

PALM SUNDAY
March 29, 2026
“The Good News is...inspiring us to act”



The Congregation gathers in the Narthex

BELLS

GREETING

Matthew 21:1-11

Pastor: Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

Congregation: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, “The Lord needs them.” And he will send them immediately.’

P: This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ‘Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’

L: The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

P: The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

C: ‘Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!’

P: *When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying,*

C: 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

BLESSING OF PALMS

The congregation raises their palms

P: *The Lord be with you.*

C: And also with you.

P: *We praise and bless you, ever-living God,*

for the acts of love by which you redeem the world through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed king by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way.

C: Let these palm branches be signs of his victory; and may we who bear them always proclaim Jesus as our Messiah, as we now walk the way of the cross, and one day enter into his eternal Kingdom.

P: *Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel!*

C: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

P: *Let us now go forth praising our Lord and preparing the way for him.*

PROCESSIONAL SONG/VIDEO

"Hosanna – A Palm Sunday Song"

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna

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King of Israel welcome to our hearts

Here to reign in righteousness

Oh Ruler of the world, Ruler of our hearts

Now ascend Your throne

You are the King of kings

Hosanna

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna

To Jerusalem, to the sons of man

Riding on in gentle strength

Oh come to save Your own, come to give Your life
The kingdom is at hand

You are the King of kings
Hosanna

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CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN
“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”
LBW #108 (vs. 1,2,3)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: Jesus, our Redeemer King, we want to run into the streets and sing your praise!

C: We want to be bold and unashamed of your Good News.

P: This Lent, we've been reminded of how you moved through the world—

C: living Good News through teaching and healing, laying hands on the sick, caring for the vulnerable, and breaking bread with outcasts and sinners.

P: *Your Good News was always love in action, alive in the world. Help us have faith like that.*

C: Forgive us when our faith stays in our thoughts instead of being active. Forgive us when we confine our faith to what we believe instead of how we live. Inspire us to love as you loved. Inspire us to act, bold and courageous.

Silence for Reflection

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN OF PRAISE

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

LBW #108 (vs. 4-5)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: *The Lord be with you.*

C: And also with you.

P: *Let us pray:*

Holy God,

as we hear the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem—the crowds gathering, the palms waving, and the shouts of Hosanna rising in the streets—open our hearts to its truth.

C: Let these words stir our spirits and awaken our faith.

Let the courage and hope of that day live within us.

Move these ancient words beyond this moment and into the way we live.

P: *Inspire us not only to sing Hosanna, but to follow Jesus with our lives, all the way to the cross—*

C: inspiring us to act with love, mercy, and justice. In the name of Jesus, our Savior we pray. Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO THE GOSPEL READING

HYMN

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

WOV #660

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY READING

Matthew 26:1 – 27:66

REFLECTION

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

Fernando Ortega

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

OFFERING

Youth Emergency Shelter and Services

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: *The Lord be with you.*

C: And also with you.

P: *Lift up your hearts.*

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: *It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you....Still, he walked it in love for the sake of the world.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION SONGS

"O Come to the Altar"

Elevation Worship

"Love Like This"

Lauren Daigle

"Were You There"

LBW #92 (vs. 1-3)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING

P: *From the "Hosannas" of the crowd to the quiet of the cross,*

C: we follow Jesus into Holy Week.

P: *Palm Sunday begins the Holy Week story of God's love in action—the love that inspires us to serve, to care, and to live boldly.*

C: Jesus' triumph leads to his death, and his death leads to resurrection.

P: *As you go forth, go in the Good News of this Lenten season.*

May God bless your Holy Week journey with renewal and hope; a time of prayer and reflection; and the Good News of our Lord's resurrection.

C: Amen.

BELLS

CLOSING HYMN
“The Old Rugged Cross”

DISMISSAL

P: *Go now in peace. Holy Week has begun.*

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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COMING UP:

April 3 - Good Friday

- **Worship Service - 7:00 pm**

April 5 - Easter Sunday

- **Easter Breakfast - 9:00 am**
- **Games/Activities for the Children - 9:00 am**
 - **Celebration Worship - 10:00 am**
 - **Easter Egg Hunt - 11:15 am**