

Walk with Jesus

Confession

Leader: O God, we come to you as the people who greeted Jesus on the road to Jerusalem, full of joy and praise and thanksgiving. Forgive us for the times we forget to show you our gratitude.
Lord, have mercy.

People: Kyrie eleison.

Leader: We come as the people who were baffled when they realized how quickly their joy was turned to sorrow for you.
Lord, have mercy.

People: Kyrie eleison.

Leader: We come, wanting to be with you as you enter the time and place of your death, knowing we cannot face this week alone.
Lord, have mercy.

All: Kyrie eleison.

Assurance of Pardon

Know that Jesus does offer mercy and understands that hard road between joy and devastation, between belief and disbelief. Know that Jesus will never leave you and will love you on whatever part of the road you find yourself on. Amen.

Benediction

May you find the balance you need in the ups and downs of your life, and may you have the courage to keep walking with Jesus. Go in peace to continue your walk with Jesus.

Text for today: "Therefore God also *highly exalted* him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth" (Phil. 2:9-10, NRSV). **Bible readings for today:** Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Matthew 21:1-11 / Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11 (9); Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54.