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**BAY VIEW**  
**LUTHERAN CHURCH** ELCA



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March 28, 2021  
Palm Sunday

**PRELUDE:** Jason Palmer

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OPENING INVOCATION PRAYER**

*From: Lutheran Julia on RevGalBlogPals*

Holy God,  
you have fed us all  
out of your own generous and gracious hands.  
From them, we have received welcome,  
nourishment, hope, and consolation.

May these things grow in us,  
alongside the gift of faith,  
so that we may plant their seeds  
in the world around us.

Through the Holy Spirit,  
guide us in the week [days] ahead  
to re-member our place  
in your great and on-going story  
of resurrection, redemption, and restoration  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

### **BLESSING OF THE PALMS**

*Rev. Caela Simmons Wood, Manhattan, KS*

Bless these parade palms, O God of Celebration.  
May they remind us of the simple joys of living.  
May we remember the excitement that comes with following  
Christ.

Bless these protest palms, O God of Justice.  
May they remind us that Empire is not a thing of the past.  
May they make us bold and brave to stand up against injustice.

Bless these funeral palms, O God of Comfort.  
May they remind us of the road that lies ahead.  
May they encourage us in times of grief and pain.

We give you thanks for the parade, the protest, the processional.  
Guide our steps through this holiest of weeks  
as we cry out together "Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna!" Amen.

## **CALL TO WORSHIP: OUR BRANCHES**

*written by Thom Shuman*

We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

**We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips;  
we will travel through betrayal and death,  
cradling hope deep in our hearts**

Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow,  
for he is the life we long for,  
he is the Word who sustains us.

**We wave palm branches in anticipation,  
we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk**

Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes:  
modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

**Hosanna! Hosanna!**

**Blessed is the One who brings us  
the kingdom of God.**

## **OPENING PRAYER: YOU RODE ON**

*Opening prayer for Palm/Passion Sunday from Joe Welty*

O Lord, you rode on.

You rode over the cloaks and under the branches,  
You rode through the shouts and past the praises,  
Receiving the praise that you deserved,  
but not confusing our praise in your presence for your purpose in  
coming.

O Lord, you rode on.

You rode towards the controversy and the cost,  
You rode towards the curses and the cross,  
Receiving the stripes you didn't deserve, to give us a reward that  
we couldn't earn.

O Lord, you rode on.

You rode through the tomb and the grave,  
You rode through our time and space,  
Ascending to a throne that will never decay,  
A priesthood that will never pass away,  
A life of love that will always remain,  
And hearing us even now as we pray.

O Lord, you rode on.

We remember the journey you have taken  
as we commit ourselves to walking in the same way.  
Give us the strength, hope, and joy we need  
as we follow.

In your name we pray,  
Amen.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Posted on Rev. Mindi's Rev-o-lution*

On this Sunday, O God,  
we remember how quickly we change.  
How fickle we are,  
how we pledge our devotion one moment  
and turn our backs the next.  
We go from shouting "Hosanna! Save Us!"  
to "Crucify Him."

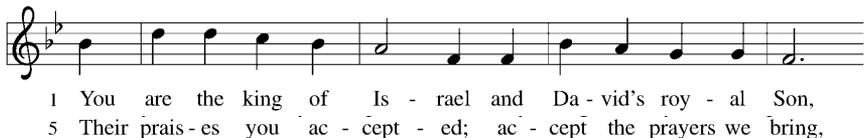
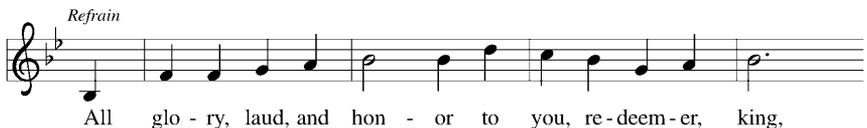
We declare that we love our neighbors  
and then we turn our backs  
on the homeless and hungry in our communities.

We speak up for change and justice in one breath,  
and then continue unjust practices in daily lives  
by what we consume and the needs we ignore.

Forgive us, O God, for we are half-hearted believers.  
Forgive us, O God, for we are partial justice warriors.  
Forgive us, O God, for we tire easily and we forget,  
and we grow weary.

Forgive us, restore us, and renew us for the journey of faith,  
so that we might become whole people  
who live wholly into Your vision of new life.  
In the name of Christ,  
who lived into the fullness of humanity,  
and whom we follow. **Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor vs 1 & 5*





## GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-11

The holy gospel according to Mark.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

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

<sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

<sup>11</sup>Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The gospel of the Lord.

### Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON: Pastor Jeff Greathouse

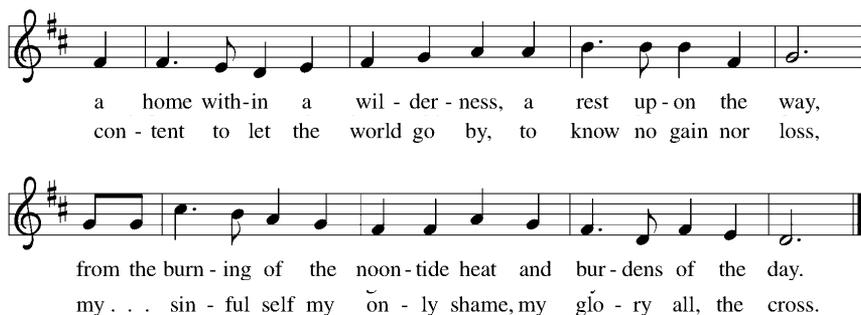
## HYMN OF THE DAY: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus vs 1 & 3*



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;  
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,  
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,  
from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.  
my . . . sin - ful self my òn - ly shame, my gló - ry all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830–1869  
Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

## CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Remembering in our prayers:*

**Paul** (Jacobson), **Donovan** (Antholt), **Vicki** (Wittenberg), **Mimi** (Zinngabe), **Janet** (Mickelson), **Deanne & Chris** (Schafer), **Art** (Williamson), **Kevin & Cathy** (Clark), **Steven** (Leek), **Dan** (Coyhis), **Sasha** (Hill), **Mark** (Hill), **Terry** (Foster), **Fred & Darlene** (Kirch), **Sandy** (Scott-Cota), **David** (Slamka), **Rusty** (Feld), **Shelby** (Swiggum), **Kayla** (Fleury), **Norb** (Lenius), **Rich** (Mickelson), **Marlene** (Zeller), **Carl** (Scholz).

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Faithful God,  
you walk beside us in desert places,  
and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven.  
Accompany us in this meal,  
that we may pass over from death to life  
with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Body of Christ Given for you  
The Blood of Christ Shed for you

*Please consume your elements*

## SENDING SONG: *Go to Dark Gethsemane vs 1 & 2*



1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;  
2 Fol - low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - raigned;



your Re-deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;  
oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss: learn from him to bear the cross.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854

Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

## SENDING

*Written by Cheryl Lawrie*

And now we lay down the palm branches.  
And with them we lay down our belief  
that there is another way for you to be God.

As the last echo of the final alleluia fades,  
so does our hope that this journey can end  
in any other way.

The week stretches ahead  
glory-less  
and pain-full

Whether we walk with all faith or none  
we look towards the cross,  
knowing it is both the most human  
and most divine  
of all journeys

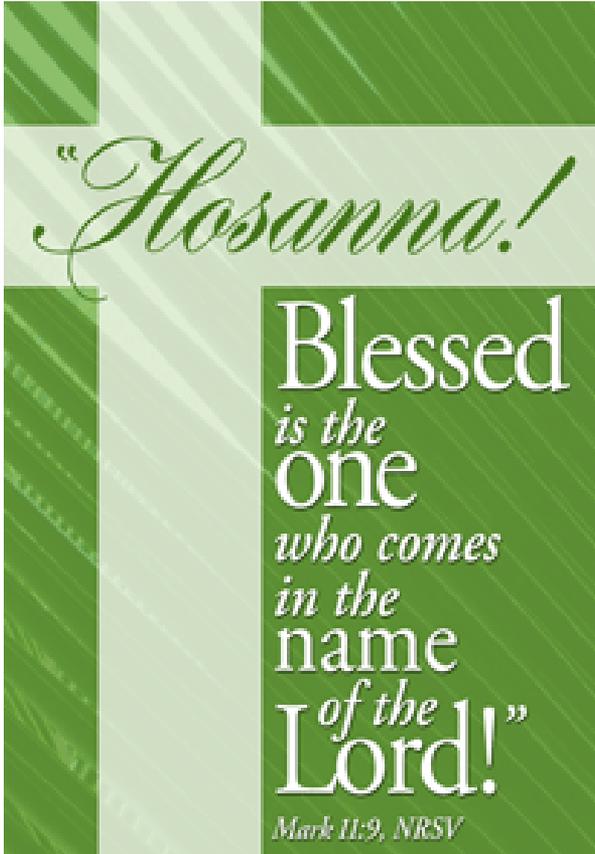
travel the road with courage,  
with love,  
and with the uneasy peace that is the gift of faith  
into this holiest of weeks.

Amen.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** Jason Palmer



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