

ORDER OF WORSHIP - MARCH 24, 2024
PALM SUNDAY

GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

Bishop Al Gwinn

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF JESUS

PRELUDE

& PALM PROCESSIONAL

Dr. James Humlong
Church Family

Processional on "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Dan Miller

INTROIT

Combined Choirs, Handbells,
Emily Beck, soloist

A Joyful Hosanna

Becki Slagle Mayo

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Joan Wooden

We raise our voices and wave with joyful hope
the palms of deliverance of God's people.

Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David!

Our hearts are filled with expectation
as we welcome the coming king.

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

We receive into the crowded streets of our lives
the one who is Savior, not only of us, but of all the earth.

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

***HYMN 278**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

***PSALTER LESSON**

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,

"His steadfast love endures forever!"

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

**This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

**The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.**

This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
**This is the day which the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
We bless you from the house of the Lord.
The Lord is God;
who has given us light.
**Lead the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar!**
You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.
**O give thanks to the Lord, who is good;
for God's steadfast love endures for ever!**

***GLORIA PATRI**

UMH 70

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Adam Brewer

***HYMN 277**

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Joan Wooden

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We confess, O God, how we love the celebration and
personal anonymity of the crowd. We love the smell of victory in the air.
Forgive us when we turn and run because the parade
did not lead where we thought it might.
Forgive us when we leave our principles on the parade ground
and follow the crowd instead of following Jesus.
Forgive us and restore us in the name of Jesus, our Messiah and Savior. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God's steadfast love endures forever.
In Christ, God answers us and sets us free!
In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

HYMN 301

Stanza 1

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Rachel Marshall

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Chancel Choir

Hosanna to the King
Dan Forrest

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH 95

***PRAYER OF BLESSING**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jack Belcher

Matthew 21: 6-10

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?"

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Bishop Al Gwinn

"Jesus is Our Jubilee"

***HYMN 280**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Dr. James Humlong

March on "Lift Up Your Heads"
Alexandre Guilmant

This morning's liturgy:

Call to Worship - posted on **Life in Liturgy**, from the Christian Church
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