

Our mission is to learn the way of Jesus together as we invite others to join us at His Table.

### Our Common Practices

#### We Gather

We gather for worship more often than not.  
We gather in smaller groups to connect, learn, and grow.

We create hospitable space for one another.

#### We Grow

We attend the means of grace daily. (i.e. We attend to the presence of God through Scripture reading and meditation, prayer on behalf of others and myself, breath prayer, spiritual reading and study...).

We nurture our faith.

We attend to relationships that promote growth.  
We develop and learn as human beings made in the image of God.

#### We Give

We are a generous people who give our time and resources to the mission of God and the world.

We tithe as the means through which our community enjoys fiscal health so as to minister generously.

#### We Go

We follow Jesus into the world as His healing presence.

We help the vulnerable among us.

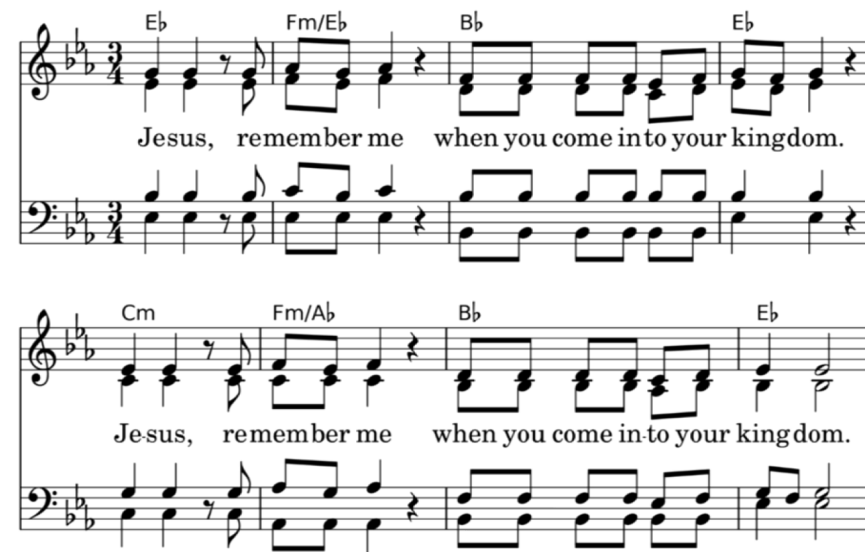
We go into the world offering Jesus' invitation to gather at His Table.

## A Breath Prayer for the Lenten Season:

*"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me."*

### Jesus, Remember Me

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Order of Worship  
 5 April 2020  
 Palm Sunday

## We Gather to Worship God

Prelude Music  
 Welcome  
 Call to Worship  
 Worship Reading from Psalm 118

## We Listen to the Scriptures

Pastoral Prayer  
 Sermon Series: Palm Sunday  
 Sermon: "Hosanna?"  
 Scripture Reading: Philippians 2. 5-11;  
 Matthew 21.1-11

## We Come to the Table

Pastoral Prayer  
 Song of preparation  
 Prayer of Consecration  
 The Lord's Prayer  
 We Eat and Drink Together  
 Prayer of Thanksgiving

## We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life  
 Gossiping the Good Stuff  
 Doxology  
 Blessing and Sending



## Sermon Reflection Guide

### Philippians 2.5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### Matthew 21.1-11

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 fulfill 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."

### Question for Everyone

(1) I have made peace with the new normal that is my life in the time of Coronavirus. (10) I am resisting, every step of the way, this new reality forced upon me. Where are you on this range?

### Shaken

Our world is being shaken by a microscopic bug, nations are in an uproar. Psalm 46 is no longer metaphorical. Apocalyptic texts from the Bible don't seem as remote as they did just a few weeks ago. We are facing a crisis of biblical proportions. And thus strange things, good and bad, are happening in our world. (1) My life is completely different now. (10) My life hasn't changed all that much. Talk about the ways your life has changed for good or for bad and the ways you are responding.

### A Learning Opportunity

There is no doubt that the Spirit of Christ is teaching Christ's Church a thing or two about being Church in this time of crisis, lessons that will be taken into a post-pandemic reality. What are those lessons?

### Hosanna!

Hosanna means "save us!" In the Palm Sunday story it is a shout of acclamation and adoration as well as a confession of need. Save us! We need saving! So how is it that Jesus is hailed as conquering, Messianic hero one day and just a few days later will be publicly executed by a toxic cocktail of politics and religion with the support of the shouting crowds? How do you explain this?

### Hosanna Redefined

Jesus redefines the word "Hosanna!" He redefines the very nature of salvation. Talk about the way Jesus is saving you now.