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Theme: Palm Sunday

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## Welcome & Notices

### Opening Words

Praise the name of the Lord;  
**ascribe greatness to our God.**

Lord, open our lips  
**and we shall praise your name.**

### Song

- Give thanks to the Lord



### Saying Sorry (Confession)

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

**O King enthroned on high,  
filling the earth with your glory:  
holy is your name,  
Lord God almighty.  
In our sinfulness we cry to you to  
take our guilt away,  
and to cleanse our lips to speak  
your word,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**



### Forgiveness (Absolution)

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do God's will and give us the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### All Together Talk

#### Sung Worship

- My God is so big



*(Distribution the palm crosses)*

- **Make way, make way**
- **There must be more than this**

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### Intercessions

*These responses may be used*  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**



*At the end*

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## Collect

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.



Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive  
those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.

## 1st Bible Reading

- Psalm 118: 19-end p.617



## 2nd Bible Reading

- Mark 11: 1-11 p.1015



## Sermon



## Affirmation of Faith

*(from the Athanasian Creed)*

We proclaim the Church's faith in Jesus Christ.

**We believe and declare that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is both divine and human.**

God, of the being of the Father,  
the only Son from before time began;

human from the being of his mother,  
born in the world;

**fully God and fully human;  
human in both mind and body.**

As God he is equal to the Father,  
as human he is less than the Father.

**Although he is both divine and human he is not two beings but one Christ.**

One, not by turning God into flesh,  
but by taking humanity into God;  
**truly one, not by mixing humanity with Godhead,  
but by being one person.**

For as mind and body form one human being so the one Christ is both divine and human.

**The Word became flesh and lived among us; we have seen his glory, the glory of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

## Offertory Worship

- Be Thou my vision



## Offertory Prayer



## Blessing

Keep us, Father, in this community of faith, the Church of your Son Jesus Christ, and help us to confess him as Messiah and Lord in all we say and do. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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