

Worship Bulletin - Bethel Congregational Church UCC

April 13, 2025 – Palm-Passion



Centering Words

(Luke 19, 22–23)

Exaltation and joy. Passover sacrifice and betrayal. Death and life. Such is the terrain of Holy Week. Such are the waters that sweep us through the holy mystery of our faith—the waters that reveal the joy and the cost of discipleship. (B. J. Beu)



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Sunday – April 13, 2025

Prelude

Responsive Call to Worship

L: Today, we join Jesus in the final ascent to Jerusalem, knowing the depths we will descend on our journey through Holy Week.

P: Open the gates of righteousness, that we may come worship God!

L: We join the disciples in declaring that Jesus, riding on a donkey, is our Ruler, the One who will bring peace and salvation for all.

P: Open the gates of peace, that we may come worship God!

L: We join with the bystanders who questioned and wondered who this Jesus really is, who feared the consequences of angering the powers that be.

P: Open the gates of truth, that we may come worship God!

L: The journey through Holy Week brings us face-to-face with the stark reality of sin and God's faithfulness to save.

P: the gates of salvation, that we may come worship God whose steadfast love never fails!

Responsive Opening Prayer

L: God, we gather on this day to begin a week of contrasts.

P: From hope to despair to hope again.

L: As we begin the week, as we join with the crowd,

**P: help us cut through the noise to see what is happening,
to see what is at stake.**

L: As the story unfolds,

P: open us to both the hope and the pain.

L: In this time of worship,

P: prepare us to celebrate, to weep, and to wait. Amen.

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna,
The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple
The lovely anthem rang:
To Jesus, who had blessed them
Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises,
The simplest and the best.

2. From Olivet they followed,
Amid a cheering crowd,
The victor palm branch waving,
And chanting clear and loud;
The one whom angels worship
Rode on in lowly state,
And glad to see the children,
Slowed down the donkey's gait

3. "Hosanna in the highest!"
That ancient song is ours,
We hail our great Redeemer,
And sing with all our powers;
"Hosanna, Christ, we praise you
With heart and soul and voice,
Hosanna! In your presence
Forever we'll rejoice!"

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

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Jennette Threlfall, 1873; alt.

Mark 11:8-10; Matt. 21:15

1 "Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na," the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed a - mid a cheer - ing crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song is ours.

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang;
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud.
 We hail our great Re - deem - er and sing with all our powers:

To Je - sus, who had blessed them close fold - ed to his breast,
 The one whom an - gels wor - ship rode on in low - ly state,
 "Ho - san - na, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice.

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 and glad to see the chil - dren, slowed down the don - key's gait.
 Ho - san - na! In your pres - ence for - ev - er we'll re - joice!"

Jennette Threlfall of England, who was disabled by two accidents,

Tune: ELLACOMBE C.M.D.

Carolsbook des kaiserlichen Winterbergschen

Passing the Peace - Announcements/Regular and Special Events:

- **Sundays** – *Worship! (Bethel 10am Sanctuary/Parlor; FCCO 11:30am)*
- **Mondays** – *Southland Jazz Orchestra Rehearsals 7-9:30 (per calendar)*
- **Tuesdays** – *meetings as called/needed*
- **Wednesdays** – *Cub Scouts 6pm (basement).*
- **Thursdays at 10am** - *Qi-Gong*
- **Fridays** – *evenings SWE Rehearsals (sanctuary/parlor)*
- **Saturdays** – *Mornings SSO Rehearsals / FCCO Korean Fellowship 10-2*

Children's Time

Triumphal Procession

Saddleback Kids

***Gloria** Glory to the Creator, The Christ, the Holy Spirit Three in One
 As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
 World without end, Amen, Amen.

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Glory to the Creator

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of three systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass staff. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

System 1 (Measures 1-4):
Chords: C, G/D, C, G/B, G, C, G/B, Am/C
Lyrics: Glo-ry to the Cre-a-tor, the Christ the Ho-ly Spi-rit

System 2 (Measures 5-8):
Chords: G/D, D⁷, G, C, G⁷, G⁷
Lyrics: three in one; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er

System 3 (Measures 9-12):
Chords: C, G, G/F, C/E, C/G, G⁷, C
Lyrics: shall be, world with-out end. A-men. A-men.

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"

So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

SERMON*"Palms to Passion"**Rev. Dr. Sylvia Lee Mann*

Prayer of Yearning

Abiding Spirit, your love meets us in our need.
On this Palm Sunday celebration,
we yearn to be free of doubt
healed of our weaknesses,
and freed from our denials and betrayals.
We yearn to keep singing our hosannas,
but fear that we too may lose our convictions
in the face of an angry mob.
Strengthen our resolve during Holy Week,
that we may remain your faithful disciples.
Correct our wayward feet and our fickle hearts,
for we long to walk in your ways,
lest we stumble and fall in times of trial.
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Words of Grace and Assurance

Christ has opened the gates of righteousness
and beckons us to walk through.
The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone of our salvation.

Prayers of the People

Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer (*Unison*)

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

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**

Offering - Invitation to Generosity (Pastor)

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Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

We thank you, O God, for your generous Spirit

We praise you for Christ’s gift of self,
and your never-failing love.

For your many gifts,
we thank you.

For walking with us in our weakness,
we praise you.

Receive these gifts in token and thanks
for the love you offer us—
a love that makes us well and whole. Amen.

*This was originally written as a “call and response” song –
the CAPS are the congregation’s response – but feel free to sing it all!*

Hosanna HOSANNA
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HOSANNA TO THE KING

We welcome him WE WELCOME HIM
We welcome him WE WELCOME HIM
Hosanna HOSANNA
HOSANNA TO THE KING

We’ll follow him WE’LL FOLLOW HIM
We’ll follow him WE’LL FOLLOW HIM
Hosanna HOSANNA
HOSANNA TO THE KING

We’ll walk with him WE’LL WALK WITH HIM
To Calvary TO CALVARY
Hosanna HOSANNA
HOSANNA TO THE KING

On Easter morn ON EASTER MORN
We’ll share the news WE’LL SHARE THE NEWS
Hosanna HOSANNA
HOSANNA TO THE KING

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Hosanna

Steady ♩ = 50

words and music by
Jim Strathdee

Solo C G C All G C

1&6 Ho - san - na, (ho - san - na) ho - san -
2. We wel - come him, (we wel - come him) we wel - come
3. We'll fol - low him, (we'll fol - low him) we'll fol - low
4. We'll walk with him, (we'll walk with him) to Cal - va -
5. On Eas - ter morn, (on Eas - ter morn) we'll share the

Em Am Em F G

na, (ho - san - na) Ho - san - na, (ho -
him, (we wel - come him) Ho - san - na, (ho -
him, (we'll fol - low him) Ho - san - na, (ho -
ry, (to Cal - va - ry) Ho - san - na, (ho -
news, (we'll share the news) Ho - san - na, (ho -

Am Em All F G C

san - na) HO - SAN - NA TO THE KING.

Benediction - Responsive

L: We go now in joy, love, and peace!

P: Remember the day of celebration when Jesus boldly and humbly rode into the city of fear and anger.

L: May we have courage as we move into the unknown that awaits us. We do not go alone. Do not fear.

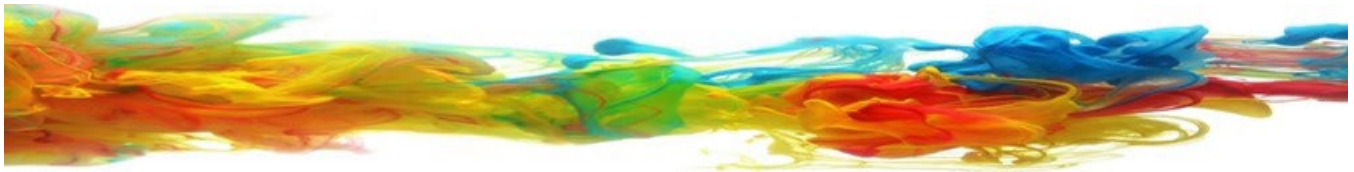
P: Love will carry us. We go, ready to proclaim with our lives that we are disciples, that Jesus is Lord and Savior.

L: The nights ahead will be long. It will not be easy, and we may fear that nothing will ever change. We go now together into the unknown. Do not be afraid.

P: Love will carry us. We go to offer and to live God's love and peace to all. Go in peace. AMEN

Postlude

Carillon



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God sends us to serve, but God does not send us alone. The Spirit is with us in the world guiding our steps and protecting our paths. Christ yearns for us to be one in ministry and service, and one in community and faith – a unity that we discover through the Spirit's miraculous power in our lives. Sent to serve, we are sent not only with the power of the Spirit, but also with the power of unity with one another. Embracing this unity with both the Holy Spirit and one another opens a path to the "Complete joy" that Christ prays we may one day know.