

# *We Gather to Worship God*

~ WE ENTER WITH THE PALMS ~

*Palm branches will be distributed before the service as worshippers enter.*

\* GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

\* ACCLAMATION

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

\* PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

Hear from the Gospel according to Mark how our Lord Jesus entered Jerusalem.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, “Why are you doing this?” just say this, “The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.”’ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, ‘What are you doing, untying the colt?’ They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,  
‘Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!’

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

**Hosanna in the highest!**

\* BLESSING OF PALMS

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. We praise you, O God,

for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Today he entered the holy city in triumph

and was proclaimed messiah and king

by those who spread garments and branches along his way.

Bless these branches and those who carry them.

Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross,

so that, joined to his death and resurrection,

we enter into life with you;

through the same Jesus Christ,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE PROCESSION OF PALMS

*Worshippers are invited to remain standing in their pews and raise palm branches as the Procession moves through the sanctuary.*

\* THE HYMN NO. 280

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

*St. Theodulph*

**Refrain:**

All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One.

**Refrain**

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise

**Refrain**

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.

**Refrain**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

ANTHEM

*What Wondrous Love is This*  
Asbury Ringers

Berry/VanValey

~ PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE ~

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backwards.

I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me;

who will declare me guilty?

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (10:30 A.M.) *Dave the Donkey*

Rev. Kyle

## PROCLAMATION OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST. MARK

Evangelist: As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him,

Pilate: ‘Are you the King of the Jews?’

Evangelist: He answered him,

Jesus: ‘You say so.’

Evangelist: Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again,

Pilate: ‘Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.’

Evangelist: But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them,

Pilate: ‘Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?’

Evangelist: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

Pilate: ‘Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?’

Evangelist: They shouted back,

**Crowd: (*boldly*) ‘Crucify him!’**

Evangelist: Pilate asked them,

Pilate: ‘Why, what evil has he done?’

Evangelist: But they shouted all the more,

**Crowd: (*more boldly*) ‘Crucify him!’**

Evangelist: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

Soldiers: ‘Hail, King of the Jews!’

Evangelist: They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they

crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

**Crowd:** 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!'

**Evangelist:** In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

**Scribes:** 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.'

**Evangelist:** Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

**Jesus:** 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?'

**Evangelist:** which means,

**Jesus:** 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'

**Evangelist:** When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

**Scribes:** 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.'

**Evangelist:** And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

**Scribes:** 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.'

**Evangelist:** Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

**Soldier:** 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

~ WE RESPOND TO THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL ~

ANTHEM (8:15 A.M.) *Love Grew* John Starnes  
Jack McCutcheon, soloist

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Fountain of living water,

**pour out your mercy over us.**

**Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.**

**Rebuild what we have ruined**

**and mend what we have torn.**

**Wash us in your cleansing flood.**

**Make us alive in the Spirit**

**to follow in the way of Jesus,**

**as healers and restorers of the world you so love.**

**Amen.**

Beloved, God's word never fails.

The promise rests on grace:

by the saving love of Jesus Christ,

the wisdom and power of God,

your sins are + forgiven, and God remembers them no more.

Journey in the way of Jesus.

**Amen.**

\* RESPONSE NO. 482

*Lord, Have Mercy*

*Kriewald Kyrie*

*Repeated phrases are sung first by leader and then by all*

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

~ THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION ~

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*see insert*

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

\* THE DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\* HYMN OF SENDING NO. 301

*Near the Cross*

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

*vs 1 & 3*

Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,  
free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain.

**Refrain**

In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,  
till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;  
help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me. **Refrain**

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*Worshippers are invited to exit the sanctuary following the  
Chiming of the Trinity. Side Pews will exit first followed by center section.*

\* Congregation Standing

The altar arrangements are given to the glory of God.

**VOICES OF THE PASSION**

Evangelist: Michael Merolle

Pilate: Wink Prince

Jesus: Ben Yenicek

Crowd: Congregation

Soldier/Scribes: Men of the choir

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Palm/Passion Sunday

March 28, 2021

8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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Welcome to First United Methodist Church

Today's worship begins with a palm procession, commemorating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The tone of the service changes as we meditate upon Jesus' passion and death. Because this story is so central to our faith, we gather to remember his offering for the life of the world, and to be fed by his life-giving mercy. This holy week will culminate in the celebration of the Three Days of Jesus's suffering, death, and resurrection. Come and walk with Jesus this week as we worship.