**Palm Sunday**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** Today Jesus enters Jerusalem as the Mesiah.In the suffering and death of Christ we see God’s boundless love for us, so with confidence we pray:

1. For the Church: make us instruments of hope and healing that we may relieve the suffering and pain of those burdened with illness, addiction, injury or frailty. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land and throughout the world who are persecuted because of their faith in Jesus Christ. May the Holy spirit fortify them with courage to remain strong in faith. **Lord, hear us.**
3. Let us pray that world leaders use their power to protect the poor, preserve freedom, promote lasting justice and peace, and safeguard the world in which we live. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For all who administer justice; may they exercise their office in the pursuit of truth so that the weak are protected, where perpetrators are prosecuted, and victims are supported. **Lord, hear us.**
5. As we begin Holy Week, may we be drawn more deeply into the saving mystery of Christ’s death and Resurrection. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For all Christians: may they faithfully take up their cross as followers of Christ, professing their loyalty to Him before an indifferent and sometimes hostile world. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For an end to all forms of torture, domestic violence, exploitation, trafficking, coercion, and control; may victims and survivors always encounter support, understanding, security, refuge, and healing. **Lord, hear us.**
8. For all who have died; may they share in the fullness of everlasting life in Christ. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** God our Father, you anointed Jesus your Son to bear our sins. May we find in him strength for our journey and victory over every evil.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.