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as we cultivate community and empower our neighbors.*

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A Service of Divine Worship on the Lord's Day

April 13, 2025 ~ Palm Sunday

Prelude

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Lisa Addington, hand bells

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song:

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

***The Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

People: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Liturgist: Lo, your king comes to you;

People: triumphant and victorious is he,

Liturgist: humble and riding on a donkey,

People: on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Liturgist: Let us worship God together.

***Opening Hymn:**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Please be seated.

A Call to Confession (Liturgist)

Like the people who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem and then later shouted "Crucify him," we are fickle people who often deny Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Remembering the events of Jesus' last week helps us see ourselves for what we are: sinners in need of a Savior, a Savior – praise God – we have in Christ. In honesty and hope, we confess now our sins to God.

Unison Prayer of Confession (prayed aloud by all)

Ever constant Love, mixing love and hope together, you pave the way to the kingdom, but we prefer to stub our toes on the potholed roads of temptation. You would touch the cup of grace to our parched lips, but we seem to hunger for the ashy taste of bitterness. You beg us to learn the songs of salvation, but we hum along with the chorus death plays in the background of our lives.

Silent Confession

Please take a moment for silent confession

Asking for God's Forgiveness

Liturgist: Let us now ask God's forgiveness.

People: Have mercy upon us, God of Holiness. As you come to us, you bring healing for our brokenness, peace for our troubled lives, hope for our doubting minds. May we empty ourselves of everything which keeps us from following you, so we may receive these gifts and more from Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist: Laying aside judgment, God offers us redemption; setting aside anger, God embraces us with love; letting go of grief, God pours living water upon us. This is the good news, my friends: God's steadfast love endures forever.

People: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God!

Sung Response to Confession: *Create In Me a Clean Heart*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord, and take not Thy holy spirit from me

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and renew a right spirit within me.

*Passing the Peace of Christ, Sharing in Christ's Welcome

Liturgist: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And, also with you.

Liturgist: Let us stand and share the peace of Christ with one another.

(Congregation shares peace with one another in the pew, over the phone, across the screen.)

Anthem

Sing Hosanna to the King of Kings

Choir

Children's Moment

Prayer for Illumination

Eternal God, whose Word silences the shouts of the mighty: quiet within us every voice but your own. Speak to us through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ, that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may receive grace to show Christ's love in lives given to your service. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

Matthew 21:1-11

The Message:

Important Lessons from Two Unnamed Disciples

Rev. Dr. Steve Wilson

Hymn of Affirmation:

I Danced in the Morning, vs 1-4

Sharing Our Life Together and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

I'll Walk with God

Fran Suhoski, Lisa Addington, Teresa Trich, Lisa Boynton

Thanksgiving in Song: *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God; do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

*Sending Hymn:


Jesus, Remember Me

*Charge and Benediction


*Postlude

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Hosanna, Loud Hosanna




1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang.
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
 the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,




the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.



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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!

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Capo 3: (D)

(Bm)

(F#m)

(Bm)

F

Dm

Am

Dm



1 I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I
 2 I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but
 3 I danced on the Sab-bath and I cured the lame. The
 4 I danced on a Fri - day when the sky turned black. It's
 5 They cut me down and I leapt up high. ‡

(Em)

(A)

Gm

C



danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I
 they would not dance and they would not foll - ow me. I
 ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame. They
 hard to dance with the dev - il on your back. They
 I am the life that will nev - er, nev - er die. I'll

(D)

(Bm)

(F#m)

(Bm)

F

Dm

Am

Dm



came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth. At
 danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John. They
 whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and
 bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone, but
 live in you if you'll live in me, ¶

(Em)

(A7)

(G)

(D)

Gm

C7

Bb

F



Beth - le - hem I had my birth.
 came with me and the dance went on.
 left me there on a cross to die.
 I am the dance and I still go on.
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Refrain

(F#m) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm) (D) (Bm)
Am Dm Am Dm F Dm

Dance, then, wher-ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the

(Em) (A) (D) (Bm) (D) (A7) (D)
Gm C F Dm F C7 F

Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wher - ev - er you may be,

(Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
Gm C7 F Bb F

and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

Jesus, Remember Me

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Je - sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

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