

Worship
Sunday, March 29, 2026
Palm Sunday

Prelude

Welcome

Responsive Call to Worship

Will you follow? Will you lay down your coat? Will you lay down something important? Will you shout "Hosanna"? Will you join the parade? Will you sing, even if your throat is hoarse? Will you cut down a palm branch? Will you wave it in the air? Will you follow the one riding on a donkey? Will you let this good news inspire you to act?

We will. We will sing. We will pay close attention.

We will worship. We will follow.

Hosanna in the highest!

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Opening Hymn: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

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Invitation to Confession:

The very first Palm Sunday was a day of action ... Join me in prayer:

Prayer of Confession:

Jesus of Nazareth, we know that you spent your days teaching and healing. You marched through the streets and walked on water. You laid hands on the sick and broke bread at crowded dinner tables. Your good news was not confined to conversation. It was not confined to the Temple. Your good news was an act of love, alive in the world. Holy God, we long for a faith like that. Forgive us for the times when we confine our faith to something we think about, as opposed to something we act upon. Inspire us to love as you loved. Inspire us to act. With hope for tomorrow we pray, amen.

Words of Assurance:

Church Family ... Jesus will never stop marching for you. The Spirit will never stop listening to you.

We are claimed, loved, and held in grace. What good, good news.

Amen!

Passing the Peace

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Special Music: *Hosanna, to the Son of David* arr. Michael Barrett
Chancel Choir

Prayer for Illumination:

Holy One, if we've heard this story before, the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem riding on a donkey, then help us to hear it again. And if we've never heard this story before, if we've never heard the story of Palm Sunday or the cries of "Hosanna," then give us the wisdom to follow along. Give us the wisdom to hear these words. Give us the wisdom to take them into our hearts. Give us the wisdom to act on their truth. We are listening. Amen.

Scripture: Mark 11:1-11 NRSVue

(reader) *The Word of the Lord!*

(All) Thanks be to God!

Message: *The Good News is... inspiring us to act*

Song of Response: *Hosanna, Praise is Rising*

Invitation to Offering

Offertory:

Doxology – Hymn 95

Offertory Prayer

Opportunities Coming Soon! (Announcements)

Blessing (Benediction)

Closing Hymn: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

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***Please join us for Coffee Fellowship
after the Worship service***

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