



# Service for the Lord's Day

Palm/Passion Sunday

March 24, 2024

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**W**elcome visitors, newcomers, and friends worshipping with us today! If you're interested in joining our church community, please speak to a pastor after worship or contact the church office, 434-293-3133. We hope you will worship with us again, whenever possible.

## Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude

*Valet will ich dir geben*

G. F. Kauffmann

Welcome

Introit

*Shout Hosanna!*

Iain Cunningham

Shout 'Hosanna, welcome to Jesus our king! Welcome to Jerusalem!

God bless him who comes in the name of the Lord.'

Wave palm branches and be a disciple. He is coming to save all people.

Shout 'Hosanna, welcome to Jesus our king!

Line the roadside, welcome the son of our God! Welcome to Jerusalem!

Make a pathway, welcome him into your heart!

Wave palm branches and be a disciple. He is coming to save all people.

Shout 'Hosanna, welcome to Jesus our king!

### ◆ Call to Worship

*We come to prepare for holy week with hope in our hearts.*

**We will journey through praise;  
we will travel through betrayal and death.**

*Jesus leads us through each day.*

**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 and glory, he comes — modeling humility and love for all of us.*

**Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Let us worship God!**

### ◆ Processional Hymn 196

**All Glory, Loud, and Honor**

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*O Holy One...*

*Forgive us, O Lord, and transform us by your grace.*

**Forgive us, O Lord, and free us from all that keeps us bound.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

*God invites us to see the world through a lens of love.**Beloved, open your eyes.**God is God, and we are not, so God invites us to give up control.**Beloved, relax your arms.**God is freeing us from the systems that keep us bound.**Beloved, open your hands.**God is calling us to free one another.**Beloved, reach a hand toward a neighbor.**Hear this good news and proclaim it together:***In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and freed to try again. Amen.**

## ◆ Sung Response

Glory to God no. 618

**All glory to our Lord and God****For love so deep, so high, so broad:****The Trinity whom we adore****Forever and forevermore.**

## ◆ Passing of the Peace

*May the peace of Christ be with you.***And also with you.**

## God's Word to Us

A Time with Children and Youth

Young children are invited to depart to the education building for a time of unstructured play.

## Prayer for Illumination

Psalter

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

OT p. 534

Kendall O'Donnell

Anthem

*Hosanna to the Son of David*

Orlando Gibbons

Hosanna to the son of David. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the king of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest places. Hosanna in the highest heavens.

Gospel Reading

Mark 11:1-11

NT p. 44

Sermon

Risking Confrontation

Dorothy Piatt-Esguerra

## Responding to God's Word

## ◆ Affirmation of Faith

written by two 14-year-old boys at a worship workshop on Iona

**We believe in God, who made the sun and the sky, the stars and the sea,  
who calls us to live responsibly.****We believe in Jesus Christ, who became human, healed the sick,****who talked to children, who made friends with sinners.****He burned brightly and offended many.****His journey was one of life and death and resurrection.****His light continues to shine in darkness.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who inspires the scriptures and whose breath we breathe.

We believe that God calls us to be a community, committed to one another, offering a welcome to everyone, old and young, rich and poor, strong and weak.

We believe that God calls us to be peacemakers, workers for justice, siblings in Christ, a light for our world. Amen.

- ◆ Hymn 209 **My Song Is Love Unknown** LOVE UNKNOWN

Prayers of the Congregation and 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.**

The Offering

- Offertory *Wondrous Love* arr. Paul Christiansen  
Text can be found at Glory to God hymnal no. 215. Steve Patek, solo

- ◆ Presentation of the Offering Hymnal Supplement no. 52  
**Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,  
Who upon the cross forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:  
We, your servants, bring the worship, not of voice alone, but heart;  
Consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.**

- ◆ Prayer of Dedication  
**Holy God, we give thanks for your love made known to us in the life, death, and  
resurrection of Christ. Bless these gifts that they may bring life on earth as in heaven.  
Amen.**

- ◆ Hymn 274 **You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd** PICARDY

- ◆ Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction Response *Wondrous Love* American folk hymn  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the heavy cross for my soul!

- ◆ Please stand, as you are able.

*The palms are given by Margaret McLaughlin Grove, in memory of her daughter, Mary-Moore Grove.*

# What's Happening

at Westminster

## Sunday, March 24

*Palm Sunday*

9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Labyrinth Walking and Embodied Prayer in the Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. Church School Hour

10:55 a.m. Palm Parade: children and youth interested in being in the palm parade  
meet on the patio outside the Sanctuary

11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary: a worship service that includes a processional, and  
the waving of palms

Noon UKirk and 20/30/40 Crew Bagel Brunch at Common Grounds

12:15 p.m. Singers rehearsal in the Choir Room

## Monday, March 25

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Labyrinth Walking and Embodied Prayer in the Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. UKirk Dinner and Discussion in Common Grounds

## Tuesday, March 26

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Labyrinth Walking and Embodied Prayer in the Fellowship Hall

## Wednesday, March 27

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Labyrinth Walking and Embodied Prayer in the Fellowship Hall

## Thursday, March 28

*Maundy Thursday*

10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Labyrinth Walking and Embodied Prayer in the Fellowship Hall

7 p.m. Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary: a service of quiet reflection that  
includes Scripture, song and the Sacrament of Communion

## Friday, March 29

*Good Friday*

10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Labyrinth Walking and Embodied Prayer in the Fellowship Hall

7 p.m. Worship in the Sanctuary: a reflective service of Tenebrae with Scripture readings,  
candlelight, hymns, and choral music

## Saturday, March 30

*Easter Saturday*

10 a.m. - noon Labyrinth Walking and Embodied Prayer in the Fellowship Hall

10 a.m. - noon Combined Choir rehearsal in the Sanctuary

## Sunday, March 31

*Easter Sunday*

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. (livestream) Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary:

Between the services, an Easter event with a brunch in the Fellowship Hall, a story in  
the Library, and an egg hunt in the Courtyard. After each service, on the patio,  
flowering the cross.

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Twitter, and Instagram accounts, @westminsterville. Visit [www.westminsterva.org](http://www.westminsterva.org).

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# All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.  
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra-cious King!

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

## My Song Is Love Unknown 209

1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to  
 2 He came from heav - en's throne sal - va - tion to be -  
 3 Some - times we strew his way, and his sweet prais - es  
 4 Un - heed - ing, we will have our dear Lord made a -  
 5 Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di -

me, love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly  
 stow; the world that was his own would not its Sav - ior  
 sing, re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to our  
 way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of life to  
 vine: nev - er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief like

be. O who am I that for my sake my  
 know. But O my Friend, my Friend in - deed, who  
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all our breath, and  
 slay. Yet stead - fast he to suf - fer - ing goes, that  
 thine. This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I

Lord should take frail flesh, and die?  
 at my need his life did spend!  
 for his death we thirst and cry.  
 he his foes from thence might free.  
 all my days could glad - ly spend.

The opening line here could equally well have been a courtier's lament for a secret affair, but it soon becomes a path into a vivid and poignant reflection on Christ's Passion. This 17th-century text is beautifully embraced by its sensitive and lyrical 20th-century tune.

# You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd 274

Capo 5: ( Am )  
 Dm ( F ) ( C ) ( Em ) ( Am ) ( A7 )  
 B<sup>b</sup> F Am Dm D7

1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep-herd. You, Lord, are both  
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun-tain, stripped of might up -  
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us, sit in pow - er  
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus! Wor - thy is our

( Dm ) ( G ) ( C ) ( F ) ( Em ) ( Dm ) ( Am )  
 Gm C F B<sup>b</sup> Am Gm Dm

prince and slave. You, peace-mak - er and sword-bring - er  
 on the cross, shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,  
 at God's side. You, who preach a way that's nar - row,  
 cos - mic Christ! Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - tory;

( B<sup>b</sup> ) ( F ) ( E ) ( A/C# ) ( Dm )  
 E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> A D/F# Gm

of the way you took and gave. You, the ev - er - last - ing  
 beg-gared by a sol - dier's toss, you, the ev - er - last - ing  
 have a love that reach - es wide. You, the ev - er - last - ing  
 wor - thy still your peace and strife. You, the ev - er - last - ing

( Am ) ( G ) ( Am ) ( Dm ) ( Em ) ( Am )  
 Dm C Dm Gm Am Dm

in - stant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.  
 in - stant; you who are both gift and cost.  
 in - stant; you, who are our pil - grim guide.  
 in - stant; you, who are our death and life.

When it was first published, the author called this text "Christus Paradox," because so many attributes of Christ stand in tension with each other. Mindful of the works of Søren Kierkegaard, she drafted it on a commuter bus after "a particularly bad day" of prison ministry.