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April 13, 2025

9:45 AM

Palm Sunday

Everything [in] Between¹
Shouting & Silence

Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are a guest, we invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.

We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back narthex where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We have children's books and activity bags for them to enjoy! Additionally, after the children's message, children from 3 years old—6th grade are invited to participate in Sunday school in our classroom downstairs. They can choose to attend Sunday school or return to their seats to sit with their parents. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS & CONCERNS

INTRODUCTION TO THEME

PRELUDE

The Holy City

by Maybeck (sung by Debbie Butcher)

POEM

Gray

written by Cindy Hogentogler & read by Samantha Sandy

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: On this day, Jesus marched

C: in between the city walls and the Temple, in between joyful Hosannas and doubtful whispers, in between oppressive poverty and greedy power, in between rampant fear and hope unfurled.

L: On this day, Jesus marched in between what had been and what could be.

C: So may we meet Christ in that liminal space. May we lay down our coats in that messy middle.

L: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

C: Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in between!

PRAYER OF BLESSING OVER THE PALMS

*GATHERING HYMN NCH # 213 (see below)

Hosanna Loud Hosanna

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Jennette Threlfall, 1873

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Great Creator,

C: forgive me when I speak before listening, when I speak over my neighbor, when I speak with barbed words.

Creator God, forgive me when I listen to society, when I listen to my friends, when I listen to the news, but I do not listen to you.

Creator God, forgive me when I shout out, but do not shout your name, when I listen, but do not listen for your voice. Forgive me. Create in me a heart like yours.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

P: Friends, whether or not you stuck to your Lenten intentions and actions this year, whether or not this is your first time in church or your thousandth time, whether or not you know to speak to God or listen for God's voice, God listens to you. God is merciful. God is abounding in steadfast love. There is nothing you could do or leave undone that could keep God from loving you. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

C: We are seen. We are heard. We are loved. We are forgiven. Not a day goes by that we ever walk alone. Hosanna in the highest! Amen.

***ACT OF PRAISE UM HYMNAL # 558** (refrain, v. 3, refrain, see below) *We Are the Church*
ALL SING: I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!

Sometimes the church is marching, sometimes it's bravely burning, sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding, always it's learning.

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM

Hosanna, Blessed Is He Who Comes

by Bennett

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:29-40 (CEB)

SERMON

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Theodulph of Orleans

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1. All glo - ry laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we
 2. O Prom-ised One of Is - rael, of Da-vid's roy - al
 3. As you re-ceived their praise - es, re - ceive our prayers to -

5
 sing, to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san-nas
 line, the one called "God's be - lov - ed," of flesh and yet di -
 - day, whose jus - tice and whose mer - cy and sov-ereign-ty hold

9
 ring! The peo-ple of the He brews with palms a - dorned your way; our
 - vine, To you, be-fore your pas sion, they sang their hymns of praise; to
 sway All glo-ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing, to

14
 praise and prayer and an - thems we of - fer you this day.
 you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

L: People of God, we gather with palms and praise, but what do we believe?

C: We believe that many years ago a peaceful parade wove its way through the streets of Jerusalem. We believe that on that day the people cried out, longing and praying for a better world.

We believe that these longings came from a place of deep hope, and we believe that hope cannot be silenced. So we listen for the Spirit. We sing Hosanna. We pay attention. For in between the silence and the song, we believe the Spirit is speaking. Amen.

WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM

The Palms

by Faure

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

A TIME FOR SHARING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY

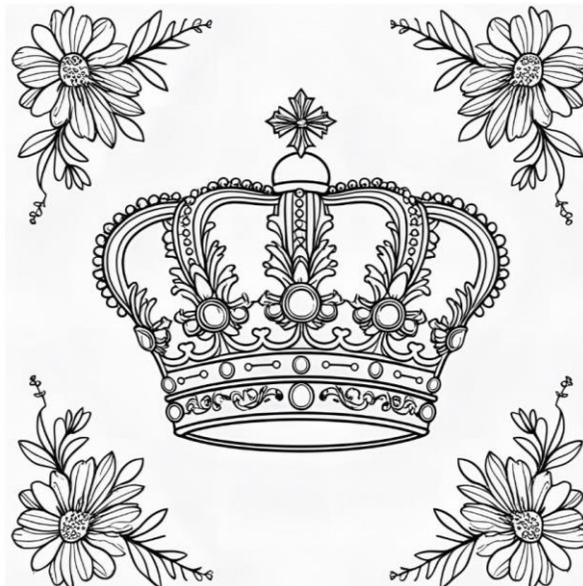
Majesty

by Hayford

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 215 NCH** (see next page)

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty



Ride On! Ride On in Majesty

Henry H. Milman, 1827

John B. Dykes, 1862

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1. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es-ty! O
2. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es-ty! As
3. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es-ty! Ride
4. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es-ty! For

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Christ, with brave hu - mil - i - ty, On
crowds of peo - ple come to see And
on in hum - ble dig - ni - ty; Be -
you have set your peo - ple free And

6

low - ly colt, your road pur - sue, as
shout ho - san - nas, lif - ting high their
- hold the ones you came to save from
we, re - mem - bering all your pain, now

8

palms and cloaks are spread for you.
praise for one a - bout to die.
sense - less life and end - less grave.
meet a - gain to hail your reign.

References

¹The Worship Liturgy was by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

²The Poem *Gray* was written by Cindy Hogentogler

Thank you to our Lenten team for decorating the altar and providing the structure for our Lenten services. The Lent team members are Andrea Adams, Cindy Hogentogler, Sandy King, & Pastor Amy.

Welcome Team Members—Tori Everhart, Stella Fletcher, Faye Heal, & Robin Schriver

Liturgist—Tama Allison

Tech Team— Deb Herlocker, Jack Herlocker, & Ron Miles

