

## **Order of service**

**April 2, 2023**

### **The Palm Sunday gospel: Mark 11: 1-11**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

**Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord!  
Blessed is the coming kingdom  
of our father David!  
Hosanna in the highest!"**

*Silence*

### **Opening Prayer (*Together*)**

**Beginner of all Journeys, begin in us again:  
take these tired bones and rouse them  
to dance your joy from sun-break to sundown.  
Help us, O Blessed End,  
to shake off our weariness  
that we may know New Life in you  
and offer it to one another. Amen.**

### **The Lord's prayer**

***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, for ever and ever. Amen.***

**Hymn: Hosanna! loud hosanna!**

## **VU 123**

1

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.

2

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.

3

'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!

**Greeting Christ in all of us - passing the peace**

**Welcome & land acknowledgment**

**Birthdays, anniversaries, concerns & celebrations**

Happy Birthday to you! Happy Anniversary to you!

May God bless you & keep you the coming year through

**The ministry of music - our choir presents...**

**Hymn: Jesus you have come to the lakeshore  
VU 563**

1

Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore  
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;  
you only asked me to follow humbly.

*Refrain:*

*O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,  
and while smiling, have spoken my name;  
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;  
by your side I will seek other seas.*

2

You know so well my possessions;  
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;  
- you will find there my nets and labour.

3

You need my hands, full of caring  
through my labours to give others rest,  
and constant love that keeps on loving.

4

You, who have fished other oceans,  
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,  
my loving friend, as thus you call me.

**A time for all God's children**

**Invitation to the offering**

The Offering "We Give Thee But Thine Own"  
VU 543

We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gifts may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

**Prayer of thanksgiving**

**Announcements**

**Pastoral prayer**

## **Today's scriptures: Luke 5: 1-11**

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

May God Bless to us this reading of Holy Scripture

**Amen**

**Sermon: Moratoriums & manure**

**Benediction**

**Hymn: God on the mountain**

*by Linda Randle*

I.  
Life is easy when you're up on the mountain  
And you've got peace of mind  
like you've never known  
But then things change and  
you're down in the valley  
Don't lose faith for you're never alone

*For the God on the mountain is still God in the valley  
When things go wrong, He'll make them right  
And the God of the good times  
is still God in the bad times  
The God of the day is still God in the night*

2.

You talk of faith when  
you're up on the mountain  
But talk comes easy  
when life's at its best  
But it's down in the valley  
of trials and temptation  
That's when faith is really put to the test