

Palm Sunday April 2, 2023



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Gathering

Music to Prepare Us For Worship

Welcome * * * Welcome Pads * * * Post it Notes

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe God meets you right where you are, and you are welcome here.

The Word

(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today with a reading from the Gospel according to Matthew chapter 21 verses 1-11.

(Reader): When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them,

(Side 1): "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. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately."

(Reader): This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

(Side 2): "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."

(Reader): The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

(Side 1): "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

(Reader): When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking,

(Side 2): "Who is this?"

(Reader): The crowds were saying,

(ALL): "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Processional Song - "Pave the Way with Branches"

Pave the Way with Branches



*Additional verses:

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- 1 Release for the captives... 2 Hope for the down trod...
- 3 Land for the landless...

4 Debts are forgiven...

Feel free to create your own additional verses as needed.

Greet Someone New Music to Bring Us Back Together

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit is with you all. **And also with you**.

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

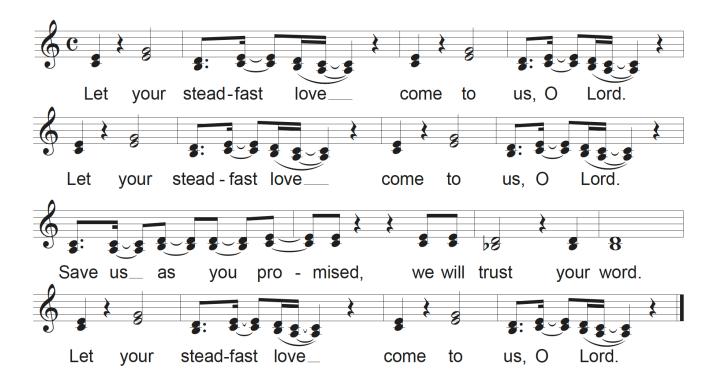
Holy One,

we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In + Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love. Amen.

Prayer of the Day Let us pray,

Lord Jesus Christ, on the first Palm Sunday you entered the rebellious city where you were to die. Enter our hearts, we pray, and overwhelm them to yourself. And as your disciples blessed your coming and spread garments and branches in your way, make us ready to lay at your feet all that we have and are, that we too may bless your coming In the name of the Lord. Amen.



(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today with a reading from Psalm 118 verses 19 – 29.

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD;

the righteous shall enter through it.

- ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.
- ²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ This is the LORD's doing;it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.^[C]

²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!

O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.^[d] We bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷ The LORD is God,

and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches,

up to the horns of the altar.[]

²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

²⁹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

(Reader): Stay tuned for the continuing saga that is our story and God's story.

(ALL): Thanks be to God.

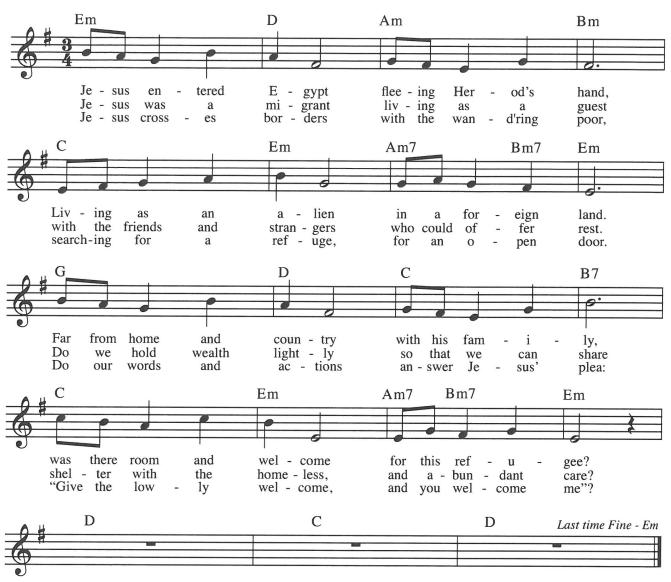
Sermon – Pastor Hans Peterson

Song of the Day: "Jesus Entered Egypt"

Text: Adam Tice

JESUS ENTERED EGYPT

Music: Hans Peterson



Prayers for the World

Together we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

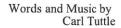
Each petition will close with the words: God of Life And you are invited to respond: **Hear our Prayer**

Offering

Worship Leader: Thank you for your continued generosity and for all the ways you support God's ministry here at River of Hope. You can contact the church office and sign up for simply giving or give online or drop a check off at the church office.

Offering Song – "Hosanna"

Hosanna





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The Feast

Setting the Table the children lead us as we sing together:

O Come Lord Jesus be our Guest and let these gifts to us be blest. All praise to God who is our bread, may all the world be clothed and fed.

Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord is with you 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 God thanks and praise.

As we gather in this place, we remember, that in the night when Jesus was betrayed by his best friends, he took bread. He blessed it and broke it and gave it to these same friends saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup, blessed it and gave it for all to drink saying, "This is the new covenant, the new promise, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me." Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

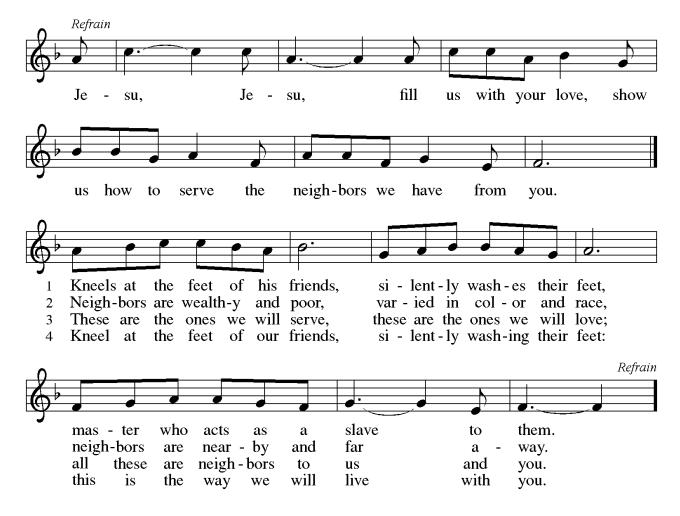
The Lord's Prayer We pray our common prayer that Christ taught us.

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.

This is Christ's table. It's a table of love and welcome. It's a table of fellowship with the poor and communion with the earth. So, come, those of you with great faith and those of you who wish you had more. Come, those of you who have tried to follow Jesus and those of you who have failed. Come, those of you who depend on this meal for your lives, and those of you for whom it is a strange thing. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion Song: "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with your Love", "All Glory, Laud, and Honor", "Hosanna"

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love



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All Glory, Laud, and Honor

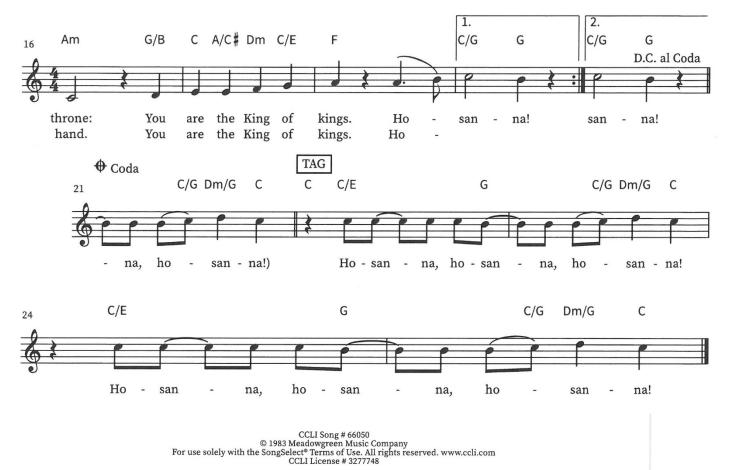


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Hosanna



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Blessing after Communion Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his peace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

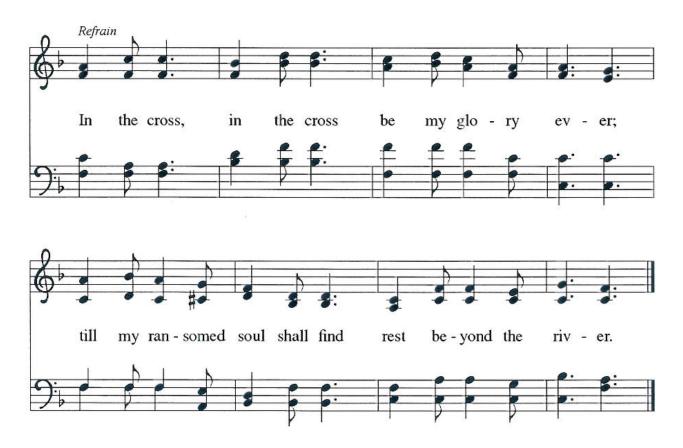
The Sending

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose? **We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ**.

Purpose Sightings

MILESTONES!

It's time for sharing milestones - a time where we join together as a community to share the big, small, good, and hard milestones in our life.



Final Blessing

May God give you grace never to sell yourself short, grace to risk something big for something good, and grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but Love. *William Sloane Coffin*

Sending Song: "The Name of the Lord"

The Name Of The Lord

Words and Music by Clinton Utterbach





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Go in peace – serve the Lord! Thanks be to God

Music to Send You Out

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