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# April 2, 2023

 Palm Sunday

**Proclamation** - Matthew 21: 1-11

**Processional Hymn** - Hosanna, Loud Hosanna - 123 VU

(Process from the Narthex, up the centre aisle to your seats, taking your palms with you for use later in the service)

**Call to Worship**

**Gathering Hymn - *All Glory, Laud and Honour - 122 VU***

**Prayer of Confession**

**The Donkey’s Story**

**Hymn** - ***He Came Riding on a Donkey - 124 VU***

**Scripture Reading** - Matthew 27: 11-54

(Please, if you are able, bring your palms to the foot of the cross as the scripture is read)

**Meditation** - The Cross We All Bear

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Dedication of the Offering**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Concern**

(When you hear the words Lord, hear our prayer. Please respond with “and in your love, answer.)

Jesus, you set your face towards Jerusalem

and walked alongside those who suffer.

Be our vision,

that we too may walk the way of compassion

and extend a hand to those we meet.

Lord, hear our prayer,

**and in your love, answer.**

Lord, you stopped to heal the sick

and tend to those broken in body, mind or spirit.

Be our vision,

that we too may be a source of healing to all in need of your grace.

Lord, hear our prayer,

**and in your love, answer.**

Jesus, you said,

“The first shall be last and the last first.”

Be our vision,

that we too may work towards your realm –

when the marginalized and oppressed will be raised up

and know that they are indeed beloved children of the Holy.

Lord, hear our prayer,

**and in your love, answer.**

Jesus, you took the time to pray and to be silent.

Be our vision,

that through our prayers, meditation and reflection

we may draw closer to you and find our way on this journey of faith.

Lord, hear our prayer,

**and in your love, answer.**

Lord, you entered Jerusalem with peace in your heart.

Be our vision,

that we too can live as people of peace

in the face of the world’s many conflicts.

May we hold your vision of justice and peace ever before us.

Lord, hear our prayer,

**and in your love, answer.**

Bless us, O Blessed One,

as we enter into the days ahead of us.

We will need your power and presence to sustain us

as we move through these difficult days together.

Spirit of Love and Life, stay close.

These and all the prayers of our hearts we offer in faith,

 as we pray the way you taught us to pray:

**Our Father, which art in heaven….**

**The Lord’s Prayer *(in unison)***

**Communion Hymn** *-* ***One Bread, One Body - 476 VU***

**Communion**

(A reminder that we celebrate an open table. All are welcome!)

**Invitation to Christ’s Table**

**Communion Prayer**
One: God be with you.
**All:    And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts.
**We lift them up to God.**
Let us give thanks for the peace of God.
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

**Words of Institution**

**Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

**Prayer After Communion**

**Closing Hymn - *In The Quiet Curve of Evening - 278 VU***

**Benediction**

**Upcoming**

**April 4- Alzheimers 9-4 and STYC-Tuesday6-8**

**April 6- Meditations-10:30am,**

**April 6-UCW meeting,**

**April 6- Euchre 1:30pm**

**April 6-Extendicare Worship Service 2pm**

**April 7- *Good Friday Service 10:30am***

**J Lenten Meditations will take place every Thursday morning throughout Lent at 10:30am and will take about a half hour. Come and enjoy a period of quiet reflection and renewal. All are welcome.**

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