

WE REMEMBER THE FIRST PALM SUNDAY

GATHERING MUSIC

Voluntary IV Georg Friedrich Händel
Kira Marjanovic and Jen Grimmer, trumpets
Praeludium BWV 556 Johann Sebastian Bach
Dr. Kaori Hongo, organ

WELCOME

David Brill

JESUS ENTERS JERUSALEM

Mark 11:1-11

PALM SUNDAY FANFARE

Fanfare for Two Trumpets, II Sy Brandon

* OPENING SENTENCES (from Zechariah 9:9)

Blessed is the Eternal and Triune God.

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

Rejoice greatly, O children of Zion, for your Lord has come to you.

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

Hosanna!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia. Amen.

* PROCESSION HYMN 196

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"
Cameron Toth, cross bearer VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

* ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Dr. James Butler

Beloved in Christ: God is with us!

We are not alone!

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

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

ANTHEM

Antiphonal Hosanna G. Alan Smith
Hosanna! Blessed are they that come in the name of the Lord!

* GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 19:41-48

(Pew Bible, N.T. p.83)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SUNG BLESSING (Hymn 361, v. 2)

Baptized in one confession, one church in all the earth.

We bear our Lord's impression, the sign of second birth.

One holy people gathered in love beyond our own.

By grace we were invited; by grace we make you known.

SERMON

"About Those 'Best Laid Plans'"

Dr. Butler

"As Jesus approached the city, he began to weep."

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

* HYMN 197

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

ELLACOMBE

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

Fuga BWV 556

J. S. Bach

WE ENTER HOLY WEEK

TOLLING OF THE LENTEN BELL

* LITANY TO COMMENCE HOLY WEEK

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

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

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

May we die to self and rise to walk in goodness and compassion.

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

Grant us humility and grace, O Lord, to resist returning evil with more evil.

Jesus offered himself out of love for the world.

With God's power, may we love with such limitless generosity.

Jesus welcomed outcasts, helped the suffering, and turned no one away.

May we honor God's light and image in every person.

Blessed is Jesus Christ who came not to judge the world, but to redeem it.

Blessed is he who was crucified and raised in glory.

- * **HYMN 200** "A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd" CHRISTIAN LOVE
- * **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**
- * **DEPARTING MUSIC** *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* Hans Leo Hassler
The people may depart or remain seated while the music is played.

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

March 29, 2026

10 a.m.
