PRELUDE:

MEDITATION PRAYER:

“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work in judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil. (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Meet & Greet:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: This morning may we be awoken to audacity and triumph as we focus on Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

C: With great anticipation, and in the mist of the morning the people gathered in droves. They waved palm branches and shouted: “Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.”

P: Saddled with hope and righteousness Jesus rode the cobble-stone street of Jerusalem and waved to the crowd who were there to greet him.

C: They stood in all eagerness with none paying heed to the one at their side as they shouted: “Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.”

P: Hosanna means praise, and hosanna means joy, because indeed, “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

C: They spread their garment in the way in order to welcome 'Greatness,' and all the while they shouted: “Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.”

ALL:: Our Savior rode in humility, but he rode into glory, and on this worship morning we echo the victory of the cross when we shout: "Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Amen.

OPENING HYMN: #4 (Black Hymnal) “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Father, in the Bible we read that accompanied by your twelve disciples, your long and arduous journeys into Jerusalem and on the borders of Sidon and Caesarea Philippi were real. With sweat and determination you traveled in peace and drew a crowd wherever you went because you loved all, and therefore, healed all people! Although it has been almost two thousand years since a cloud received you and raptured you back into heaven,

you gave us your word that you will return someday to receive us too! Great God, we thank you for your redeeming love. As we seek your presence among us, nurture us to become '*beacons of light*' to those around us, and to all whom we meet. Amen.

CALL TO PRAISE:

THE GLORIA PATRI:

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 21:1-7

SERMON:

'Riding Prophetically, No Seatbelts Required'

by Rev. Miriam Theodore

HYMN: #223 (Black Hymnal) “What Wondrous Love Is This”

OFFERTORY INVITATION: (Lamentations 3:25-26)

"The Lord is good unto those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that a man (humans) should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord."

DOXOLOGY:

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER:

PASTORAL PRAYER:

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

MUSICAL RESPONSE:

CLOSING HYMN: #382 (Red Hymnal) “Onward, Christian Soldiers”

BENEDICTION: May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other. Amen.

POSTLUDE: