



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

**BREATHING PRAYER:** (Based on Psalm 118)

*IN FOR A COUNT OF 4: **Your steadfast love...***

*OUT FOR A COUNT OF 4: **Endures forever...***

**REFLECT ON QUOTE**

*"Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone but in every leaf of springtime." ~ Martin Luther*

**READ SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Luke 19:28-40

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 13, 2025

### **Palm Sunday**

PRELUDE

THE HOLY CITY  
JERRY BURSCH, ORGAN

ARR. NOBLE CAIN

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## PALM SUNDAY VIDEO

\*Please rise in body and spirit.

PROCESSION OF PALMS Brief intro by Pastor Matt – Processional entrance  
with anthem once procession ends.

Hosanna!

**Hosanna in the Highest.**

CHORAL ANTHEM      Procession for Palm Sunday      Arr. Craig Courtney

\*HYMN      Hosanna, Loud Hosanna      UMH 278  
Hymn for Palm Sunday  
arr. Craig Courtney

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!

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\*CALL TO WORSHIP

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

**Hosanna! Rejoice for the Lord is in our midst.**

He comes with joy and hope.

**He comes to set us free from fear.**

Hosanna!

**Hosanna! Glory to God in the Highest Heaven.**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

\*HYMN: *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* (v 1-3, 5)

UMH 160

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1. Rejoice, ye pure in heart;  
rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
your glorious banner wave on high,  
the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain:

Rejoice, rejoice,  
rejoice, give thanks and sing.

2. Your clear hosannas raise,  
and alleluias loud;  
whilst answering echoes upward float,  
like wreaths of incense cloud. [Refrain]

3. Yes, on through life's long path,  
still chanting as ye go;  
from youth to age, by night and day,  
in gladness and in woe. [Refrain]

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5. Praise God who reigns on high,  
the Lord whom we adore,  
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
one God forevermore. [Refrain]

#### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

**God of grace and glory, awaken our hearts, as we bless your name and sing your praises. As we rejoice in this happy day, steel our hearts for the road ahead. Amid our celebration with palms and praise, prepare our spirits for the cross that looms ahead. May your presence flow through us, that we may touch others with your grace. In Christ's blessed name, we pray. Amen.**

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#### JOYS AND CONCERNS

#### PASTORAL 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 and ever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Luke 19:28-40 (NRSV)  
Melissa Pryor, Liturgist

*Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29*

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

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Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

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, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

### *Luke 19:28-40*

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

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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.”

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt

RESPONDING IN FAITH

We live out our membership vows by offering our prayers, our presence, our service, our gifts, and our witness. In this way, we glorify God with our whole lives.

BELL OFFERING

*All Glory Laud and Honor*  
**Arr. Kevin McChesney**  
Bell Choir - Jerry Bursch, Director

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\*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (UM Hymnal 95)*

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CCLI Song # 56204

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

**God of Peace, who reigns in unexpected ways, we gather before you in this season of Lent, bringing our gifts as an offering of our hearts. Just as the crowd welcomed Jesus with shouts of praise, we offer our lives in service to your kingdom. Use these gifts to bring hope,**

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**healing, and love to a world longing for your peace. Guide us to give generously with joyful hearts, knowing that in our giving, we proclaim your reign of grace. Bless these offerings and all who give in the name of Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

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\*HYMN: *We Sang Our Glad Hosannas (v1-4)* TFWS 2111  
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CCLI Song # 2891154

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 moneychangers! This is a house of prayer."  
Though many came for healing and stayed to hear his word,  
still others, 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!"

BENEDICTION

Pastor Matt

HYMN OF PARTING

*Shalom to You*  
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Song #1913569

Shalom to you now, shalom my friends.  
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.

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In all your living and through all your loving  
Christ be your shalom. Christ be your shalom.

**Postlude**

**All Glory Laud and Honor  
Jerry Bursch, Organ**

**Arr. David Paxton**

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**April 13** - Coffee Fellowship follows worship in Fellowship Hall.

**April 14-18** - New Day Devotions 8:00 AM.

**April 15** - Koinonia Life Group 10:30 AM in a member's home.

**April 15** - Bell Choir 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

**April 16** - Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM Sloan's Restaurant Indio.

**April 16** - Tai Chi 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall.

**April 17** - Maundy Thursday 5:45 PM Fellowship Hall.

**April 18** - Good Friday Tenebrae service 7:00 PM Sanctuary.

**April 20 – "Son" Rise Service 7:00 AM.**

**April 20 - Pancake Breakfast 8:00 to 9:30 AM Fellowship Hall.**

**April 20** - Easter Sunday Worship 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary.

Want to assist in our feeding ministry – The Bridge on the  
last Saturday of every month. Contact the office for more information

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