

PRAYERS for March 28, 2021 – Palm Sunday

Worship Assistant: On this Palm Sunday, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Worship Assistant: Blessed Lord, we praise You and worship You this morning with boldness, faithfulness, and hosannas. This is the day that You have made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. We don't know what this day, this year, or this lifetime will hold for us, but we are ever thankful that You have given us more time to serve You. This morning we thank You for the children who are growing in their faith by learning about Your holy sacrament of communion. We ask Your blessing on these young ones who have completed the First Communion Class. We bring our thoughts to You on bended knee, in humble peace, and with mouths that confess You as our Lord and Savior. We give You our thanks; You are good, and Your steadfast love endures forever. **Lord, in Your mercy..... hear our prayer.**

Worship Assistant: Gracious God and Father, as we celebrate the triumphal entry of Your Son, Jesus Christ, into Jerusalem, let us show our gratitude for all Christ is and all He does for us. Let us remember His love, His obedience, and His sacrifice for us on the cross. We ask that You give dedicated hearts to all those who proclaim Jesus' glorious passion, so that all who hear Your holy message may love You more and more.

Lord, in Your mercy..... hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: Prince of Peace, You are our perfect example of perfect love and perfect obedience. Help us follow You and let Your light shine in our daily lives: with family, beside co-workers, around friends, and among strangers. Help us to love and forgive our neighbors, serve the needy in our community, and commit our time and resources to Christian witness in the world. Be with the volunteers who will work at the Redeemer Soup Kitchen this week and care for those in need. They will be working in Your name, O Lord.

Lord, in Your mercy..... hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: Holy Lord, we thank You for this gathering of Your people. We thank You for Your guidance in our support of each other, in our prayers to surround each other, and in our love to care for each other. Comfort those whose lives have been affected by the recent tornado, all who are sick or dying, those who are struggling with pain or injury, all who are spiritually or physically hungry, those who are persecuted because of their faith, and any who are burdened with mental issues, employment concerns, or family problems. We ask that You give Your comforting peace to all people on our prayer list and the families and friends whose names we speak out loud or say silently in our hearts.

(Wait at least 20 seconds for names.) Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: Precious Jesus, as we think about Your triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem and then Your suffering and death, let us be ever thankful for Your resurrection. You bore the burden of the cross so that we might have salvation. Help us to stand firm against the schemes of the devil and all his works. Support our nation, our leaders, and our citizens, and heal the divide that is happening in our country. Help us to become a more united America. Protect the members of our military who are away from home, the police who daily put their lives in danger to keep us safe, and fill the places of unrest with peace.

Lord, in Your mercy..... hear our prayer. Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**