

Prayer of Thanksgiving: *The Lord is here. God's spirit is with us. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise. 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. 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.*

*(Continue in prayer) By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to the world, Come, Holy Spirit, upon us and what we do here that these your gifts of bread and wine may be for us the body and blood of Christ so that we may bring life, hope, and love to all your world. Behold your king comes to you; he is just, he brings salvation, he brings peace. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest! (Our Father...)*

Hymn: Behold the lamb of God

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### Communion

**Prayer following communion:** *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.*



*In the sound of silence hear the empty hosanna - still we trust in love's choice. May we remain here to whisper our hosannas throughout this week.*

**In every moment may we remain with you, O Jesus, still believing, still following, still your companions on the journey.**

Hymn: Hallelujah

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WELCOME TO...



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**Saint David**

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**DONKEY RIDER**

**Gathering:** *Ride on Lord Jesus. Upon a colt, over cloaks, under branches – ride on Lord Jesus. Towards a city, through its gates, past the crowds – ride on Lord Jesus. As Hosannas fade and enemies sneer, as danger closes and friends falter – ride on Lord Jesus. Showing the way, teaching the truth, bringing life for all. In the name of the Lord – ride on Lord Jesus.*

**Hymn:** Ride on, ride on (1-3) 217

**Prayer:** *Blessed are you, O Christ, sent by God and sent of God, and blessed are we to lay our praises before you like cloaks on the ground. Blessed is the dust on your feet for its knowledge of your ways; blessed is the touch of your hand to those humble before your power; and blessed are the ears that plant your word like a seed in their hearts. May heaven be at peace with us because of your grace!*

**Hymn:** Ride on, ride on (4-5) 217

**Confession:** *We greet you that we might learn of you, we learn of you that we might love you. Yet our love is lukewarm so quickly; we forget you so easily; we disown you so readily. We are changeable in our devotion to you, bending with the strongest wind, blown off course, capitulating to our culture. Lord have mercy. Help us Lord, to open ourselves to receive your Spirit, and to walk with your Son; that even we might be blessed in the name of the Lord; that even we might sing, now and forever, 'Hosanna in the highest!'*



**Matthew 21: 1-11**

### **Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem**

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything

to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

'Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

**Hymn:** Hosanna 216

Donkey Riding



**Invitation:** *The table is at the heart of who we are as Christians, a community that blesses, breaks, and shares bread, a feast that remembers Jesus' sharing long ago and looks forward to that heavenly feast when all of God's children will have more than enough.*

**Hymn:** Jesus thou joy of loving hearts (1-3) 366