

Order of Worship
PALM SUNDAY
9:30 am – April 2, 2023

Participating Live?

Text your prayer requests to 805-309-6867 before the end of the first hymn.

PRELUDE

“The Holy City”
by Michael Maybrick, arr. Myles B. Foster, Public Domain.
Kyle Hanks, organ

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21: 1-9

Bruce Miller, liturgist

PROCESSION OF PALMS

HYMN

Hosanna Loud Hosanna
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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 mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.
3. "Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

L: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

P: Hosanna! Rejoice for the Lord is in our midst.

L: He comes with joy and hope.

P: He comes to set us free from fear.

L: Hosanna!

P: Hosanna! Glory to God in the Highest Heaven. Amen.

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HYMN

Who Is He
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1. Who is He who comes in triumph hho is He who comes to die
Comes in peace and comes in power hidden One now lifted high
Jesus Jesus Lord Messiah mighty master of the grave
See Him ride the King of Glory God Himself has come to save
2. See Him there in humble splendor hear them shouting all around
Joy explodes in wild procession praise is now the victor's crown
Glory glory in the highest ike the angels hear them sing
Dancing round the Long-awaited once their hope and now their King

3. Rise and join the glad procession hear them passing by again
All the ransomed all His children marching to Jerusalem
Look ahead- the gates of splendor hear the everlasting hymn
Open wide Your hearts in worship let the King of Glory in

PEOPLE AT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER, 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 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. Amen.

CANTATA

*Come to the Cross and Remember**

Words and Music by Pepper Choplin (unless otherwise listed)

Presented by the Ventura First UMC Chancel Choir

Directed by Clara Johnson, Accompanied by Kyle Hanks

Narrated by Bruce Miller, Symbol offering by Karen Walsh

Come to the Cross and Remember

The Messiah Has Come

Bring the Cup and the Bread

Love Filled the Cup

Go To Dark Gethsemene

-by Richard Redhead, arr. Pepper Choplin

Bring the Thirty Silver Coins

Judas

Bring the Robe and the Crown

Surely He Has Borne Our Grievs

O Sacred Hands, Now Wounded

-by Hans Leo Hassler, arr. Pepper Choplin

You Will Be With Me In Paradise

Dianna Burdick, soprano; Laura Singer, alto

Hold the Shroud In Your Hands

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

Text VenturaUMC to 1-888-364-GIVE (4483)

Holy God, sovereign over power and pain, glorious triumph and deep disappointment, we enter this Holy Week bringing our tithes and offerings to your altar and leaving them here in the hope you will use them to make the world a more loving and compassionate place. We are reminded through the scripture that you sent two of your disciples out to make the world ready for your coming: "Go into the village . . . find the donkey . . . tell them the lord has need." Remind us that your kingdom breaks into the world not as a spectacle for us to witness but as a parade where we are called to make a working contribution. We pray in the name of the one who comes not just for the parade, but for the cross at the end of it. Amen.

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HYMN*We Sang Our Glad Hosannas (verses 1-4)*

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1. We sang our glad hosannas and waved our branches high,
but some were silent, frowning, as Jesus rode on by.
They sought a royal Savior, but did not understand
a king could rule by loving instead of by command.

2. We heard an angry Jesus in Temple courts declare,
“Be gone, you money changers! This is a house of prayer.”
Though many came for healing and stayed to hear his word,
Still other, hostile, plotted and thus his death assured.

3. We served him at the table with wine, unleavened bread.
“The one who will betray me now eats with me,” he said.
His friends would not believe him, but one by one that night,
As soldiers came to take him, they scurried out of sight.

4. We saw a suffering Jesus alone, without a friend,
And heard the voices shouting abuse until the end.
We wept as we stood watching Love’s light grow dim and die,
And cried, “Why did this happen? God, tell us, tell us why!”

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE**BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE***Jesu, Grant Me This, I Pray*

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Kyle Hanks, organ

THE CANTATA WILL CONTINUE AT 9:30 AM ON EASTER MORNING.

Prayer Requests

First UMC of Pasadena—Pastor Amy Aitken

First UMC of Reseda—Pastor Christian Jung

All those suffering from illness or loss of loved ones.