

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

March 29, 2026

Palm/Passion Sunday

10:45am

† People May Stand

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**GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

Chimes

Prelude

Dr. Jesse Gray

Welcome

Deacon Jennifer Kohnen

† **Call to Worship**

Jesus, our Savior, entered into Jerusalem humbly on a donkey.

**People gathered from everywhere. They waved palm branches. They hailed him as their King.**

Jesus, our Savior, enters into our lives humbly..

**Let us worship him. Let us welcome him into our presence. He is Lord of all.**

Hosanna to the Son of David!

**Hosanna in the highest!**

† **Processional Hymn 88** (Blue Hymnal) “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

*Valet Will Ich Dir Geben*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, on this day we remember how you entered a city in turmoil, a city that would turn against you in a few short days. On this day we confess that we see ourselves mirrored in the faces of crowds in Jerusalem. We recognize that our faith is often more show than substance. We have rebelled against you in more ways than one. Have mercy on us, we pray. Forgive what is sinful, heal what is broken, and receive us as your own. Amen.

*(A moment for silent prayer follows)*

Response 471 (*Glory to God*) verse 1

***O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.***

***O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.***

Assurance of Pardon

† **Passing the Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*Exchange signs of peace with each other.*

† **Response 579** (Blue Hymnal)      “Glory Be to the Father”      *Gloria Patri*

**HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**

**The Children’s Message**      The Rev. Dr. Ruth L. Boling

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Holy God, quiet our minds. Open our hearts. Speak to us through your Word. In the wisdom of your Holy Spirit, guide us to hear, understand, and respond wholeheartedly. In Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.**

**Scripture Readings**      Matthew 21:1-11      pew Bible page 855  
large print Bible pages 27-28

John 17:11-21, 26      pew Bible pages 941, 942  
large print Bible pages 136, 137

**Chapel Choir Anthem**      “Lift High the Palms of Praise”      Victor Johnson

**Sermon**      “Jesus Prays for his Followers”

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

† **Affirmation of Faith**

What is prayer?      *Westminster Shorter Catechism Q:98*

**Prayer is an offering up of our desires to God, for things agreeable to his will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sin, and thankful acknowledgement of his mercies.**

Why do Christians need to pray?      *Heidelberg Catechism Q:116*

**Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us. And also because God gives his grace and Holy Spirit only to those who pray continually and groan inwardly, asking God for these gifts and thanking God for them.**

How do we sustain a life of prayer?      *Brief Statement of Faith PC(USA)*

**In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing.**

† **Hymn of Response 403** (Blue Hymnal)      “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”  
*Converse*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns of the Church**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer** (“debts” and “debtors”)

**The Offering of our Lives**

**Offertory**

“The Palms”  
John Dey, Tenor

Jean-Baptiste Faure

*All may join on the chorus:*

**Hosanna! Praised be the Lord.**

**Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation.**

† **Response 460** (Blue) “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” *Doxology*

**Offertory Prayer**

**SENDING INTO THE WORLD**

† **Sending Hymn 198** (*Glory to God Hymnal*) “Ride On! Ride On in Majesty”

*St. Drostan*

**Benediction**

**Choral Amen**

Matthew Byrd, Glockenspiel

**Postlude**