**Entrance**

\*\*Prelude Florence Pilkinton

\*\*Opening Prayer Rev. Craig Tuck

Almighty God, on this day your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem

and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments along his way.

Let those garments be for us signs of his victory,

and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our Lord,

and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life.

In his name we pray. Amen.

**Proclamation and Response**

\*\*Gospel Lesson

Hear from the Gospel according to Matthew 21:1-11 how our Lord Jesus entered Jerusalem:

21 When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 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. 3 If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” 4 This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

5 “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.”

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; 7 they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 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!”

10 When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” 11 The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

\*\*Sermon "Who Does Jesus March For?" Rev. Craig Tuck

\*\*Hymn “Cheering Chanting Dizzy” Phillip Morgan

 **Sending**

Prayer of Intercession, Confession & Pardon Craig Tuck

Our Savior comes to us humbly, riding a donkey and proclaiming a message of peace. Let us pray for the church, for Earth and all its creatures, and for all people in need, saying,
God of mercy,
HEAR OUR PRAYER.

That Christians hear and share the word of God as true disciples,

God of mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

That all ends of the earth receive the words of the king of peace.

God of mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

That all leaders, of church and of state, prefer humble service to empty power.

God of mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

That all people live with gratitude for the gifts of nourishment, friendship, family, trust, patience, and hope with the courage and wisdom to change whatever fails to be life-giving.

God of mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

That we might live with gratitude for our ancestors whose faith and witness have nourished our own, that all who mourn today will be comforted, and that we, who hope to greet Jesus when he comes again, will be ready and filled with joy again.

God of mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Living God, with your power and vision, we can prevail in all things. Because Christ is triumphant, we can escape the raging waters and survive the damaging storms. Lift us up from our weariness and hopelessness, and save us from the temptation to conform to the powers-that-be. By your powerful and life-giving name, renew our minds and our lives, that we may stand against all foes. Amen.