

# **MT. TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**9:15 AM - March 24, 2024 - Palm Sunday**

**ALIVE! Worship Service**

## INTRODUCTION

*This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.*

## GATHERING (outside)

## BLESSING OF PALMS

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Pave the Way with Branches*  
verses 1, 3 & 5

\* Je - sus is com - ing. Pave the way with branch - es.

Je - sus is com - ing. Ho - san - na. san - na.

Ho - san - na, Je - sus is com - ing. Ho -



*\*Additional verses ad lib.:*  
 Release for the captives . . .  
 Hope for the downtrod . . .  
 Land for the landless . . .  
 Debts are forgiven . . .

Text: Bret Hesla, b. 1957  
 Music: PAVE THE WAY, Bret Hesla  
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## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYERS

### KYRIE

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### ANTHEM

*Look Who's Coming!*  
Seraph Singers

**Michael Bedford**

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*Blessed Is the One*  
Choir solo then ALL sing

The musical score is written for a choir in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves, each with a treble and bass line. The lyrics are: 'Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord. Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord.' The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes, with some measures containing rests or specific articulation marks.

Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name, who comes

in the name of the Lord. Bless-ed is the one who comes

in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord.

Text: Psalm 118:26  
Music: BLESSED IS THE ONE, Nathan Houge, b. 1977  
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## A READING

## Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from Philippians.

*Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to God even to the point of death. Following Christ's example, we do not seek personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us in Christ's death.*

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name

that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM HYMN

*Make Your Face to Shine*

Make your face to shine up - on your <sup>3</sup> ser - vant, and  
 Haz res - plan - de - cer tu ros-tro so-bre tu sier - vo(a); 7

in your lov - ing-kind - ness <sup>3</sup> save me. Make your  
 ¡sál - va - me por tu mi-se - ri - cor - dia! Haz res -

save me. But as for me, I trust in you, O Lord.  
 cor - dia! 7 Mas yo en ti, Jeho - vá, con - fi - o;

I have said, "You are my God. My times are in your  
 di - go: "¡Tú e - res mi Dios. 7 En tu ma - no es - tán mis

hand, O God. You de - liv - er me."  
 tiem - pos! Tú e - res mi Dios".

These selected verses of Psalm 31 are slightly reordered here (as 16, 14–15) to give initial emphasis to the petition for God's favor, expressed in the typical Hebraic image of a radiant face. That plea is then reinforced by affirmations of the psalmist's unwavering trust in God.

## GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

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

<sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>11</sup>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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Pastor Wade Roof

ANTHEM

*Hosanna*

Michael W. Smith & Deborah D. Smith/arr. Larson

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Held in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**Holy God, we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through ✝ Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## OFFERTORY

### *Jesus, name above all names*

Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful

Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord,

Em - man - u - el, God is with us,

bles - ed Re - deem - er, liv - ing Word.

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 12/8. The notes are: Staff 1: D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter). Staff 2: D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter). Staff 3: D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter). Staff 4: D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter). Chords are indicated above the staves: D, F#m7, Em7, A, D, F#m7, Em7, A7, (D), G/A A.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**



## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

## **COMMUNION**

## COMMUNION HYMN

### *Lamb of God*

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have  
2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and  
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have

sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y  
scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a  
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and

*Refrain*  
sod and to be - come the Lamb of God. O Lamb of  
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. God.  
rod and to be called a lamb of God. God.

God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me  
in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Text: Twila Paris, b. 1958  
Music: Twila Paris  
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YOUR ONLY SON  
LMD

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

## Now Behold the Lamb



1 Now be - hold the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God, who  
2 Ho - ly is the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Why  
3 Thank you for the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Be -



bore all my sin, that I may live a - gain: the pre-cious Lamb of God.  
you love me so, Lord, I shall nev - er know; the pre-cious Lamb of God.  
cause of your grace I can fin - ish the race; the pre-cious Lamb of God.

Text: Kirk Franklin, b. 1970

Music: NOW BEHOLD THE LAMB, Kirk Franklin

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## DISMISSAL

## POSTLUDE

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### ***ALIVE! Musicians***

*Gale McLeod, Co-Director*

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*Beth Branham*

*David Moye*

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*Leah Conrad*

*Erin Hall*

*Brett Ebener*

*Vaughn Hall*



### ***Worship Assistants***

*Lector ..... Rachel Bundrick*

*Greeter ..... Grace Fuson*

*Communion assistants ..... Rachel Bundrick*

*Ushers ..... Ed Fuson, Lucky Jones*

### **FOR FURTHER STUDY**

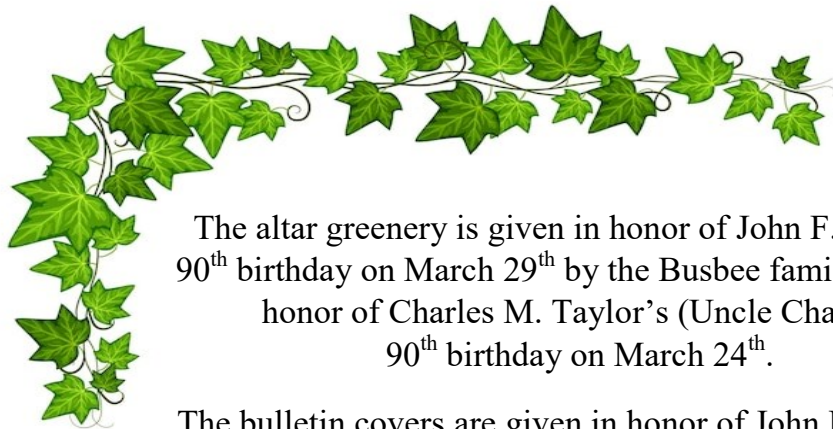
#### **Isaiah 50:4-9a**

The image of the servant of God is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

- <sup>4</sup>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.  
<sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.  
<sup>6</sup>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.  
<sup>7</sup>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;  
<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
<sup>9</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

#### **Psalms 31:9-16**

- <sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I | am in trouble;  
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat | and my belly.  
<sup>10</sup>For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing;  
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones | are consumed.  
<sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to | my acquaintances;  
when they see me in the street | they avoid me.  
<sup>12</sup>Like the dead I am forgotten, | out of mind;  
I am as useless as a | broken pot.  
<sup>13</sup>For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is | all around;  
they put their heads together against me; they plot to | take my life.  
<sup>14</sup>But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O Lord.  
I have said, "You | are my God.  
<sup>15</sup>My times are | in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.  
<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine up- | on your servant;  
save me in your | steadfast love."



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# The Triumphal Entry

Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.



Jesus sent two \_\_\_\_\_, saying to them, "Go to the \_\_\_\_\_ ahead of you, and at once you will find a \_\_\_\_\_ tied there, with her \_\_\_\_\_ by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. A very large \_\_\_\_\_ spread their \_\_\_\_\_ on the road, while others cut \_\_\_\_\_ from the trees and spread them on the \_\_\_\_\_. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed \_\_\_\_\_,

"\_\_\_\_\_ to the Son of David!"

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

"Hosanna in the highest!"

Matthew 21:1b-3, 6-9 (NIV)

branches	colt	disciples	Hosanna	shouted
cloaks	crowd	donkey	road	village

# The Triumphal Entry

The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!"  
Matthew 21:9a (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Matthew 21:1-11 (NIV).



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KING	JERUSALEM	LORD	BRANCHES	VILLAGE
DISCIPLES	FOAL	BLESSED	SPOKEN	FULFILL
GENTLE	MOUNT	HOSANNA	COLT	RIDING
CLOAKS	JESUS	DONKEY	PROPHET	OLIVES

**Welcome to Mt. Tabor.** We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are a visitor, please fill out and return the attendance card in your pew rack so we may have a record of your attendance. Our ushers and greeters will be glad to answer any questions you may have about our worship service. We hope that you will experience the presence of the Risen Christ today!

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**Lord Teach Us To Pray:**

*As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week:* Betsy Hayden Jennifer Latham, Rick Maxheimer, Justin Cegelis, Jana Payne, Paula Taylor, Bobby Long Lucy Scarborough, Paul Carter, Mike Buchanan, Robert Cromer, Michael Gayden, Hampton Miller, Janice Livingston, Michael Frye, Pierce Taylor, Rebecca McQuillen, Alice South, Jilda Ward.

**Most Recent Prayer Concerns:**

Wanda Addy, Pam Hoskins, Elise Helms, Rick Moorer  
Ann Crout, Jean Latimer, Al & Judy Jordan

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:**

Drewby McQuillen, Mary Davis, Alice Pollock, Jimmy Williams, Mona Myers, Sadie Howard, Elmer Sundlie, Robert Cromer, Dennis Rybicki Jr., Emma Lou Easley, Lib Manus, Paul Addy, Paul & Jeanie Jacobs, Barbara Bradshaw, Sandra Baker, Betty Wise  
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*Mr. Kevin Davis, Director of Music*