

PRAYERS for April 2, 2023 – Palm Sunday

Worship Assistant: On this Day of Palms, let us pray that we might know the real purpose of Your coming to Earth which is to be the King of our peace and the Savior of our world.

Worship Assistant: Blessed Lord, we praise You and worship You this morning with boldness, faithfulness, and hosannas. This is the day that You have made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Amid all the uncertainty and distress in our world, we don't know what this day, this year, or this lifetime will hold for us, but we are ever thankful that You have given us another day to serve You. We bring our thoughts to You on bended knee, in humble peace, and with mouths that confess You as Lord. We ask You to be gracious to us for You are good and Your steadfast love endures forever.

O Christ, thou Lamb of God..... *hear our prayer.*

Worship Assistant: Gracious God and Father, as we celebrate the triumphal entry of Your Son, Jesus Christ, into Jerusalem, let us show our gratitude for all Christ is and all He does for us. Let us remember His love, His obedience, and His sacrifice for us on the cross. We ask You to bless this Holy Week for our Word of God family and for the many Christians throughout the world. We ask that You give dedicated hearts to all those who proclaim Jesus' glorious passion, so that all who hear Your holy message may love You more and more.

O Christ, thou Lamb of God..... *hear our prayer.*

Worship Assistant: Jesus Christ, You are our perfect example of perfect love and perfect obedience. Help us follow You and let Your light shine in our daily lives: with family, beside co-workers, around friends, and among strangers. Help us to love and forgive those who have wronged us, serve the needy in our society, and commit our time and resources to Christian witness in our community and around the world.

O Christ, thou Lamb of God..... *hear our prayer.*

Worship Assistant: Holy Lord, we thank You for Your guidance in our support of each other, in our prayers to surround each other, and in our love to care for each other. Comfort those who are sick or dying, those who are struggling with pain or injury, those who are spiritually or physically hungry, those who are persecuted because of their faith, and those who are burdened with family problems. Please surround the families who have been affected by nature's storms and the children and families who were involved in the attack on the school in Nashville. Our times and lives are in Your hands. We ask that You give Your comforting peace to all people on our prayer list and the families and friends whose names we speak out loud or say silently in our hearts.

(Wait at least 15 seconds for names.) O Christ, thou Lamb of God..... *hear our prayer.*

Worship Assistant: Precious Jesus, as we think about Your triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem and then Your suffering and death, let us be ever thankful for Your resurrection. You bore the burden of the cross so that we might have salvation. Help us to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. Give us Your grace to strengthen ourselves so that we can win victories in our times of trial. Help us to become a more united America. Protect the members of our military who serve with honor and courage, the police who daily put their lives in danger to keep us safe, and fill the places of unrest with Your peace.

O Christ, thou Lamb of God..... *hear our prayer.* **Pastor:** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**