

**April 5, 2020**  
**Passion/Palm Sunday**

**REFLECTION**

*The hope of a secure and livable world lies with disciplined nonconformists who are dedicated to justice, peace and brotherhood.* - Martin Luther King, Jr.

**PRELUDE**

*“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”* arr. Emma Lou Diemer

**CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER**

*Psalm 31*

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

**Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.**

I trust in you, O Lord; I say, “You are my God.”

**Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 196, St. 1 & 3** *“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”*

**Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!**

**Thou art the King of Israel, thou David’s royal Son,  
who in the Lord’s name comest, the King and blessed One. Refrain**

**To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. Refrain**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God, we confess our distress when afflicted with pain. We often avoid those encounters that will cause us discomfort. It is easier to hide from distress than to be exposed to forms of misery and grief. Yet we believe in Christ, who was sacrificed for all. Help us to trust in him when he calls us to bear abuse on his behalf and show more compassion on others for whom pain is so constant. Amen.

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*“The Holy City”* arr. Stephen DeCesare, ed. Noel A. Piercy  
Michael Hardenberg & Paul Salierno, Duet

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 21:1-17

**SERMON**

*“What Kind Of Savior Are You Looking For?”*  
Rev. Don Brown

**HYMN No. 197, St. 1 & 3**

*“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”*

**Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.**

**Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King.  
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER & THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*"Celtic Farewell"*  
Taryn Urban, Duet

Linda Lamb

### **LITANY ON THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." In the name of Jesus, we pray:

**Lord, help us to take up our cross and follow you.**

You stood before Pilate, your life condemned, your word rejected, your innocence ignored:

**Keep us from rejecting your word of truth and salvation.**

You carried your cross on the wounded stripes of your back, for love of us and for all the world.

**Help us to bear our cross, for love of you and for love of others.**

The weight of your cross was the weight of our sins which make us stumble and fall.

**In our weakness, we turn to you for strength.**

Although you suffered, you still reached out to care for your mother.

**May our cross-bearing never keep us from caring for our families.**

As you struggled to bear your cross to Calvary, a passerby was drafted to help you.

**Make us as willing as Simon to bear the burdens of those in need.**

Others also took risks to comfort you.

**Strengthen our faith to take loving risks for our needy brothers and sisters.**

Sin weighed heavily upon you as you stumbled along the way.

**Forgive us, Lord, for the sins which make us fall.**

Your suffering under the cross caused the women of Jerusalem to weep.

**Make our suffering in life a share in your suffering.**

The full burden of our sin crushed you mightily to the earth.

**Do not forsake us in our falling but bring us to repentance and faith.**

Stripped and jeered, you endured humiliation without complaint.

**Humble us in our work and daily lives.**

Nailed to the cross, you took your place among the condemned.

**Take your place beside us sinners and bring us through faith to the Paradise of God.**

When your sacrifice was complete, you handed your life to the Father, and he did not forsake you.

**Keep us close to your cross and death, now and at the hour of our death.**

Faithful friends and loving women took loving care of your lifeless body.

**Turn the darkness of death into the brightness of day for those we love.**

In the tomb you were laid, but from the tomb you arose.

**Be the Lord of the resurrection for us and for all the baptized.**

Loving Jesus, for the sake of your cross and passion, we are justified in faith, washed cleaned of our sins by baptism and repentance, and made one with God. We thank you for your cross and for the depths of your love for us. Help us to bear our cross in the world and follow you until you bring us into your heavenly kingdom; where you reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**HYMN No. 220, St. 1 & 2**

*“Go to Dark Gethsemane”*

**Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter’s power;  
your Redeemer’s conflict see; watch with him one bitter hour;  
turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**

**Follow to the judgment hall; view the Lord of life arraigned;  
O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.**