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Silent Prayer

Jesus, in your passion and resurrection, you show me there is no place you have not been and no place you fear to go. Morning by morning, you awaken me more deeply to this truth. Send me into the world this day with the courage and wisdom to be a faithful witness to your coming reign of justice, mercy, and peace. Amen

Prelude

Behold the King

Paxton

Welcome

Rev.TJ Mack

Introit

This Is the Day (v. 1)

(HTL) red hymnal #257

*This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it;
This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.*

Passing of the Peace (ASL)

Lighting of the Peace Candle & Prayer for Peace –

Call to Worship – (spoken in unison, but muted, please)

One: The great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.

All: So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, “Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord— the King of Israel!”

One: Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

All: “Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

One: His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

All: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Children’s Hymn

I Love to Tell the Story (v. 4)

(TNCH) black hymnal #522

*I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.
And when I sing in glory, I know the new, new song
Will be the old, old story that I have loved so long.
Refrain:
I love to tell the story, and when I am in glory,
I’ll tell the old, old story of Jesus’ endless love.*

Invocation (spoken in unison, but muted, please)

Come Holy Spirit, source of all life. As we hear again the stories of Holy Week, let the same mind be in us that was in Christ, who was a servant that we might be free. Awaken our ears, open our hearts, and sustain the weary with your Word. Amen

Children's Message

Godly Play

*Faces of Easter
Jesus Offers the Bread & Wine*

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

New Testament Reading

Mark 11:1-11

Special Music

Chorale Prelude on "Rathbun"

Arr. Whitford

Message

Rev. TJ Mack

Hymn *All Glory, Laud, and Honor (vs. 1 & 3)*

(TNCH) black hymnal #216

*All glory, laud, and honor to you, O Christ, we sing,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
The people of the Hebrews with palms adorned your way;
our praise and prayer and anthems we offer you this day.*

*As you received their praises, receive our prayers today,
whose justice and whose mercy and sovereignty hold sway.
All glory, laud, and honor to you, O Christ we sing,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!*

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins to God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Prayer of Confession

We confess that we have sinned, and although we would like to deny it, we have forsaken you. We are horrified by the suffering we cause—to you, ourselves, and the world you have created. Open the gates of your forgiveness and restore us in your love, for the sake of all the world. We pray in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord God helps us; we will not be disgraced. The Lord God helps us; who can declare us guilty? Sister and brothers, beyond the shadow of doubt, your sins are forgiven. By the mercy of Christ, let us stand together forgiven and free.

Prayers of the People – Sharing Joys & Concerns

Pastoral/Community Prayers

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.***

Lead Me Lord

*Lead me Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,
make thy way plain before my face.*

*For it is thou Lord, thou Lord, only,
that makest me dwell in safety.*

Offering

Welcoming our Tithes and Offerings –

Jesus gave himself for the life of the world. With humble hearts bowed in awe,
let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

Offertory Prayer

Beethoven

The Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.*

Prayer of Dedication (spoken in unison, but muted, please)

Holy God, we give thanks for your saving love made known to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. Bless these gifts that they may bring life on earth as in heaven; in Christ's name we pray. Amen

Hymn Go, My Children, with My Blessing

(TNCH) black hymnal #82

*Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone;
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own;
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever,
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.*

*Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here with tender comfort stilled you;
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.*

Benediction – (spoken in unison, unmuted)
Let the same mind be in you that was in Jesus Christ.
Go forth in peace to love and serve the world.

Postlude *Pastorale*

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