



# **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

*with UCC Westerly  
On PALM SUNDAY*

**March 28, 2021 @ 9:45am**  
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## **THE PALM SUNDAY SYMBOLS SERVICE**

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### **PASTOR'S WELCOME**

#### **PRELUDE** — “The Palms”

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### **DEACON'S WELCOME**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

[adapted from Duck & Tirabassi, *Touch Holiness*, ©1990, The United Church Press, p. 62]

As crowds of people welcomes Jesus when he rode into Jerusalem, acclaiming him as their ruler, so we welcome you, God, Creator, Christ and Spirit. Above all human powers and dominions, you lay rightful claim to our praise, our love and our obedience. Therefore we have come to worship you and hear the stories of this, Jesus' last week of earthly life.

#### **OPENING SONG -- ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR**

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1. **Refrain:** All glory, laud and honor to you, O Christ, we sing,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!  
You are the King of Israel, and David's royal Son,  
Now in the Lord's name coming, our King and blessed One!
2. **Refrain:** All glory, laud and honor to you, O Christ, we sing,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!  
The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.
3. **Refrain:** All glory, laud and honor to you, O Christ, we sing,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!  
As you received their praises, accept our prayers today,  
Whose justice and whose mercy and sovereignty hold sway.  
All glory, laud and honor to you, o Christ we sing,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

## UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

[adapted from Duck & Tirabassi, *Touch Holiness*, ©1990, The United Church Press, p. 67]

**God of Joy and Arrival, enter our lives as Christ entered Jerusalem. May we celebrate your coming. May we cry out with the stones so the world might hear your glad arrival. Yet do not leave us in the events to come. This joyous crowd which greets you will turn and flee. From a crowd of hosannas, we become a silent crowd at the horror of the cross. Do not leave us in the events to come! Even though we may leave you, do not leave us, O Christ! Forgive us so that can return to you changed. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

## ENCOUNTERING THE EVENTS OF HOLY WEEK IN WORD AND SYMBOL

Words of Introduction		<i>Rev. Ruth</i>
<i>Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem</i> Luke 19:29-40	Symbol: Palm Branch	<i>Rev. Ruth</i>
<i>Jesus Clears the Temple</i> Matthew 21:12-17	Symbol: Wooden Stool	<i>Dav Cranmer</i>
<i>Foreshadowing Jesus' Death</i> Matthew 26:6-13	Symbol: Alabaster Jar	<i>Melissa Stratton</i>
SPECIAL MUSIC – "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" [MUSIC: Richard Gillard, ©1977 Scripture in Song, a Division of Integrity Music, Used by Permission. CCLI Copyright License 21022161]		<i>Tone Chimes Choir</i>
<i>Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet</i> John 13:1-17	Symbol: Pitcher of water, towel	<i>Kathy Tarasuk</i>
<i>Jesus' Last Meal with the Disciples</i> Matthew 26:17-29	Symbol: Bread & Cup	<i>Sandi Davis</i>
<i>Jesus Prays for the Disciples</i> John 17: 1-21 (selected verses)	Symbol: Jesus image	<i>Ed Stratton</i>
SPECIAL MUSIC – "Tis Midnight and on Olive's Brow" [MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, © Public Domain]		<i>Tone Chimes Choir</i>
<i>Jesus Is Betrayed</i> Luke 22:39-53	Symbol: Silver coins	<i>Bethany Foster</i>
<i>Jesus on Trial</i> John 18:12-14; 28-38	Symbol: Crown of Thorns	<i>Lynn Murray</i>
<i>Jesus Is Crucified</i> John 19:16-30	Symbol: Hammer, nail, wood	<i>Gary Davis</i>

**SONG OF RESPONSE – “What Wondrous Love Is This?”**

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1. *What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul. What wondrous love is this  
That caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful course for my soul,  
For my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.*

**A TIME OF PRAYER**

Pastoral Prayer & Silent Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer in whatever words are most comfortable for you.

Musical response

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

Anthem – “O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

David Cranmer, Organist

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*“Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ all creatures here  
below; Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter; One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.”*

**CLOSING SONG – Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**

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1. *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.*
2. *“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!*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION—**

[adapted from Duck & Tirabassi, *Touch Holiness*, ©1990, The United Church Press, p. 241]

Even on this Palm Sunday, the gateway to Holy Week for Christians around the world, there are still so many who say they cannot find God. And I tell you: God is in our future, calling us. God is in our past, forgiving us. God is in the present, loving us. There is no greater blessing. Amen.

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**POSTLUDE – “An Epilogue of Praise”**

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***PALMS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE END OF THE SERVICE BY DRIVING THROUGH THE CIRCULAR DRIVEWAY AT THE BELL COURTYARD ENTRANCE. The Deacons and I will be distributing palms there until approximately 11am.***

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