

Order of Worship Service – March 29, 2026

PALM SUNDAY

PRELUDES	Open the Gates of the Temple – arr. Harold de Cou Hosanna, Loud Hosanna – Theodore Ripper
WELCOME	
PALM SUNDAY RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP	
OUR RESPONSE HYMN #98	Majesty (MAJESTY)
OPENING PRAYER	
CHOIR	Song of the Palms – arr. Jon Paige
HYMN #203	Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (ELLACOMBE) <i>(Palm branches will be distributed for a processional during this hymn)</i>
SCRIPTURE READING	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (NRSV) Reader: <i>The Word of the Lord</i> Congregation: <i>Thanks be to God</i>
CHOIR	Son of God, Son of David – Robert Clatterbuck
PRAYER OF BLESSING	
HYMN #204	All Glory, Laud and Honor (ST. THEODULPH)
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Dale Murphy Leader: <i>Lord, in your mercy</i> Congregational Response: <i>Hear our prayer</i>
SCRIPTURE READING	Matthew 21:1-11 (NRSV) Reader: <i>The Word of the Lord</i> Congregation: <i>Thanks be to God</i>
SOLO	Open the Gates of the Temple – arr. M.A. Simpson
MESSAGE	The Foundation of Praise – Tony Harwood-Jones
HYMN #96	Praise Him! Praise Him! (JOYFUL SONG)
BENEDICTION	<i>As we end our time of worship, we extinguish a candle symbolizing our ongoing journey into the darkness of Good Friday.</i>
POSTLUDE	Fanfare – C.S. Lang

Worship Leader	Keith Dyck
Minister of Pastoral & Spiritual Care	Wilma Wiens
Minister of Music	Margot Sim
Soloist	Kim Kakegamic

NEXT SUNDAY – APRIL 5 (Easter Sunday): Randall Holm will be speaking on “God in Search of Us” with scriptures John 1:35-51 and John 20:1-18

PALM SUNDAY RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks
We come with praise and joy;
we will journey through betrayal and death,
holding hope in our hearts

ALL: **Jesus will lead us through this week for he is the Life we long for,
He is the Word who sustains us**

LEADER: We wave palm branches in anticipation;
we lay our love before him.
Setting aside all power, glory and might he comes,
modeling humility and obedience for us all

ALL: **Hosanna! Hosanna!**

LEADER: Lift up your heads, O you gates,

ALL: **Be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God!**

MAJESTY, WORSHIP HIS MAJESTY (Jack Hayford)

Majesty, worship his majesty;
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority flow from his throne
unto his own, his anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus;
Magnify come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship his majesty; Jesus, who died,
now glorified, King of all kings.

SONG OF THE PALMS (Jon Paige)

People come and greet your King, shout and wave your palms and sing.
Let the glad hosannas ring. Sing unto the Lord, sing unto the Lord.
Let the world as one rejoice! Let the world as one rejoice!

People open wide the gate for the King has come today.
Son of David born to save. Sing unto the Lord, sing unto the Lord.
Celebrate in one accord, jubilate Deo.

Sing to the Lord. People come and raise your song,
Lift your voices to the sky. Let the palms be lifted high.
Sing unto the Lord. Sing unto the Lord.
Let the earth as one reply, jubilate Deo!

*Jubilate Deo = Rejoice in God

HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA (Jennette Threlfall)

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.

From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,
The victory 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.

"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!

PSALM 118:1-2, 19-29 (NRSV)

¹O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
his steadfast love endures forever!
²Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

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.

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.
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.

SON OF GOD, SON OF DAVID (Robert Clatterbuck)

Son of God, Son of David,
Conqueror come to set His people free!
Sing His praise, shout: "Hosanna! King of Kings for all eternity."

Through the streets of Jerusalem rides the King of Kings today.
Hear the people as they praise Him,
Join the multitudes and say: "Hosanna, hallelujah!"

Son of God, Son of David,
Conqueror come to set His people free!
Sing His praise, shout: "Hosanna! King of Kings for all eternity."

Son of God, Son of David,
Conqueror come to set His people free!
Sing His praise, shout: "Hosanna! Hallelujah! Hosanna!"
Amen

ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR (Theodulph of Orleans)

Chorus: 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.

Chorus

The company of angels are praising thee on high,
And we with all creation in chorus make reply.

Chorus

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
Our praise and love and anthems before thee we present.

Chorus

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

Chorus

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the love we bring,
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.

Chorus

MATTHEW 21:1-11 (NRSV)

1 When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, **2** saying to them, "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. **3** If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately."

4 This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

5 "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."

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; **7** they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. **8** A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. **9** The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" **10** When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" **11** The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

OPEN THE GATES OF THE TEMPLE (Joseph F. Knapp)

Open the gates of the Temple, strew palms on the Conqueror's way.
Open your hearts, O ye people, that Jesus may enter today.
Tears and the anguish of midnight, are lost in the splendor of day.
They who in sorrow once doubted are swelling a glad refrain!
I know that my Redeemer liveth.
Canst thou, my heart, lift up thy voice and sing?
I know, yes, I know that my Redeemer liveth
And because He lives,
Because He lives, I too, shall live!

PRAISE HIM! PRAISE HIM! (Jack Hayford)

Praise him! praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Sing, O earth, his wonderful love proclaim!
Hail him! hail him! highest archangels in glory.
Strength and honor give to his holy name!
Like a shepherd Jesus will guard his children,
In his arms he carries them all day long:
Praise him! Praise him! tell of his excellent greatness.
Praise him! praise him ever in joyful song.

Praise him! praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
For our sins he suffered and bled and died.
He our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation
Hail him! hail him! Jesus the crucified.
Sound his praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows.
Love unbounded, wonderful, deep, and strong:
Praise him! Praise him! tell of his excellent greatness.
Praise him! praise him ever in joyful song.

Praise him! praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Heavenly portals loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever.
Crown him! crown him! Prophet and Priest and King!
Christ is coming! Over the world victorious,
Power and glory unto the Lord belong.
Praise him! Praise him! tell of his excellent greatness.
Praise him! praise him ever in joyful song.