

April 13, 2025: *Palm Sunday*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship: (based on Psalm 118:19-24)

One: The Lord be with you!

All: And also with you!

One: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter, and give thanks to the Lord.

**All: We will give You thanks, for You have answered us;
You have become our salvation.**

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

**All: This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Opening Hymn: #216 *All Glory, Laud & Honor*

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 adorned your way;

Our praise and prayer and anthems we offer you this day.

O Promised One of Israel, of David's royal line,

The one called 'God's beloved' of flesh and yet divine,

To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise;

To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

As you received the praises, receive 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!

Time of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, when our words and actions reflect a reluctance to confess you publicly as Lord of our lives: Forgive us.

When we fear that humbling ourselves, would be seen by others as weakness, or a defect in our character: Forgive us.

When we have betrayed your love for us through our lack of love for you, for others, and for ourselves: Forgive us.

Lord Jesus Christ, fix your mind in us; and remake us in your likeness; empty us of all that hinders us from following you to where pain and suffering, exploitation and injustice exist. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

Silence is held

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria #758

**¡Gloria, gloria, gloria en las alturas a Dios! (repeat)
Y en la tierra paz para aquellos que ama Dios. (repeat)
Glory, glory, glory! Glory to God in the highest, (repeat)
And on earth be peace to all people with whom God is pleased. (repeat)**

Time of Prayer

One: Lift up your hearts!

All: *We lift them up to God.*

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer:

Our [Father/Mother/Creator] who art in Heaven, hallowed by 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. Let us not fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Time of Reading & Reflection

Hearing the Word: Luke 19: 29-44

Hymn: #215 Ride On!

Ride On! Ride on in majesty!
O Christ with brave humility,
On lowly colt, your road pursue,
As palms and cloaks are spread for you.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
As crowds of people come to see
And shout hosannas, lifting high
Their praise for one about to die.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
Ride on in humble dignity:

Behold the ones you came to save
From senseless life and endless grave.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
For you have set your people free
And we, remembering all your pain,
Now meet again to hail your reign.

Reflection: *O the Humanity! On Palms and Passion*

Time of Offering

Offertory

Doxology:

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.*

Dedication

Time of Commissioning

Closing Hymn: #222 *My Song is Love Unknown*

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake
my God should take frail flesh and die?
My God should take frail flesh and die?

God left the richest throne salvation to bestow;
But Christ as flesh and bone the world refused to know.
But, O my Friend, my friend indeed,
Who at my need did life expend;
Who at my need did life expend.

Sometimes they threw down palms and sweetest praises sang.
Hosannas and glad psalms through streets and markets rang.
Then "Crucify" is all their breath,
For blood and death they thirst and cry;
For blood and death they thirst and cry.

What has my Sovereign done? What makes this rage and spite?
Christ gave new strength to run, restored the gift of sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
themselves displease, And 'gainst Christ rise;
themselves displease and 'gainst Christ rise.

I sing my plain belief, one song my heart outpours:
Never was pain or grief, never was love like yours.
This is my friend in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend;
I all my days could gladly spend.

Benediction and Commissioning

Postlude