

JESUS ENTERS JERUSALEM

GATHERING MUSIC *Fuga, from Sonata No. 2* Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, SILENCE The Rev. Dr. James Butler

PALM SUNDAY BELL PEAL

The congregation stands when the bells begin their peal, calling us to worship.

*** OPENING RESPONSES** The Rev. Dr. Steve Gorman

Blessed is the One, Eternal, and Triune God.

And blessed is God's kingdom, now and forever.

Rejoice greatly, O children of Zion, for our Lord comes among us.

Triumphant and glorious, but humble in heart, riding the colt of the beast of burden.

Hosanna!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who came in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia. Amen.

*** PROCESSION HYMN 196** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*** ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Beloved in Christ: God is with us!

We are not alone!

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S LIVING WORD

FIRST LESSON Philippians 2:1-8 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.197)

ANTHEM *Hosanna to the Lord* Becki Slagle Mayo
Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to the Lord! All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer King.

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. The Hebrew children

welcomed you, with palms before you went. Our prayer and praise and anthems before you we

present. Sing Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to the Lord! To you, before your passion, they

sang their hymns of praise. To you, now high, exalted, our melody we raise. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to the Lord!

*** GOSPEL LESSON** Luke 19:28-48 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.83)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*** HYMN 197** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" ELLACOMBE

SERMON "Unavoidable Collision" The Rev. Dr. James Butler
"He was obedient unto death, even death on a cross."

*** HYMN 200** "A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd" CHRISTIAN LOVE

WE PRAY AND OFFER GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY *Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit* Johann Sebastian Bach
BWV 672

WE ENTER HOLY WEEK

TOLLING OF THE BELL

LITANY TO COMMENCE HOLY WEEK

As we commemorate our Lord's final days, we call upon the saving help of God.

Blessed is Jesus Christ who came in the name of the Lord.

Jesus was steadfast and obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Risen Christ: Help us to die to self, and rise to all that is good, beautiful and true.

In his death and resurrection, Jesus overcame evil's power to divide and destroy.

Risen Christ: Grant us humility and grace to resist returning evil with more evil.

Jesus offered himself out of love for all the whole world.

Risen Christ: Help us to love with such limitless generosity.

Jesus ate with sinners, forgave sins, welcomed outcasts, and turned no one away.

Risen Christ: Help us to honor God's light and image in every person.

Beloved in Christ: as we enter Holy Week, let us remember that our sins are buried in his death, and that we must daily rise with Christ to new life, forgiven and set free.

Blessed is Jesus Christ who came in the name of the Lord, full of grace and truth.

Blessed is the One who was crucified and raised in glory.

May his name be praised forever. Amen.

DUET

Vexilla Regis Prodeunt

Giacomo Puccini

Venus Minaya, tenor and Jason Fuh, baritone

The standards of the King go forth, brightly gleams the mystery of the Cross. By which life endured death, and by death gave back life. The cross which was wounded by the dread point of the lance, dripped water and blood. And there issued forth water and blood, to free us from sin. The standards of the King go forth, brightly gleams the mystery of the cross.

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Our Mission

To extend the gracious welcome of God in Jesus Christ through worship, service and spiritual growth in a supportive community of faith.

Staff

The Rev. Dr. James Butler, Pastor

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 13, 2025

10 a.m.
