

Service of Worship
Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday

Telcome to Holy Week at Park Street Church. Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, during which Christians commemorate the events leading up to Jesus' death on the cross for the salvation of the world. Palm branches were used that day by the crowd to salute Jesus (John 12:13), and they also represent victory and peace (cf. Rev. 7:9). The beginning of the Palm Sunday service is joyful, permeated with the Hebrew praise-shout *Hosanna*, which means "Save [us]." Hosanna appears in the Bible only at Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem: that fleeting but glorious moment when heavenly reality was manifest on earth. Our Lord rode into his city, Jerusalem, as the right-

ful king (on a donkey, a symbolic action harkening back to the words of Zechariah 9:9), and was hailed as Messiah by all the people (including children), "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the Highest!" In churches around the world, this grand procession into Jerusalem is re-enacted yearly in worship, accompanied, for the past 1,200 years, by the hymn "All Glory, Laud, and Honor." In this service, the joy of the triumphal entry quickly gives way to a sober contemplation of the Passion of Christ which remains our focus for the duration of Holy Week. The liturgical color red is used during Holy Week to represent Jesus' blood.

This service booklet contains instructions (usually under the pilcrow ¶) and explanations to aid the full participation of God's people in his worship. The People read or sing all **bold text** with a loud voice. It is not necessary to wait for a verbal cue before standing, sitting, or kneeling as indicated. Where hymns are listed, the name of the tune appears right-flush in small caps. Scripture lessons are taken from the English Standard Version.

THE PRELUDE

¶ Music is played upon the organ or by the musicians, preparing us in body and mind to enter into the Lord's worship.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

¶ Immediately at the conclusion of the Prelude, the People stand:

"Behold, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey."

THE FANFARE

Moravian Hosanna

Bp. Christian Gregor (1723–1801)

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-11a

THE PROCESSION

¶ Children are invited to join in the procession around the sanctuary by following behind the choir and ministers, waving their palms and returning to their seats at the conclusion.

Leader Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

People Who is this king of glory?

Leader The LORD almighty—he is the King of glory.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.

People Hosanna in the highest!

Leader With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

People Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! Hosanna in the highest!

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMNS

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Ellacombe



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



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



Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to bright an-gels joined the cho - rus, be - youd the cloud-less may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,



The chil-dren sang their prais - es, the sim-plest and the in the high - est! Glo - ry to God on "Ho - san - na high!" and in his bliss-ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

Words: 1873 | Jennette Threlfall (1821-1880)

Music: Ellacombe, 1784, 1833, 1868 | adap. from German sources by William Henry Monk (1823-1889)



Words: Theodulph of Orleans (760-821)

trans. 1854 | John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

Music: Valet will ich der geben, 1613 | Melchior Teschner (1584-1635) 76. 76. D

harm. 1861 | William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

THE PRAYER

 \P Led by the Elder. Following the prayer, the People remain standing.

THE ANTHEM (II am)

Sanctus, from Requiem

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts [armies]*,

Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua.

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Hosanna in the highest.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Hosanna in the highest.

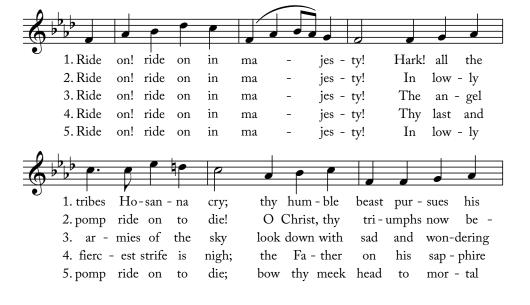
Words: 5th century hymn based on Isa. 6:3, Matt. 21:9 | Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)

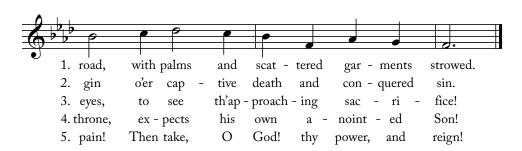
THE HYMN

 \P During the hymn, palms of the festal procession are removed from the Table; musicians depart.

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

The King's Majesty





Words: Henry Hart Milman (1791–1868)

Music: The King's Majesty, 1939 | Graham George (b. 1912-1993)

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¶ The People sit.

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

pew Bible p. 613

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

3 I (9-16)

In te, Domine, speravi

¶ The People stand to recite the psalm antiphonally: Floor reads regular text, balcony reads bold text.

Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.

For my life is spent with sorrow,

and my years with sighing;

my strength fails because of my iniquity,

and my bones waste away.

Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach, especially to my neighbors,

and an object of dread to my acquaintances;

those who see me in the street flee from me.

I have been forgotten like one who is dead;

I have become like a broken vessel.

For I hear the whispering of many—terror on every side!— as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

But I trust in you, O Lord;

I say, "You are my God."

My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love!

All Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ The People sit.

THE PASSION GOSPEL

Mark 14:32-15:47

- ³² And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." ³³ And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. ³⁴ And he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch." ³⁵ And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶ And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." ³⁷ And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? ³⁸ Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ³⁹ And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰ And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. ⁴¹ And he came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴² Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."
- ⁴³ And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. ⁴⁴ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard." ⁴⁵ And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" And he kissed him. ⁴⁶ And they laid hands on him and seized him. ⁴⁷ But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. ⁴⁸ And Jesus said to them, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? ⁴⁹ Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled." ⁵⁰ And they all left him and fled.
- ⁵¹ And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, ⁵² but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.
- ⁵³ And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. ⁵⁴ And Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire. ⁵⁵ Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none. ⁵⁶ For many bore false witness against him, but their

testimony did not agree. ⁵⁷ And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying, ⁵⁸ "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands." ⁵⁹ Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. ⁶⁰ And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" ⁶¹ But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" ⁶² And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." ⁶³ And the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further witnesses do we need? ⁶⁴ You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?" And they all condemned him as deserving death. ⁶⁵ And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophesy!" And the guards received him with blows.

⁶⁶ And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, ⁶⁷ and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus." ⁶⁸ But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you mean." And he went out into the gateway and the rooster crowed. ⁶⁹ And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." ⁷⁰ But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean." ⁷¹ But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know this man of whom you speak." ⁷² And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

15 And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. ² And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." ³ And the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴ And Pilate again asked him, "Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you." ⁵ But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

⁶ Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. ⁷ And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. ⁸ And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. ⁹ And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ¹⁰ For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. ¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. ¹² And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" ¹³ And they cried out again, "Crucify him." ¹⁴ And Pilate said to them, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him." ¹⁵ So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

¹⁶ And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. ¹⁷ And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. ¹⁸ And they began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ¹⁹ And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. ²⁰ And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

²¹ And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross.

¶ The People stand.

- ²² And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). ²³ And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. ²⁴ And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. ²⁵ And it was the third hour when they crucified him. ²⁶ And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷ And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹ And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, ³⁰ save yourself, and come down from the cross!" ³¹ So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³² Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.
- ³³ And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. ³⁴ And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ³⁵ And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." ³⁶ And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." ³⁷ And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last.

¶ The People kneel, or may sit.

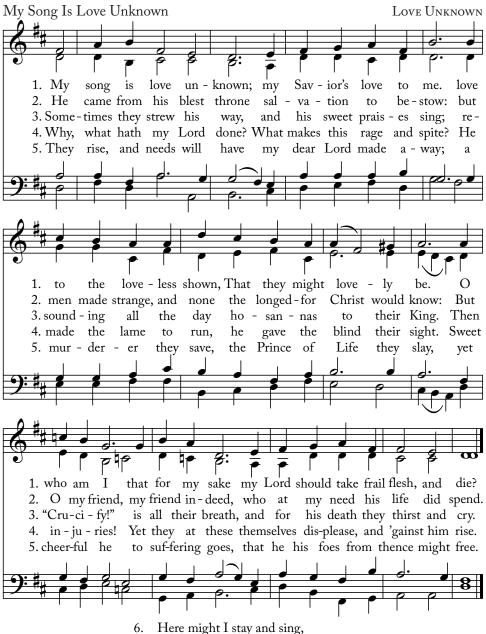
- ³⁸ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹ And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"
- ⁴⁰ There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹ When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.
- ⁴² And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, ⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴ Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. ⁴⁵ And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. ⁴⁶ And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. ⁴⁷ Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.
- ¶ A solemn melody is played by the musicians. When it concludes, the People sit.

SERMON

Not What I Will

Mark Booker

¶ The People stand.



Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King!
never was grief like thine.
This is my Friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

but men made strange: but men scorned him.

Words: 1664 | Samuel Crossman (1623-1683)

Music: Love Unknown, 1918 | John Ireland (1879-1962) 66. 66. 44. 44

THE PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

¶ The People kneel or sit. A Minister leads the People in confession of sin and in prayer for the world, the church, the sick, and the suffering, concluding with

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 coming day's bread;

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into trial, but deliver us from the Evil One.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever. Amen.

THE PEACE

Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with your spirit.

 \P Greet one another in the peace of Christ. Following the Peace, the People sit.

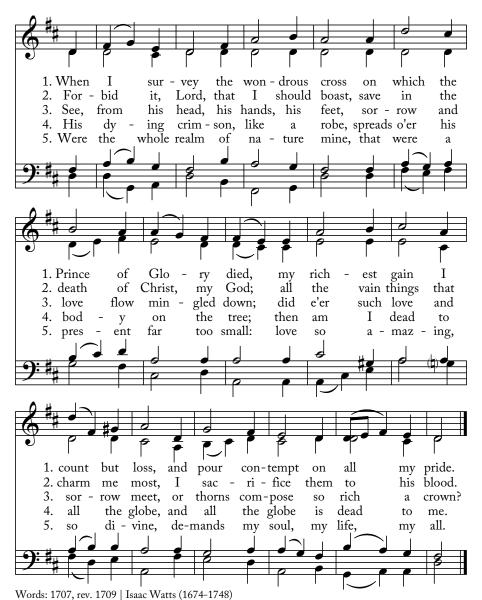
OFFERTORY

 \P The People sit. The offering plates are passed. Music is offered to the Lord.

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

¶ The People stand and sing as the offerings are brought forward by the ushers. A Minister then presents them to the Lord in prayer.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.



Music: Rockingham, 1790 | Edward Miller (1731-1807) LM

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

¶ The People sit or may leave quietly as music is played on the organ. Please be respectful of those listening to the postlude in the sanctuary or via the livestream.

Ah, Holy Jesus

Helmut Walcha (1907–1991)

SERVICE LEADERS AND PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, Senior Minister Nathan Skinner, Director of Music

Assisting Ministers Adam Herndon, Minister to Families

Randall Wetzig, Assistant Minister

Elders 8:30 Richard Ibekwe

11:00 Andrew Ziegler

Lay Readers Christopher Nichols

8:30 Stuart DeLorme 11:00 Linda Hemphill

Musicians The Sanctuary Choir; Daniel Schmunk, Director of Choral Music

Julianne Johnston, flute; James Bulger, oboe

Angelina Savoia, harp; Katie McInerney, glockenspiel

Elizabeth Jewell & Kenneth Wegiel, trumpet

Rachel Brake & Marina Krickler, horn

Natalie Collins, trombone; Mitchell Brady, tuba

Casey Voss, timpani

A complete staff directory can be found at parkstreet.org/about-us/staff/

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY Worship Services 8:30 am, 11:00 am, & 4:00 pm

March 24 Organ Recital 12:30 pm (25 minutes)

WEDNESDAY Midweek Lenten Service

March 27 12:15 pm

Maundy Thursday Communion Service

March 28 7:30 pm

GOOD FRIDAY Worship Services

March 29 Noon & 7:30 pm

Easter Day Worship Services

March 31 9:00 am & 11:00 am | Music by choir & orchestra

4:00 pm | Music by Sunday Night Band

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Organ Recital | Today | 12:30pm

Director of Music Nathan Skinner will perform Julius Reubke's *Sonata on Psalm 94*. This highly dramatic piece in four movements (25 minutes) explores the depths of emotion expressed in the psalmist's cry for God to vindicate his people.

Easter Celebration - Bring Your Best Baked Goods!

To make our Easter Sunday festivities even more special, we invite you to contribute a favorite baked good, dessert, or finger food to share at one of our post-service receptions. Please plan to bring your contributions at one of the following times before Easter Sunday:

- Today, before any service, to the Welcome Center kitchen (for items that can withstand a longer stay in the fridge/freezer)
- Sat, Mar 30, 10 am 1 pm, to the Granary Room kitchen

Though not preferred, we can accept contributions on Sun, Mar 31 (Easter Sunday) before each service, to the Fellowship Hall kitchen. Black serving trays are available for pickup today in the Welcome Center.

Easter Memorial Flowers | Order by the end of the day today

Please fill out the form found at parkstreet.org/easter if you would like to order flowers to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday in memory of a loved one. Payment can be made by check or online.

Find more at: parkstreet.org/announcements

NEW?

Welcome to Park Street Church! We're glad you're here, and we invite you to become a part of this community of Jesus' disciples. Wherever you're coming from and whatever questions you are asking, we welcome you to join us as we seek to become more like Jesus.

 Fill out a Connect card in the pews and hand it to an usher or drop it in the offering plate. You can also visit parkstreet.org or scan the QR code at the right. We'll be in touch.



- Meet an elder or minister at the **Info Desk** in the Welcome Center (one floor below the sanctuary) and pick up a **Welcome booklet**.
- RSVP to the invitation you receive for the Newcomers' Lunch on a
 third Sunday of the month, where you can meet other newcomers and
 church leaders, hear about our community, and ask questions. We look
 forward to getting to know you!