

Palm Sunday | March 24, 2024

*GATHERING IN THE COURTYARD

*TRUMPET FANFARE

*CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader Rejoice, friends of God!

For your King comes to you, triumphant in love, humble as a servant.

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he whom comes in the name of the Lord! All

We proclaim Jesus Christ of Nazareth as our Lord and Savior. And we follow him, the Way to everlasting life and peace. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Glory Laud And Honor

#196

#740

With palms waving, we process following the cross and worship leaders. After we enter the sanctuary, please join the choir in singing our opening hymn:

> Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One. (Refrain)

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. (Refrain)

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. (Refrain)

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King! (Refrain)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All Almighty God,

we come to the edge of this Holy Week weary and carrying heavy burdens.

Lift us up. Heal us. Renew us.

Challenge us for the days yet to come, by the power of your Holy Spirit.

(Silence will be kept)

Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with thee.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

I am weak and I need your strength and power to help me over my weakest hour.

Help me through the darkness your face to see.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with thee.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Leader By the love of the one who suffered and died for us:

Amen.

*Please rise in body or spirit

All

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader Beloved people of God, hear and trust in the good news of the Gospel.

All In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, healed, and made whole.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

*All And also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

TIME WITH YOUNGER CHURCH

Children are always welcome to fully participate in worship at UPC. Worship boxes are available in the narthex to help children follow along.

ANTHEM Blessed Is He Rob Landes & Paul Williams

Jesus came into Jerusalem, riding on a donkey colt. Hosannas filled the air, shouting ev'rywhere, the crowd was out of control. Many spread their garments in the street, waved palm branches in the air. Jesus came into Jerusalem, multitudes worshipped Him there. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Praise Him all you little children. Hosanna in the highest they cried in one accord. Jesus came into Jerusalem, many wanted Him as King. Hosannas filled the air, shouts from ev'rywhere were echoing. Many heard about His miracles, they knew the works He had done.

Jesus came into Jerusalem, the crowd sang together as one.

WELCOMING SONG God Welcomes All #399

God welcomes all, strangers and friends; God's love is strong and it never ends.

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 11:1-11

Leader The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SERMON Two Parades

*AFFIRMATION HYMN A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd #200

Choir sings verses 1-3. Congregation sings verses 4-5

MINUTE FOR MISSION

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Lamb Of God Most Holy F. Melius Christiansen

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

Leader The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

The Lord's Prayer

And now, gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Christ taught, saying:

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

This morning, we will receive communion by intinction. Come forward, touch the water in the font if you wish, receive a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, and eat. A gluten-free option is available in the center. The cups closest to the Table contain wine. The cups furthest from the Table contain juice. If you prefer to remain in your pew or physically distanced, prepackaged gluten-free elements are available from the aisle servers or in the narthex. If you are worshipping with us by Zoom, feel free to share bread and cup with one another, or to partake individually in the knowledge that the risen Christ binds us as one.

Communion Hymn	Eat This Bread	#527
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION		
*CLOSING HYMN	Ride On! Ride On In Majesty!	#198
*CHARGE & BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	Lord God, Now Be Glorified	J. S. Bach

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Year-to-Date Income: \$137,346 (budgeted) \$134,301 (actual)

Year-to-Date Expenses: \$167,375 (budgeted) \$155,239 (actual)

Liturgists: Caroline Eader, Matt Gaventa, Carter Grant, David Evans; Music: Kim Vitray, conductor; UPC Chancel Choir; Sound of Angels; Jessie Hsu, trumpet; Blake Billings, trumpet; Eric Wall, organ; Daylia Vaughan, Deacon of the Day; Donna Randolph and Bob Bridge, Zoom Friendship Rooms Facilitators.

Flowers are given to the Glory of God in celebration of Bob and LaVerne Reid's anniversary.

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These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

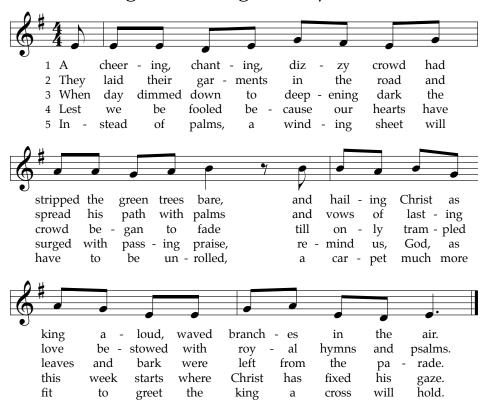


Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This African American gospel hymn can well be understood as an updated adaptation of Psalm 5:8, with the "enemies" of the psalm treated as the pressures and temptations of daily life. As with the psalms, the "I" here is understood to express a shared communal experience.

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A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd 200



This Palm Sunday hymn recreates the contrasting sounds of Holy Week, moving from the noisy public acclaim of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to the solitary silence of his body being prepared for burial. It gently reminds us that self-giving is the mark of Christ's true sovereignty.



This text from the Taizé Community is based on John 6:35, which is paraphrased here in two styles. The more immediate first version maintains the second-person invitation spoken by Jesus, while the alternative version provides a more general statement in the third person.

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! 198



This 19th-century Palm Sunday text is better understood as the reflections of someone standing outside the event rather than as coming from those participating in the actual procession. This poignant text is set to a tune written especially for it later in the same century.