

April 2, 2023 + 10:30 A.M.

Palm Sunday

We Join in Worship

*If you need extra space for a wheelchair or walker, or if you have young children with you, please feel free to make use of our Playground, the extra space across the aisle from the sound booth.*

PRELUDE

*I Stand Amazed in the Presence*

Charles H. Gabriel, arr. Cindy Berry

WELCOME

PROCESSION OF PALMS

**Siyahamba (We Are Marching)**

*Siyahamba, ekukanyen' kwenkos',  
Siyahamba, ekukanyen' kwenkos',  
Siyahamba, ekukanyen' kwenkos',  
Siyahamba, ekukanyen' kwenkos',  
Siyahamba, siyahamba, oh,  
Siyahamba ekukanyen' kwenkos'.  
Siyahamba, siyahamba, oh,  
Siyahamba ekukanyen' kwenkos'.*

*We are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching, we are marching, ooh,  
We are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching, we are marching, ooh,  
We are marching in the light of God.*

CHORAL INTROIT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Christ's peace is with us always, no matter where we may be. And so, Christ's peace is with each and every one of us in this moment. Let us take it in. Let us really feel it. If able, please stand where you are, look around, and make signs of Christ's peace to each other. If you are at home, give somebody a call after the service to share Christ's peace!

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from *Psalms* 118 and *Matthew* 21)

Leader: Open to us the gates of righteousness, that we may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

**ALL: Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

Leader: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. We thank you that you have answered us and have become our salvation.

**ALL: Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

ALL: **Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD. The LORD is God, who has given us light. Let us bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar!

ALL: **Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (88)

#### **INVITATION TO CONFESSION:**

Leader: Paul writes, "Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited." In humility, let us confess our sins together.

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

God of mercy, listen to our prayer. Help us to repair what we have broken with our transgressions and so to reconcile with each other and with you. We confess that all too often our shouts of "Hosanna!" ring hollow when we have been waiting and watching for you. We welcome you into our lives only when it is convenient for us to do so. Otherwise we actively avoid you because we fear the possibility of transformation that you bring. If ever it seems like our faith will put us at risk, we put our faith away. We deny you as Peter did. We accuse you as the crowds did when they changed their tune. Forgive us for being fair weather friends. Help us to make our "Hosannas!" bold and true. It is in the name of Jesus Christ, the one who comes in the name of the Lord, that we pray. Amen.

#### **KYRIE**

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name. It is in this name that we are forgiven.

ALL: **Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Hallelujah! Thanks be to God!**

#### **GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

#### **STATEMENT OF FAITH:** (*The Apostles' Creed*)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

<b>We Hear God's Word</b>
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**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:** (Unison)

Saving Spirit, as you gathered us in the wilderness and led us to a land flowing with milk and honey, gather us before your Word and lead us into your wisdom that we might be equipped to follow your Son on this Lenten path. Amen.

**HEBREW BIBLE LESSON:**        *Isaiah 40:4-9a*

**EPISTLE LESSON:**                *Philippians 2:5-11*

**GOSPEL LESSON:**                *Matthew 21:1-11*

**SERMON**                                Journeying to and through Jerusalem

**CHORAL ANTHEM**                *Hosanna in the Streets*                                Pepper Choplin

<b>We Respond in Faith</b>
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**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER****INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE****GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:**

Leader:        The Lord be with you.

**ALL:**        **And also with you.**

Leader:        Lift up your hearts.

**ALL:**        **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader:        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL:**        **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as we proclaim the mystery of faith. **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**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. Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.

## BREAKING THE BREAD AND POURING THE CUP

Leader: The bread of heaven. The cup of the new covenant. The gifts of God for the people of God.

**ALL:** Let us keep the feast!

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## OFFERING INVITATION:

Leader: The crowds lay their palms and spread their cloaks on the road to pave the way for the King. Let us give of our tithes and offerings as we seek to pave the way for the Kingdom. If you did not do so as you entered, please place your offering in the plate as you leave. If you are worshipping from home, please mail in your checks or use our online giving option on the website.

**OFFERTORY** *I Will Sing of My Redeemer*

James McGranaham, arr. Cindy Berry

## \*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God, all creatures here below.**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host.**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (Unison)

**O God, we dedicate these gifts to you and to the work of your Kingdom, a kingdom ushered in by a king riding on a donkey. Let us shout, "Hosanna!" as we offer these gifts to you. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the promised savior. Amen.**

<b>We Go into the World</b>
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\* **CLOSING HYMN:** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (89)

## BENEDICTION

## CHORAL BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

William H. Monk, arr. Cindy Berry

**PALM PARADE:** Reprise *Siyahamba*

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## Life of the Church

### PEEK AT THE WEEK

SUNDAY 4/2:	PALM SUNDAY Adult Study – 9:00 Am Worship in Person & Online – 10:30 AM Communion The Shrine of Christ's Passion Visit – After Worship
TUESDAY 4/4:	Deacons – 6:30 PM
WEDNESDAY 4/5:	Lenten Study & Practice 7-8 PM (Zoom)
THURSDAY 4/6:	MAUNDY THURSDAY Service – 7:00 PM
FRIDAY 4/7:	GOOD FRIDAY (No Service)
SATURDAY 4/8:	Cook for Shelter – 1:00 PM
SUNDAY 4/9:	EASTER SUNDAY

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SHRINE OF CHRIST'S PASSION VISIT** After church today, April 2, we're heading to the Shrine of Christ's Passion to walk the stations of the cross together as a visual way to reflect on Jesus' passion. The walking path is about a half-mile long, outdoors on a paved surface. There is no fee for The Shrine, and friends and family are welcome to attend with you.
- **BAKERS AND EATERS NEEDED!** The Ministry of Mission will be having a Bake Sale on Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023! Mission is in need of Bakers to make the Bake Sale feasible, and if you are interested in supporting Mission, please contact either Tracy Oprea or Cheryl Steen. Thank you!
- **MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP** will be held Thursday, April 6, at 7:00 PM. Join us in person or online for this special service of the Lord's Supper, Tenebrae, and Jesus's last words!
- **SOUP SALES APRIL 16** Our next soup fundraiser will be the third Sunday of April!
- **SPIRITUALITY CENTER** Throughout Lent there is a Lent Spirituality Center set up in the room across from the church office, with a variety of prayer and activity stations set up. Please take time on Sundays or weekday mornings Tuesdays through Thursdays to stop in and enrich your spiritual journey during this holy season! If you would like to arrange a time during an afternoon or evening to visit the Spirituality Center, please contact Heather Casiano at [hcasiano@fpchighland.org](mailto:hcasiano@fpchighland.org) or leave a message for her at the church office.
- **LENTEN DEVOTIONAL** This year's Lenten Devotional comes from the Presbyterian Outlook, entitled, "Examen: Inward Work for Outward Living." It explores the connection between internal contemplation and outward action through the ancient spiritual practice of *examen* that focuses on honest assessment and reflection. The devotions will be sent out weekly via email, and a small number of printed copies will be available in the narthex for those who do not have email or access to a printer. Weekly themes include examining our fear to live with faith, examining our pain to live with healing, examining our dishonesty to live with truth, examining our joy to live with gratitude, examining our love to live with heart and examining our burdens to live with blessing. Daily reflections will combine personal reflection with meditation, visualization and short prayers.
- **LENTEN STUDY AND PRACTICE** Pastor Tyler is leading this annual time of discussion, reflection, and spiritual practice online on Zoom during our BYOB time on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. This year's journey will take us through the stages of grief as we witness them being embodied by Jesus and his disciples in their anticipation of what was to come on the cross. By engaging grief openly and honestly, our journey will be one of healing! Each session we will also be exploring spiritual practices that will give us sustenance and strength for our journey. Plan on joining us for this meaningful opportunity starting even if you haven't yet done so!

- **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** It's time to fill those fish banks and special offering envelopes to help support our denomination's work through the mission of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance! Collect money throughout Lent and bring your offerings in on Easter Sunday!
- **YOUTH CONNECTIONS** Youth Connections will head to the Shrine of Christ's Passion after worship today. Youth Connections is open to all youth in 6th – 12th grades, and young adults post-high school through mid-20s. If you would like to be involved with Youth Connections, please contact Heather Casiano or Pastor Tyler.
- **ADULT CONNECTIONS** The Sunday morning "Bible in Today's World" meets in person on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM.
- **FELLOWSHIP HOSTS** Our Ministry of Hospitality is seeking hosts for fellowship! There is a sign up board downstairs. Hosting can be as simple as bringing store-bought snacks or as fun as making something if you have the skills!
- **INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF FPCH?** You are always welcome here, whether a member or not! If you are interested in joining as a member, though, we would love to have you! Please talk to Pastor Tyler if you would like to learn more.

**Opportunities to serve as the HEART, HANDS, and FEET of Jesus Christ:**

- **BLESSING BOX** Please continue to place items in the Blessing Box and take items if you are a person in need! Items most commonly donated: Canned goods with pull tabs, socks, toilet paper, non-perishable foods, small snacks, toiletries, baby wipes and diapers. Please check expiration dates on food items before donating them.
- **HELP STOCK OUR PANTRY!** Please pick up a beautifully decorated grocery bag in the narthex to help the church's food pantry. We'd love to have you take a bag home, place some non-perishable food items in the bag, and bring it back to the church to help keep our pantry stocked!

## Prayer List

Anthony	Laura Buono Domsic
George Nelson	The Windstrups
Brady Vanes	Ruth Dekker
George Griner	Rick Parker
Guy Hendricks	Barbara Morton
Bill and Anettia Holmes	Caroline Studer
Daniel Litwicki	Cary and Jennifer Pearson
David Markley	Carol Finley
David Kingen	Huilin
Carmelo	Winnie Owen
Diana and Ray Mendoza	Holly Letnich
Janet Orem	Lily Renfro
John Mullen	Marla and Jerry Renfro
Jeanne Nestor	Jaden Mendez
Cindy Waltz and Sister	Frank Falzone
Andrew Bobalik	Doug and Sue Matthews
Gale Snyder	Kiki Ho
Yvonne Suroviak	Janet Terpstra and Family
U. Chong	Robert Urich
Wendy	Richard Simmons
Georgette Sknerski	Glen Nahler
Jakob Holden	Virginia Marshall
Denise Matthys	Tammy
Steve & Melinda	Tom
Gary Studer	Jana Tolley
Jan Oprea	Kathy Elrod
Janet Vargo	Shirley McKnight
Robbie	Jay Smith
Peter Churitch	Mary Keilman
Chuck Murphy	Larry Perryman
Piper	Ric Jaeggi
Laura Wisner	Florance Cody
Jim & Sue Cheek	Josephine Kim
Delta Rose	Mark
Lena	Paulina Martinez



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

<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?

### **Philippians 2:5-11**

<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.



## Matthew 21:1-11

**21** When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

<sup>5</sup> “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.”

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup> they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>10</sup> When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup> The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

### **Journeying to and through Jerusalem**

*Isaiah 40:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 21:1-11*

Throughout Lent we have journeyed through dirt, through the wilderness, to the water, through the streets, and through grief. We have accompanied Jesus every step of the way on his long journey to the cross, just as Jesus accompanies us every blessed step of our way. And what a journey it has been! Along the way we have encountered saints of God struggling upon their own journeys. Hagar in the desert. Photini at the Samaritan well. The blind man in the streets. Mary and Martha outside the tomb of their brother. Along the way we have experienced hunger, thirst, physical brokenness, spiritual brokenness, and emotional brokenness. Along the way we have witnessed miracles of resistance, forgiveness, healing, and resurrection. Along the way we have been joined by multitudes inspired by these miracles and by the miraculous existence of a messiah who would choose the multitudes in the margins rather than the monarchs and their militaries. Many of them were there last week in Bethany outside the same tomb as Mary and Martha when this miraculous messiah called Lazarus out of the cave, when Lazarus walked out full of life.

And so our journey brings us to this moment, the culmination of journeys upon journeys—from Creation to incarnation to prophetic realization to liberation! Jesus’s last journey to Jerusalem. You see, once the multitudes witnessed Lazarus being raised, there was no turning back. Word would have spread like wildfire that the messiah could defy death and therefore that they need not fear death. If they need not fear death, then they need not fear those who use death to control, coerce, and colonize. In other words, they need not fear the priests, the kings, and the emperors. And so the priests and kings and emperors feared this messiah more than they would any violent or conquering force. His way of peace, his way of welcome, his way of life, his way of love threatened the very nature of power over others. His alternative Kingdom dismantled any claim to legitimacy that they had. They would come at him with whatever they could. They would seek to discredit him. They would turn the crowds against him. They would ridicule him. They would beat him. They would crucify him.

And he knew it. He knew their ways. He knew what was awaiting him. After all, he had been talking about it to his disciples all along his journeys. With the raising of Lazarus, he knew that there could be no turning back. Those with power would go to the ends of the earth to find him, taking down any and all of his beloved followers along the way. After all, they were already causing so much harm to his people in the margins. They were already occupying their land. They were already exploiting their labor. They were already extracting their resources. They were already excluding their presence in worship. And so Jesus was ready to say, “ENOUGH!”

Enough with your love of the law over your love of the people! Enough with your prescriptions of purity that proclaim people impure for being different! Enough with your economics that keep people in poverty! Enough with your hierarchies that keep people oppressed! Enough with your patriarchy that pushes women to the wells at the margins! Enough with your theologies that would name a man a sinner because he is blind! Enough with your systems of violence that leave people in constant fear! Enough with your demons of legions! Enough with your desecration of the temple! Enough with your temptations!

I can only imagine what he would add today! Enough with your income inequality! Enough with your barriers to health and healthcare! Enough with your segregation of races on Sunday mornings! Enough with your sneaky hatred clothed in lines like “Love the sinner and hate the sin!” Enough with your control of women’s bodies! Enough with your hatred of immigrants! Enough with your slaughters of the innocents in schools and in the streets! Enough with your nationalisms! Enough with your wars! Enough with your prisons! Enough with your walls! Enough with your guns! Get behind me Satan, enough!

And if anybody there ever was who had the authority to say, “ENOUGH!” it was he. He had healed the broken. He had delivered the demon possessed. He had raised Lazarus from the dead. He had defeated very death itself! And he had done all of this while bringing the people together, the rich and the poor, the Israelites and the Samaritans, the Jews and the gentiles. He came out of Bethlehem, the city of David. He was raised by Joseph, a descendant of David. He was born of Mary, the fiercest human that ever was. This was no ordinary messiah. This was the Son of Man and the Son of God. This was very God incarnate! Even if the crowds shut up. Even if all the people there bit their tongues and held their breaths, the very stones would shout out!

So he decided to face them head on and say “ENOUGH!” in the most triumphal of ways. He would journey to and through Jerusalem as a living, breathing embodiment of the prophecies of his people, making it abundantly clear that he was a King laying claim to his Kingdom, even if his chariot would be a donkey and his throne a cross. Listen to the words of Zechariah:

“Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea

and from the River to the ends of the earth.”—*Zechariah 9:9-10*

And now listen again to the words of Matthew:

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

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“Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

“The one who will save us! The one who will rescue us! Our savior! Hosanna!” They were using the language for the messiah. They were calling him king. They were calling him savior. He rode that donkey on a journey through the Jerusalem, taking to the streets, the realm of his people once again. And his people went with him. They went before him and behind him as a raucous, rowdy parade.

*“Hosanna, hey sanna, sanna sanna ho  
Sanna hey, sanna hosanna  
Hey JC, JC, won’t you smile at me?  
Sanna ho, sanna hey, Superstar.”*

He journeyed by the place where the blind man once begged. He journeyed to the place where the blind man had been excluded and named a sinner, to the place where money changers and dove sellers had taken over, to the place where those with power were preventing his people from entering into the presence of their God. He drove out the marketeers and flipped over the tables. He began healing people from the crowd right then and there. As it says in *Matthew* immediately following our reading:

<sup>14</sup> The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. <sup>15</sup> But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did and heard the children crying out in the temple and saying, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they became angry <sup>16</sup> and said to him, “Do you hear what these are saying?”

*Hosanna, hey sanna, sanna sanna ho  
Sanna hey, sanna ho sanna  
Hey JC, JC, you’re alright by me  
Sanna ho, sanna hey, Superstar!*

Over the next several days he would keep coming back to the temple. He would keep challenging the religious leaders who were also his people, whose teachings he had sought out as a child. He would tell parables revealing the truth of his Kingdom. He would question conventional religious teachings. He would challenge fundamentalism. He would talk of resurrection. He would give the greatest commandment of Love. He would say that Love must be embodied through giving food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, welcome to the stranger, clothing to the naked, care to the sick, and visitation to the imprisoned. And so he would foment revolution.

And so the rubber hit the road on this final journey. And in their beautiful, broken humanness, some of the people started to feel afraid. This would mean that they could no longer ignore all that was going on. This would mean that they, too, would have to confront the evils that surrounded them and that were within them.

This would mean that the hammer of the Empire would fall on them with full force. This would mean that everything they knew about life would be transformed. Really, are we any different when confronted with the opportunity to fully embrace transformation? It's terrifying to consider giving up all that we know even when what we know is terrible.

In this mess of fear and passion and nerves and excitement, you can imagine the power of a single strategic suggestion. Maybe it started as a whisper. "Crucify him." It went from ear to ear. "Crucify him!" Those shouts of "Hosanna!" became shouts of "Crucify him!" "Crucify him!" Friends, as you journey through this Holy Week, I invite us all to reflect deeply on those shouts that changed. I invite us to consider the reasons. I invite us to dwell upon the times when our routines and our comforts and our privilege have drawn those "Crucify him" from our lips. And then I invite us to think about what it would truly mean if all of us released our grip on these things and instead fully embraced our savior. I invite us to examine our own fears of transformation. And invite you to prepare ourselves, because transformation is coming! Riding on a donkey! Hear the good news! Even if our voices have joined the "Crucify him" chorus before, we can still be transformed. We can still welcome our King into our hearts! We can still do the work of his Kingdom today! So let's join the parade! Let's shout "Hosanna!" "The one who will save us! The one who will rescue us! Our savior! Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna!" Amen!

## All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820  
 Trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1859

Melchior Teschner, 1614  
 Arr. William Henry Monk, 1861

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To Thee, Re-deem-er, King!

To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

*Fine*

1. Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, Thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2. The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore Thee went;  
 3. To Thee, be - fore Thy pas - sion, They sang their hymns of praise;  
 4. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Repeat Refrain*

Who in the Lord's name com - est, The King and bless-ed One.  
 Our praise and prayers and an - thems Be - fore Thee we pre - sent.  
 To Thee, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 Who in all good de - light - est, Thou good and gra-cious King!

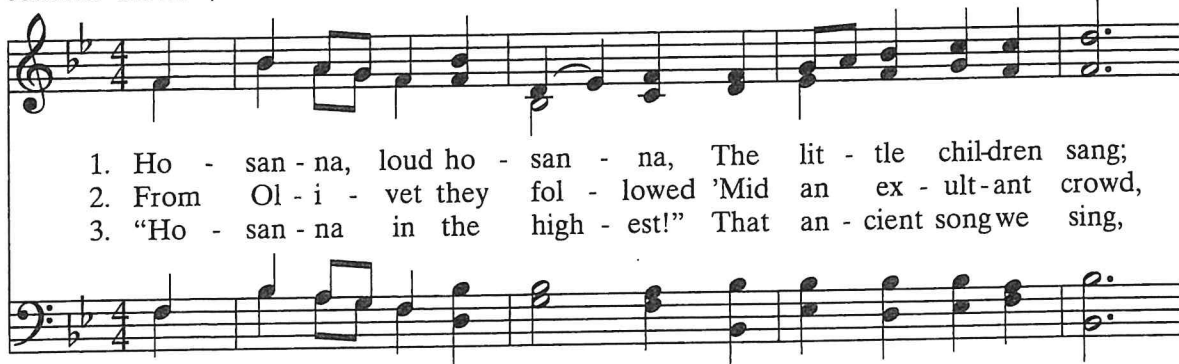
# Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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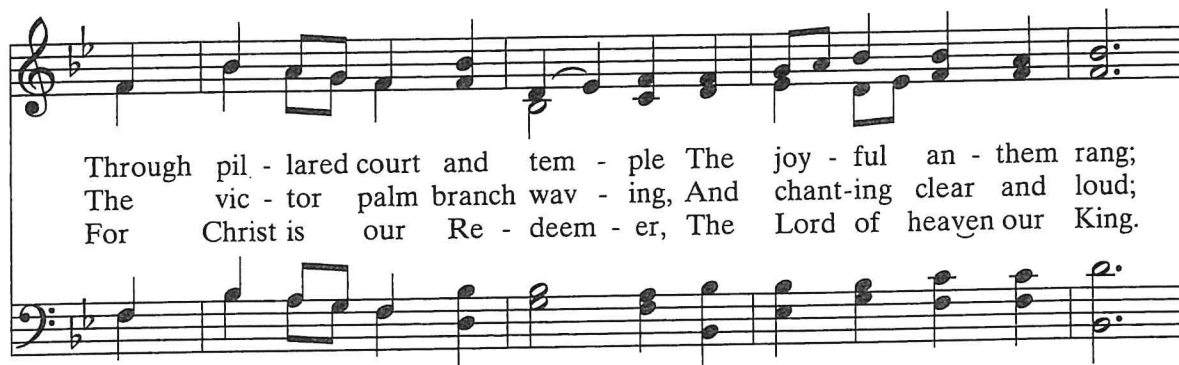
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*Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen  
Katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784; alt. 1868*

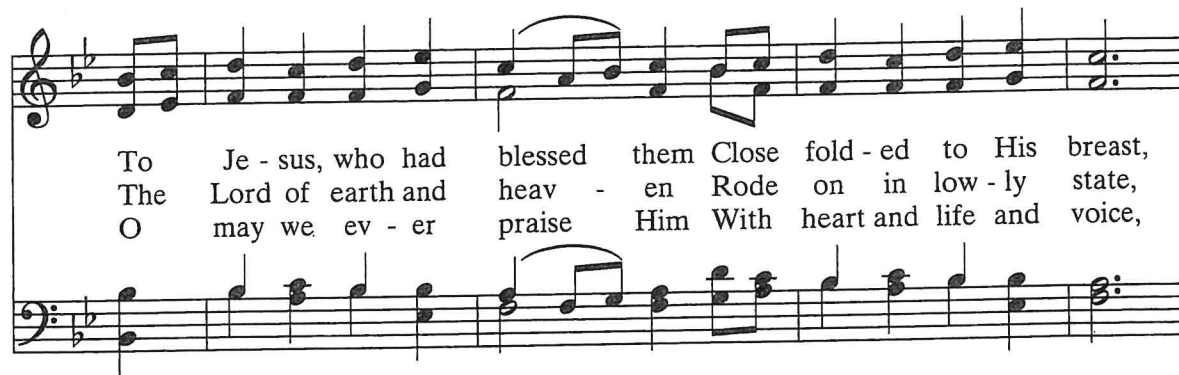
Jennette Threlfall, 1873



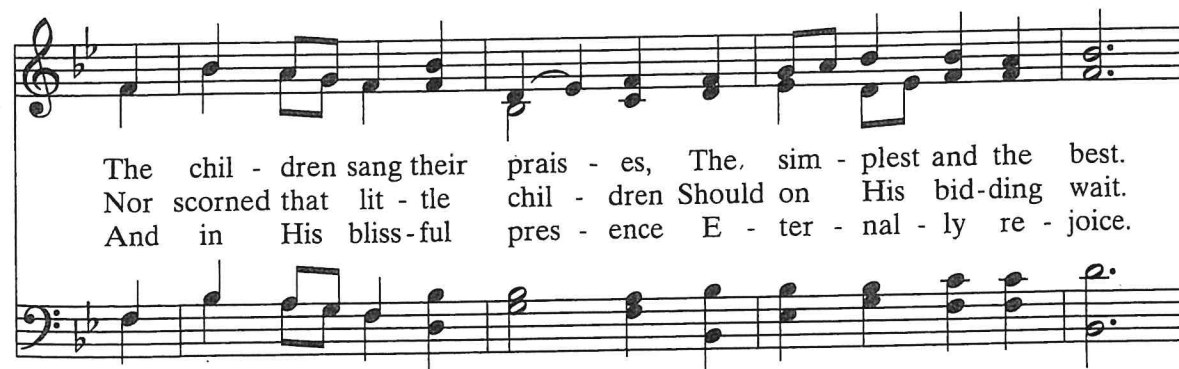
1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'Mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,  
3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,



Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The joy - ful an - them rang;  
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, And chant - ing clear and loud;  
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heaven our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them Close fold - ed to His breast,  
The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state,  
O may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice,



The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.  
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.  
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice.