



Sunday, March 29, 2026
Palm Sunday

Service Theme

LOOK UP TO SEE YOUR KING

You are going about your daily business. There is a crowd. You are easily distracted by all the activity. It's a holiday, and there are extra things to prepare. It is easy to focus on your personal task at hand and lose sight of the bigger picture. Focus! Look up! There is a King who presents himself so humbly that you might miss the importance of his arrival. Hail the King who humbly comes to save us!



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CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

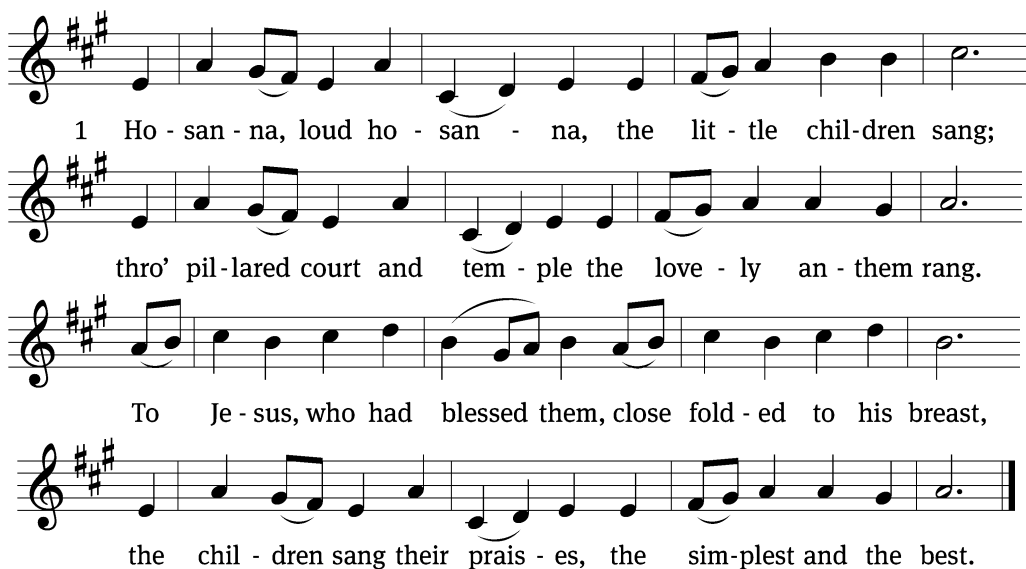
Pastor: On the first Palm Sunday, people lined the streets as Jesus rode into the city. Anthems filled the air as men, women, and children raised their palm branches as a sign of victory and peace. Today we worship that same Jesus who rode into Jerusalem on his way to win salvation for the world.

Men: **Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!**

Women: **Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

413 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

CW 413 st. 1



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
thro' pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang.
To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.

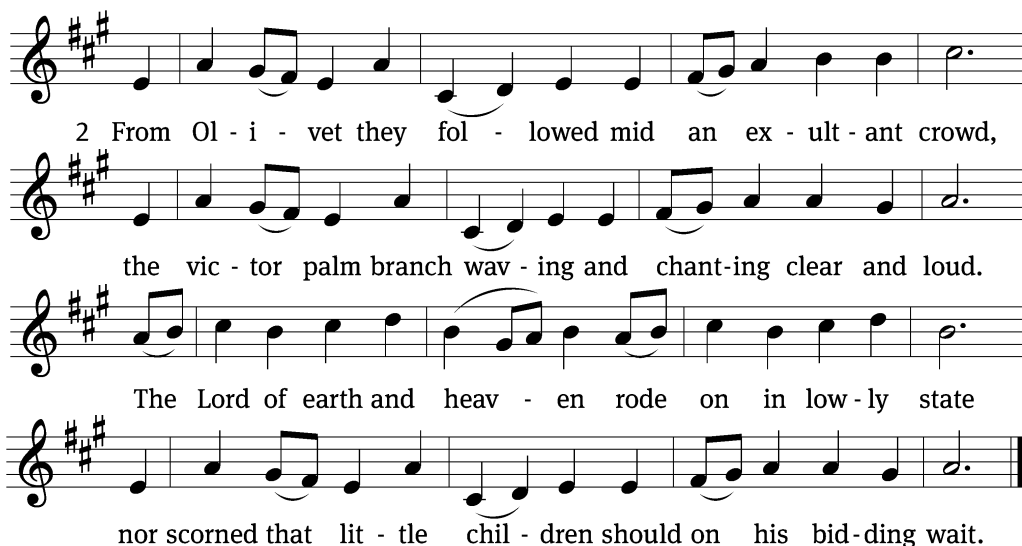
Pastor: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

Men: **For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

Women: **Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!**

413 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

CW 413 st. 2



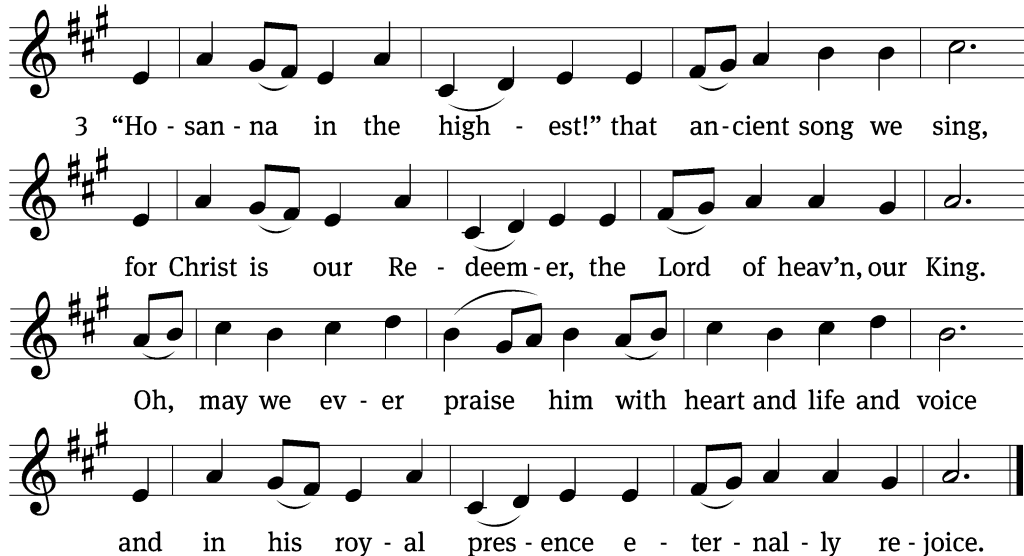
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing and chant - ing clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state
nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.

Pastor: Some of the Pharisees in the crowd did not want the people to praise Jesus. They said to him: "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" But Jesus replied: "I tell you the truth, if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out!"

**All: How can we be still? How can we remain silent?
 Let the earth sing and the heavens rejoice!
 Let all that has breath praise the Lord!
 Blessed is the King who comes in the Name of the
 Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!
 Amen.**

413 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

CW 413 st. 3



3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" that an - cient song we sing,
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heav'n, our King.
 Oh, may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice
 and in his roy - al pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess that we have no right to worship you, for we are sinful people. But we also know and trust that Jesus lived and died for us, to make us righteous and holy in your sight. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palms in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with confidence; the One who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Old Testament

Zechariah 9:9–10

The prophet Zechariah draws our attention to a Savior King who will rule with gentleness and bring peace.

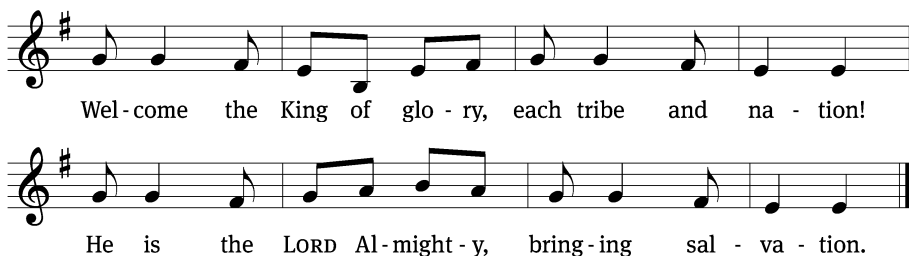
⁹Rejoice greatly, Daughter of Zion!
Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem!
Look! Your King is coming to you.
He is righteous and brings salvation.
He is humble and is riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the horse from Jerusalem.
The battle bow will be taken away,
and he will proclaim peace to the nations.
His kingdom will extend from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.

24A Welcome the King of Glory

Psalm 24A

Refrain



Wel - come the King of glo - ry, each tribe and na - tion!

He is the LORD Al - might - y, bring - ing sal - va - tion.

Tone



The earth is the LORD's, and every- / thing in it,
the world, and all who / live in it;
for he founded it / on the seas
and established it on the / waters.

Who may ascend the mountain / of the LORD?
Who may stand in his / holy place?
The one who has clean hands and a / pure heart,
they will receive blessing from God their / Savior.

Refrain

Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you / ancient
doors,
that the King of glory / may come in.
Who is this King of / glory?
The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in /
battle.

Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you / ancient
doors,
that the King of glory / may come in.
Who is he, this King of / glory?
The LORD Almighty—he is the King of / glory.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

Epistle Reading

Philippians 2:5–11

Every eye will see Jesus exalted.

⁵Indeed, let this attitude be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. ⁶Though he was by nature God, he did not consider equality with God as a prize to be displayed, ⁷but he emptied himself by taking the nature of a servant. When he was born in human likeness, and his appearance was like that of any other man, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Verse of the Day

John 12:23



Refrain



Tone



Gospel

Matthew 21:1–11

Lift up your head to join the chorus of praise for King Jesus.

¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²telling them, “Go to the village ahead of you. Immediately you will find a donkey tied there along with her colt. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.”

⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵Tell the daughter of Zion: Look, your King comes to you, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

⁶The disciples went and did just as Jesus commanded them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their outer clothing on them, and he sat on it. ⁸A very large crowd spread their outer clothing on the road. Others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them out on the road. ⁹The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed kept shouting,

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹And the crowds were saying, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

414 No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet

CW 414



1 No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet
 2 And yet he comes. The chil - dren cheer;
 3 What fad - ing flow'rs his road a - dorn;
 4 Now he who bore for mor - tals' sake



with ban - ners and with drums, no sound of mu - sic's
 with palms his path is strown. With ev - 'ry step the
 the palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but
 the cross and all its pains and chose a ser - vant's



mar - tial beat: "The King of glo - ry comes!"
 cross draws near: the King of glo - ry's throne.
 on - ly thorn the King of glo - ry's crown.
 form to take, the King of glo - ry reigns.



To greet what pomp of king - ly pride
 A - stride a colt he pass - es by
 The sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries,
 Ho - san - na to the Sav - ior's name



no bells in tri - umph ring, no cit - y gates swing
 as loud ho - san - nas ring, or else the ver - y
 the streets with tu - mult ring, as Pi - late to the
 till heav - en's raft - ers ring, and all the ran - somed



o - pen wide: "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 stones would cry "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 mob re - plies, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 host pro - claim "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"

SERMON TEXT & THEME

Zechariah 9:9–10 ... **See, your King comes to you!**

- 1) He is a different kind of King.
- 2) He established a different kind of Kingdom.

THE APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

415 Exult Today, Jerusalem

CW 415



1 Ex - ult to - day, Je - ru - sa - lem! God comes to
 2 With joy, the cit - y res - o - nates! O Zi - on's
 3 The Christ! A Proph - et great - er than that giv - er
 4 Christ's glo - ry is not seen by those of - fend - ed
 5 So wave your palms and fill the air with shouts of



set you free! This roy - al Son of Beth - le - hem ful -
 daugh - ter, sing! Lift up your heads, you might - y gates, and
 of the law; a Priest, not born from Le - vi's clan, but
 by the cross, for world - ly wis - dom nev - er knows how
 joy this day; the King of glo - ry comes to bear your



fills all proph - e - cy. This great - er Jo - nah
 greet your com - ing King! He rides no horse with
 born with - out sin's flaw; a King, one like that
 gain could come from loss; yet, this the glo - ry
 sin and death a - way! Ho - san - na, Lord! Your



of re - nown God's love and pow'r dis - plays; he comes to
 pranc - ing strides, as kings be - fore him came, but on a
 priest - ly king, Mel - chiz - e - dek of old, for Christ, as
 of the Christ: to claim our cross as throne— his per - fect
 peo - ple save! O come, Em - man - u - el, and by your



tear God's tem - ple down and raise it in three days!
 don - key hum - bly rides, his of - fice to pro - claim:
 thorn - crowned King will bring God's right - eous - ness fore - told.
 life he sac - ri - ficed that we might be his own!
 cross and shat - tered grave, tear down the gates of hell!

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord Jesus, you are the King of heaven and earth. We join the first Palm Sunday worshipers in praising and glorifying you for coming to this earth to be our Savior. Though you are one with God the Father and Lord of all, you humbled yourself and became one with us. Thanks be to you for living a life of perfect conformity to God's holy law in our place.

Praise be to you for being obedient to death, even death on a cross, to redeem us from sin.

Cause our voices to blend with those who sang your praises as you rode into Jerusalem. Move us to confess you before others as our Lord. Help us proclaim the message of peace and forgiveness to people of all nations. Use us to assure all people that your blood has cleansed them from sin and set them free from slavery to sin, death, and the devil.

Move us to dedicate all we are and have to your glory.

Lord Jesus, you are King over all the earth. Bless the nations of this world with wise rulers and good government. Let peace prevail. Grant success to the businesses and industries of our land to serve for the common good. Cause all employers to be honest and fair-minded and all employees to be diligent and faithful. Look with favor on our nation's schools. Be with those who teach and those who learn.

Comfort the sick and the afflicted with the assurance of your care and protection. Strengthen the faith of the dying.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Dear Savior, as we walk with you this week toward Calvary, keep us focused on your purpose for coming into this world and on our calling to spread this wonderful message of salvation.

Hear us for your mercy's sake. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

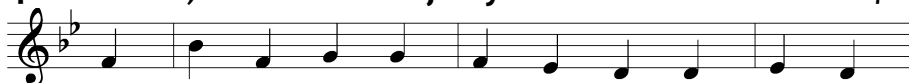
BLESSING

The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

411 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

CW 411



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel
4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Your last and
5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs
ar - mies of the sky look down with sad and
fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on his
pomp ride on to die. Bow your meek head to



sue your road, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
won - d'ring eyes to see th'ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
sap - phire throne a - waits his own a - noint - ed Son.
mor - tal pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign.

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Announcements

Church Cleaners

April 5 – Peter / April 12 – Barnabas

Easter Flower Donations

Anyone wishing to help beautify the Altar for Easter, please drop off the plant(s) of your choice (lilies, tulips, daffodils, hyacinth, etc.) to the church by Saturday, April 4th, at 9 am. You are welcome to take your plants home after the Easter Day worship services, or, if you wish, you may leave them at church to continue to beautify the altar for upcoming worship services.

DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

Su (29) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study
10:30 am Worship
11:45 am Coffee Hour

Th (2) 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday (with Communion)

Fr (3) 10:30 am Good Friday Worship

Su (5) 8:00 am Easter Sunrise (with Communion)
9:00 am Easter Breakfast
10:30 am Easter Worship
3:00 pm Easter at Our Shepherd (Poltimore)

Pastor will be out of town from April 7 - 11

Su (12) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study
10:30 am Worship
11:45 am Coffee Hour