

Sunday, March 24, 2024,  
We Gather to Celebrate God's Presence

Welcome  
Family Life and Work  
Family Celebrations  
Lighting of the Christ Candle:  
Acknowledgment of the Land:

Introit: Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary MV 18

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Call to Worship: (based on Psalm 118)

O, give thanks to the Lord, for His love is everlasting!

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**This is the Lord's doing, and it is wonderful in our eyes!**

This is the day that God has made!

**We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

### **Palm Parade**

Opening Hymn: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

VU 123

**1      Hosanna, loud hosanna  
         the happy children sang;  
through pillared court and temple  
         the joyful anthem rang;  
to Jesus, who had blessed them  
         close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises,  
         the simplest and the best.**

**2      From Olivet they followed  
         'mid an exultant crowd,  
the victory palm branch waving,  
         and singing clear and loud;  
the Lord of earth and heaven  
         rode on in lowly state,  
content that little children  
         should on his bidding wait.**

**3 'Hosanna in the highest!'  
That ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer;  
earth, let your anthems ring.  
O may we ever praise him  
with heart and life and voice,  
and in his humble presence  
eternally rejoice!**

Children's Time:

First Reading: Psalm 118: 25 - 29

We Listen

Gradual Hymn: Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

VU 121 vs 1,2,3

- 1 Tree of Life and awesome mystery,  
in your death we are reborn,  
though you die in all of history,  
still you rise with every morn,  
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- 2 Seed that dies to rise in glory,  
may we see ourselves in you,  
if we learn to live your story  
we may die to rise anew,  
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- 3 We remember truth once spoken,  
love passed on through act and word,  
every person lost and broken  
wears the body of our Lord,  
wears the body of our Lord.**

Reading: Matthew 21: 1 – 11

Meditation: "By This We Are Saved"

Musical Offering: A Celtic Hallelujah

Joseph M. Martin

We Respond

Offertory: Give Thanks

**Give thanks, with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks, to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given**

**Jesus Christ, His Son.  
And now let the weak say, I am strong.  
Let the poor say, I am rich because of what  
The Lord has done for us.**

Offertory/Prayer of Dedication:

Communion

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving for Palm Sunday

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**It is right to give God thanks and praise!**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.....

Therefore, with your people in all ages and the whole company of heaven, we join in the words of unending praise, saying,

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!**

Most holy and gracious God, in infinite love you made us for yourself.....

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honour and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Now hear us as we raise to you the prayer which Jesus taught us,

**The Lord's Prayer (unison)**

**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 for ever and ever. Amen.**

**“Sharing of the Gifts of Bread and Cup?”**

Closing Hymn: Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

VU 127 vs 1,3,4

**1 Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry:  
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road  
with palms and scattered garments strowed.**

**3 Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
The winged squadrons of the sky  
look down with sad and wondering eyes  
to see the approaching sacrifice.**

**4 Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,  
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.**

Benedictions and Commissioning

“Worthy is the Lamb” Karen Parnell

Darlene Zsehech