



# St Michael's

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

### **Prayers for April 5, 2020 | Palm Sunday**

We join our voices calling out to you, O God, that you might bring hope and healing, strength and renewal to us and the world. With cries of "Hosanna!" we open our hearts to you who are gracious and merciful. We pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

God of mercy, awaken and stir your church to new proclamations of your faithfulness. Give us bold and joyful words to speak, that we might live and proclaim your message.

Quiet the earth where it trembles and shakes. Protect vulnerable ecosystems, threatened habitats, and endangered species. Prosper the work of scientists, engineers, and researchers who find ways to restore creation to health and wholeness.

Drive away fear and anger that cause us to turn against one another. Give courage to leaders who seek healing for the sick, liberation for the oppressed, strength for the weary. Bring peace and hope to those who are lonely, isolated, or imprisoned.

Send your saving help to all who suffer abuse, insult, discrimination, or contempt. Tend to the wounded. Comfort the dying. Bring peace to those suffering chronic or terminal illness. This day we lift our voices in prayer for Kathy Callinan, Theresa Jacobson (daughter-in-law of Lyle and Sue Jacobson), those affected by recent budget cuts and unemployment, those affected by alcoholism or addiction, and all dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.

We offer our prayers as we move into this Holy Week. In all things, show us the ways that you call us to die to self, to live for you, and to give of ourselves for the sake of others.

In our prayers we cry out "Hosanna!" and God, when we breathe our last, you raise us to everlasting life. This week we entrust to you Arlene, mother of Mary Plath; and Cody Spiess friend of Emily Presbich—may Arlene and Cody rest in your eternal care, and may you comfort friends and family who grieve their absence. Hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you, O God, through Christ our Lord. Amen.