Palm Sunday April 13, 2025





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Gathering

Music to Prepare us for Worship

Opening Song - "Hosanna

Hosanna

Words and Music by Carl Tuttle



Children's Time - Scripture / introduce Palms

(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today with a reading from the Gospel according to Luke chapter 19, verses 28-40.

(Reader): After he had said this, Jesus 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,

(Side 1): "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden.

(Side 2): Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.' "

(Reader): So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them,

(Side 1): "Why are you untying the colt?"

(Reader): They said,

(Side 2): "The Lord needs it."

(Reader): 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 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,

(Side 1): "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

(Reader): Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him,

(Side 2): "Teacher, order your disciples to stop."

(Reader): He answered,

(ALL): "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Palm Processional Song: "We are Marching in the Light of God" Vs. 1 (and then Pastor Hans will call out verses)

We Are Marching in the Light of God Siyahamba



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Greeting

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit, is with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

(Leader): Let us pray,

(ALL): 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.

Greet Someone New

Music to bring us back together: "We are Marching" – Swahili Verse

THE STORY

(Reader): During the season of Lent we will be reading from the book "The Old Testament in Seven Sentences" which is part of the Java and Jesus Book Study that is being held on Tuesdays at 1:00 PM at Dunn Brothers in Hutchinson. This week is the sixth sentence in the book from Isaiah 52: 7-10. You are invited to follow along in your Bibles for this reading.

- 7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."
- **8** Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices; together they shout for joy, for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion.
- **9** Break forth; shout together for joy, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem.
- 10 The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today with our second reading from the Gospel of Luke 19: 41-46. You are invited to stand in body or in spirit as we sing to welcome the Gospel.



(Reader): As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. Indeed, the days will come upon you when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you and hem you in on every side. They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God." Then he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling things there, and he said, "It is written,

(ALL): 'My house shall be a house of prayer,' but you have made it a den of robbers."

(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 - "Even the Stones Will Cry Out"

Even the Stones Will Cry Out





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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, who is mercy:

Congregational response: **Hear our Prayer**

THE OFFERING



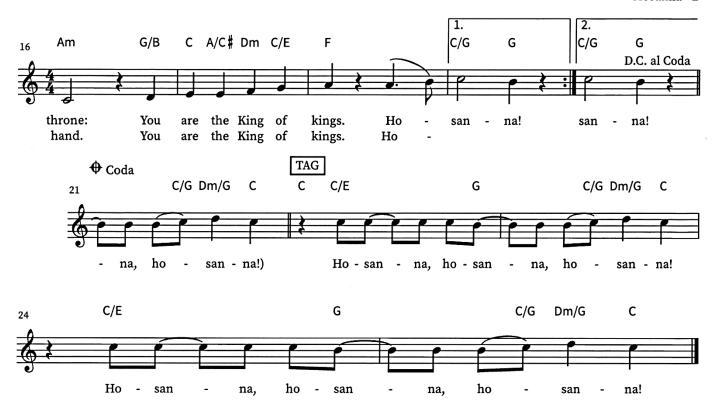
Thank you for your continued generosity and for all the ways you support God's ministry here at River of Hope. You can contact the church office and sign up for simply giving or give online or drop a check off at the church office. The watering can during March is for "Good Courage Farm". Any children willing to help are Invited to meet Pastor Hans in the back to bring forth the Communion elements.

Offering Song - "Hosanna"

Hosanna

Words and Music by Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith





The Feast

Setting the Table

the children lead us as we say together:

Gracious God, we thank you for the food before us; the family beside us; the love between us; and your presence among us.

Amen.

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."

The Lord's Prayer

(Leader): Our Creator, our Mother,

(ALL): 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. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us...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.

The gifts of God are...

(ALL): Free

Free indeed. And all are welcome to receive the sacrament.

Communion Songs: "Let Streams of Living Justice" and "Deep Peace"

Let Streams of Living Justice

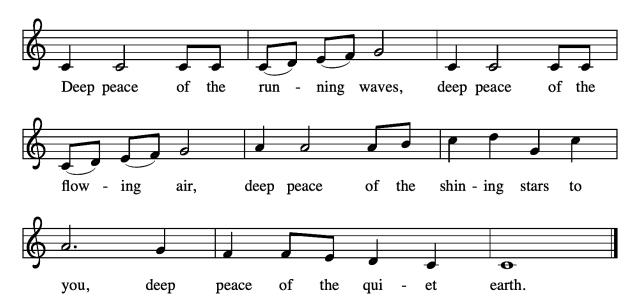


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Deep Peace



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Blessing after Communion Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion
Nourishing God,
at this table you have refreshed us
with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service,
and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.
In the name of Christ we pray,

Amen.

The Sending

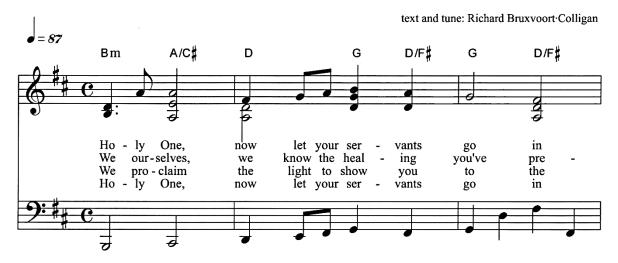
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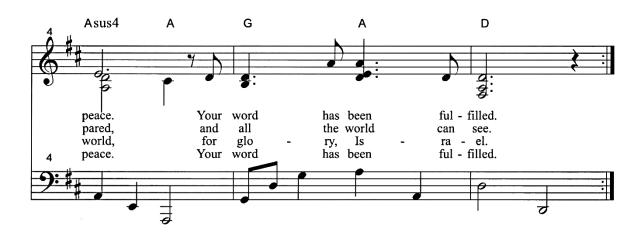
Purpose Sightings

MILESTONES! – "Holy One, Now Let Your Servants Go" vs. 1-2 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.

Holy One, Now Let Your Servants Go

Simeon's Song, A Nunc Dimittis





Blessing The Spirit of the triune God H bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

Amen.

Sending Song: "The Name of the Lord"

(Invite children of all ages to come forward and play percussion during the Sending Song)

The Name Of The Lord

Words and Music by Clinton Utterbach





Dismissal

L: Go in peace, Live in hope.

Thanks be to God

Music to Send You Out