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*We embrace our call to love and serve Jesus Christ
as we cultivate community and empower our neighbors.*

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A Service of Divine Worship on the Lord's Day

March 29, 2026 ~ Palm to Passion Sunday

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

*Call to Worship:

Liturgist: Today we remember the One who entered the city in humility, not with force, but in peace.

People: We welcome the King who comes with gentleness and mercy.

Liturgist: He walked the road of suffering with steady purpose and faithfulness.

People: Teach us His self-control, that we may choose obedience over impulse.

Liturgist: Let our hearts open as the gates once opened before Him.

People: We lay down our pride and lift up our praise.

All: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Let us worship him with love, humility, and faithful hearts.

***Opening Hymn:** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Please be seated.

A Call to Confession (Liturgist)

Jesus entered the city knowing the cross stood before him, yet he walked forward in mercy, restraint, and love. We are called to answer uncertainty with faithfulness and to answer chaos with self-control. Let us now confess to God and to each other all the ways our humanity gets in the way of our calling.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful King, we confess that we often want victory without humility and power without gentleness. We react quickly instead of listening. We follow our impulses instead of practicing self-control.

Silent Confession *Please take a moment for silent confession*

Asking for God's Forgiveness

Liturgist: Let us now ask God's forgiveness.

People: Forgive us, Lord, for the ways we wave palms in worship but resist Your rule in our hearts, making us no better than those who cried "Crucify Him!" on Good Friday. As we walk through this Holy Week, make us into people who reflect Your patience and mercy.

Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist: Christ entered Jerusalem knowing our weakness and loving us still. He did not turn away from the cross, and He does not turn away from you. In Christ there is forgiveness, renewal, and strength for new obedience.

People: Thanks be to God! Hosanna!

Sung Response to Confession: *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see!

All I have needed thy hand hath provided

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

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

Liturgist: As we share peace this morning, let us be reminded that faithfulness means embracing peace in all circumstances. May 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: *Let the Rocks Cry Out*

Children's Moment

Prayer for Illumination

Eternal God, as we move through the scriptures, celebrating with palms, knowing that the shadows of the cross are on the horizon, open our hearts to take in the whole story: the story of passion, the story of sacrifice, the story of glory. Speak to us, Lord, we are listening.

Scripture Lesson Matthew 21:1-11, Matthew 27:32-37

The Message: *Faithfulness & Self-Control*

Hymn of Affirmation: *I Danced in the Morning, v.1-4*

Sharing Our Life Together

Offertory

Thanksgiving in Song:

Father, whose bounty all creation shows

Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live

Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows

To you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

***Sending Hymn:** *What Wondrous Love is This?*

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!

to Refrain

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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.

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Praise be to the Lord, for He showed His wonderful love to me. Psalm 31:21

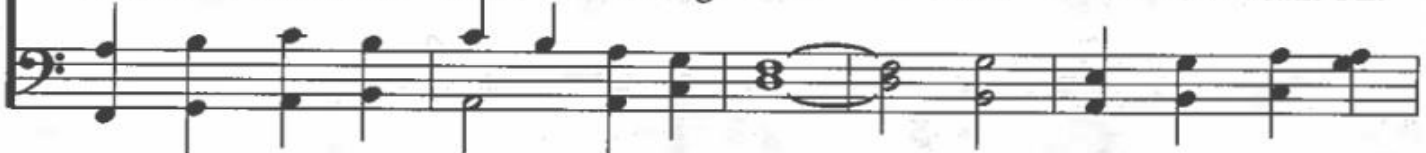
Unison



1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2. When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When
3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is
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this That caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
down Be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side His crown for my
Lamb Who is the great "I AM," While mil-lions join the theme, I will
free, I'll sing and joy-ful be, And thro' e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul.
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side His crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, And thro' e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on.

