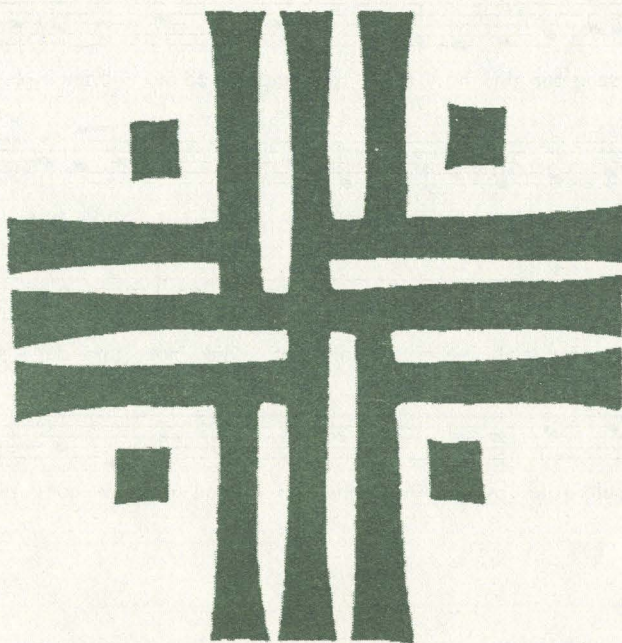


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CROSSROADS

April 13, 2003

8:45 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING MUSIC "We Sang Our Glad Hosannas"



We sang our glad ho - san - nas and waved our branch - es high, but
some were si - lent, frown - ing as Je - sus rode on by. They
sought a roy - al Sav - ior, but did not un - der - stand a
king could rule by lov - ing in - stead of by com - mand.

*GREETING

This is a day of joyous welcome. Yet joy is tempered by impending doom.
We welcome Jesus with waving branches, we wait with Jesus through hours of agony.

Our leader comes humbly, riding a donkey. Blessed is the one who comes in God's name.

Jesus rides into the tumult of our times. People still oppose the way of love.

Yet love prevails in spite of opposition. Give thanks that God's steadfast love endures forever.

*OPENING HYMN "Come, Let Us With Our Lord Arise"

#2084

OPENING PRAYER

In the excitement of this holy season, O Lord, we wave our palm branches and lay down our garments in the road, bidding you to enter and be present in our midst. Help us to open our hearts for your coming, and not to close them when you make demands of us. Let this community of faith be yours, and let all who live in it this day experience new wholeness of heart and soul and body. For you have given us hope and unending, extravagant love. In the name of Jesus, the Christ, Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE "Jesus, Remember Me"

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 14:1-9

It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people." While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONSE "O Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus"



O come to my heart, Lord Je - sus, there is room in my heart for you.

MEDITATION "Reckless, Uncalculating Love" Lisa Brown Cole

PERIOD OF REFLECTION AND DECISION

RESPONSE "O Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus"

OFFERING "Give Thanks" #2036

HOLY COMMUNION (Responses #2257 - b, c, & d)

*HYMN "He Is Exalted" #2070

*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Preacher Rev. Lisa Brown Cole

Liturgist Rev. Ruth Harper Stevens

Pianist/Nine@9:00 Director Rev. R. Julian Irvine