



the good news is...

inspiring us to act

March 29, 2026 – 10 am

Palm Sunday

Covenant is an accepting, welcoming community sharing the glory of God's love with all.

PRELUDE

"The Palms" by Jean-Baptiste Faure/arr. Stephen DeCesare

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Will you follow?

Will you lay down your coat?

Will you lay down something important?

Will you shout "Hosanna"?

Will you join the parade?

Will you sing, even if your throat is hoarse?

Will you cut down a palm branch?

Will you wave it in the air?

Will you follow the one riding on a donkey?

Will you let this good news inspire you to act?

People: We will. We will sing. We will pay close attention.

We will worship. We will follow.

Leader: Hosanna in the highest!

People: Hosanna in the highest!

*Please rise in body or spirit



*HYMN #196

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

<p>Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!</p> <p>1 Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One. (Refrain)</p> <p>2 The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. (Refrain)</p>	<p>3 To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. (Refrain)</p> <p>4 Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King! (Refrain)</p>
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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION



**Jesus of Nazareth,
we know that you spent your days teaching and healing.
You marched through the streets and walked on water.
You laid hands on the sick and broke bread at crowded dinner tables.
Your good news was not confined to conversation.
It was not confined to the Temple.
Your good news was an act of love, alive in the world.
Holy God, we long for a faith like that.
Forgive us for the times when we confine our faith
to something we think about, as opposed to something we act upon.
Inspire us to love as you loved.
Inspire us to act.
With hope for tomorrow we pray, amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Wave the Palms, Hosanna!” by Ruth Elaine Schram

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord, be with you all. **And also with you.**

JOYFUL NOISE

“Blessed Is He” by Dennis and Nan Allen

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE FIRST READING

Psalm 118:19-29(NRSVUE)

We live not by bread alone, but by every word that comes from God.
Thanks be to God.



SPECIAL MUSIC

"Lead On, O King Eternal" arr. Judy Phillips

THE GOSPEL READING

Mark 11:1-11 (NRSVUE)

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**



PRAYER OF THE DAY †

Humble Lord,
while people clamoured
for a warrior king,
the colt revealed your servanthood:
as we face the way of tears,
the tearing of the temple veil,
take us from the baying mob
to place our faith in you,
Jesus Christ, our victim and our saviour. Amen.

SERMON

“The Good News is...Inspiring Us to Act”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven... (Hymnal p. 35. We say “debts & debtors.”)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Legacy Giving

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING



OFFERTORY

"Ride on King Jesus" arr. by Patti Drennan

*DOXOLOGY #606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION



*HYMN #200

"A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd"

This Palm Sunday hymn recreates the contrasting sounds of Holy Week, moving from the noisy public acclaim of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to the solitary silence of his body being prepared for burial. It gently reminds us that self-giving is the mark of Christ's true sovereignty.



1 A cheering, chanting, dizzy crowd
had stripped the green trees bare,
and hailing Christ as king aloud,
waved branches in the air.

5 Instead of palms, a winding sheet
will have to be unrolled,
a carpet much more fit to greet
the king a cross will hold.

2 They laid their garments in the road
and spread his path with palms
and vows of lasting love bestowed
with royal hymns and psalms.

3 When day dimmed down to deepening dark
the crowd began to fade
till only trampled leaves and bark
were left from the parade.

Lest we be fooled because our hearts
have surged with passing praise,
remind us, God, as this week starts
where Christ has fixed his gaze.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Variations on Lift High the Cross” arr. Linker

† From Prayers for an Inclusive Church by Steven Shakespeare. New York: Church Publishing, 2009.

Liturgy from this service is by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

Assisting in Worship Today:

Tori Vazquez – Liturgist

Matthew Phillips – Vocalist

Dale Nawrocki- Trumpet

James Becker- Trumpet

Nan Davidson- Director of Campanile Bell Choir

Ashley Woodard - Director of Joyful Noise Children's Choir

Cherie Brooks – Director of Music & Technology

Katie Wynkoop – Organist/Pianist & Assistant Director of Music

Brian Biller – Media Production Specialist

Erin Wise – Director of Children's & Youth Ministries

Rev. Joel A. Esala – Pastor



“Palm Sunday Was a Protest”
by Nicolette Faison
Inspired by Mark 11:1-11

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT



Bible Study - Wednesday at 1:00pm in the Lounge. Join Bible Study with the QR code.

Centering Prayer- Thursdays at 8:30am in the Lounge

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Easter Photo Area

We would love for you and your family to take a moment to snap a picture on Easter Sunday! Feel free to stop by before or after the service, gather your loved ones, and capture a sweet Easter memory together.



THIS WEEK

MAUNDY THURSDAY | APRIL 2 7PM

GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 3 7PM

EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 5 10AM



Begin the conversation.

Legacy Giving Lunch

4/19 11:15-1:30pm

RSVP: <https://bit.ly/CPCLegacyLunch>
or contact Megan

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