



INTER-FAITH CHAPEL WORSHIP SERVICE

10:00 AM

March 24, 2024

Palm / Passion Sunday

SILENT MEDITATION

Today, we wave palm branches and shout "Hosanna" in praise. But we know that this week involves betrayal, suffering, and the shout of "Crucify Him!" All of the components of this narrative represent the wholeness of the Gospel, and remind us that the Parade of Palms leads to the Passion of the Cross.

PRELUDE

All Glory, Laud and Honor
Dr. Holly Oberle, Director of Music

Smith

WORDS OF WELCOME

Dr. Woodie Rea

LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE

INTROIT

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty
Chancel Choir

Scott

CALL TO WORSHIP

Palm Parade

Mark 11:1-10

As Jesus and his disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of them ahead saying, "Go to that village over there. As soon as you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it, and he sat on it. As he entered Jerusalem, many in the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others waved palm branches they had cut in the fields. Jesus was in the center of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting...

One: Hosanna!

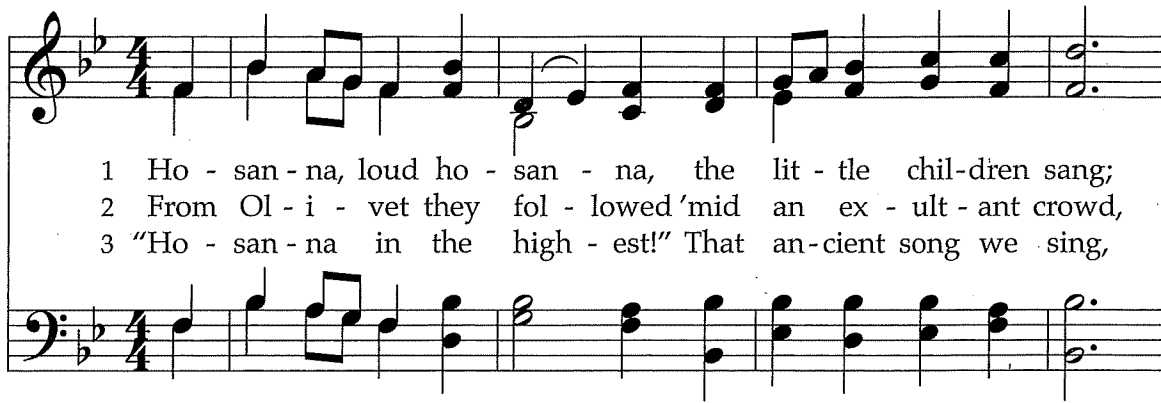
ALL: Hosanna!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

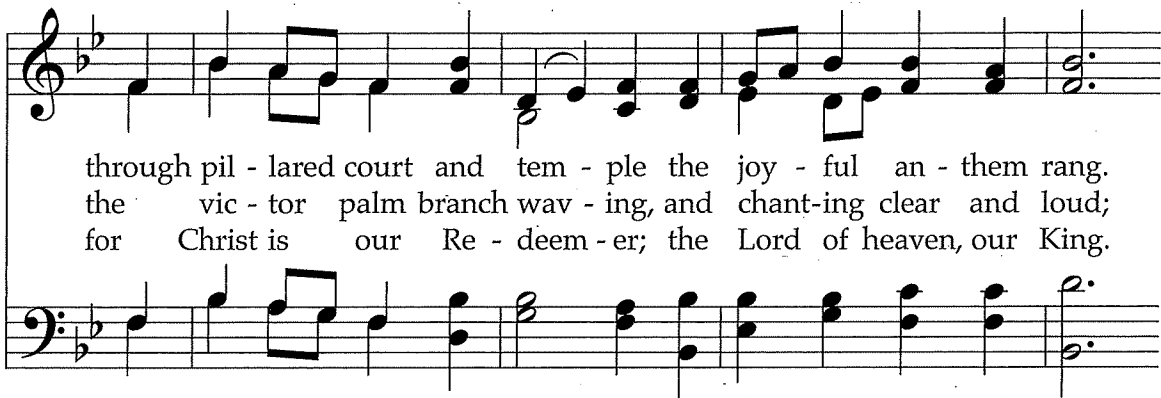
Hosanna, in the Highest!

† **PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

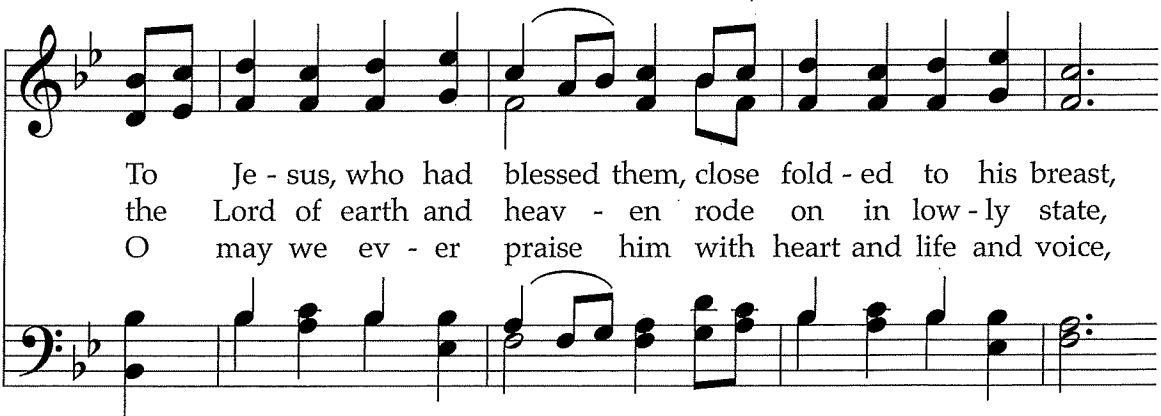
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



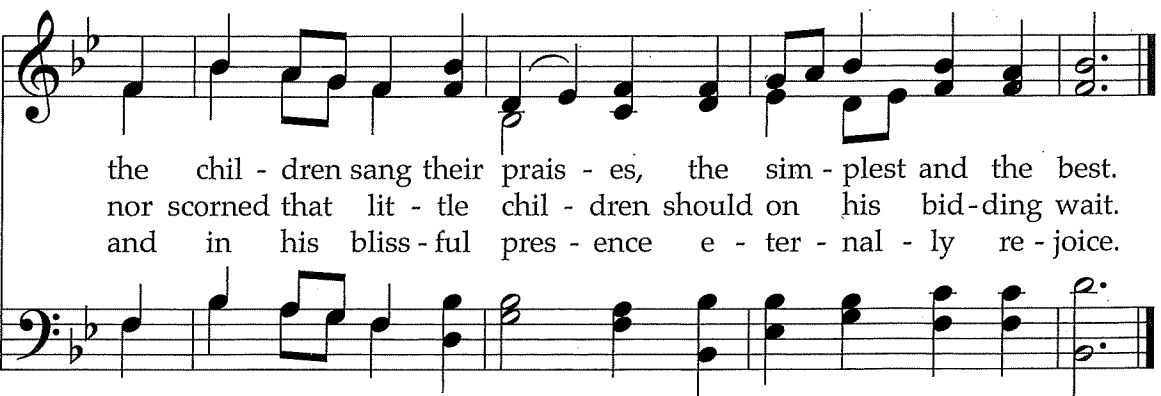
1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,



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.

The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.

INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Ramonia Lee

KYRIE

Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i -

son. Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e

e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, Chri - ste

e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, Chri - ste

e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e

e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e

e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON

O God, we admit that we love to wave palms and hear people shouting praises. We also acknowledge how quickly public opinion can change. We confess that we are fickle people. We confess that we pledge our support in one moment, and turn our backs the next. We speak up for justice with one breath, and then follow by speaking words of condemnation toward others. Forgive us, O God, for our partial efforts and for being half-hearted followers. In the name of the Messiah, the Anointed One, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

✠ You are invited to stand as you are comfortable.
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FIRST READING

Betrayal

Mark 14: 1-2, 10-20

ANTHEM

I Walk Today Where Jesus Walked
Farah Kidwai, Soloist

O'Hara

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**LORD'S PRAYER****UNISON**

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SECOND READING

The Garden

Mark 14: 32-46

HYMN*Go To Dark Gethsemane***THIRD READING**

Denial

Mark 14: 53-54, 66-72

SERMON

"Palm Parade and Passion Pain"

Dr. Woodie Rea

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**OFFERTORY**

Go Forth in Triumph
Dr. Holly Oberle, Dir. Of Music

Ritter

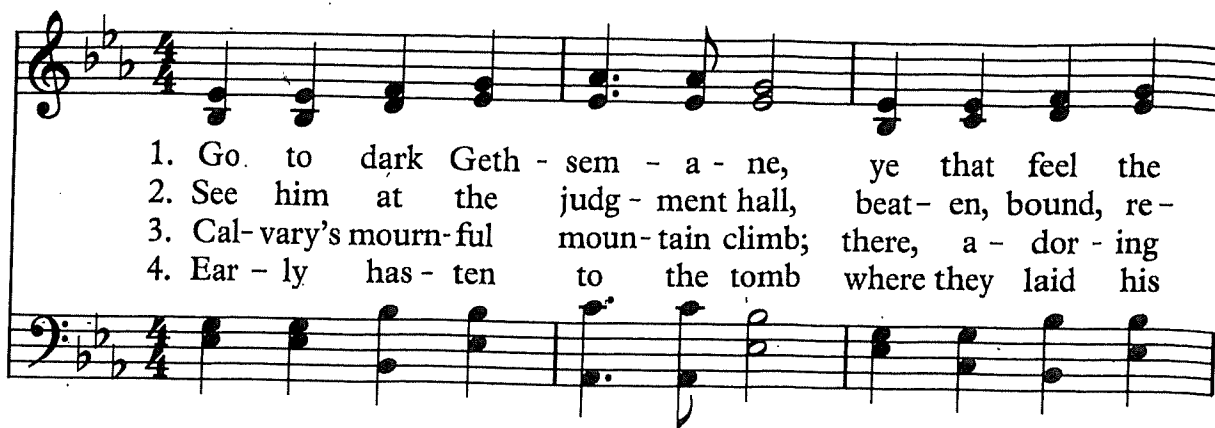
† DOXOLOGY

Tune: Old Hundreth

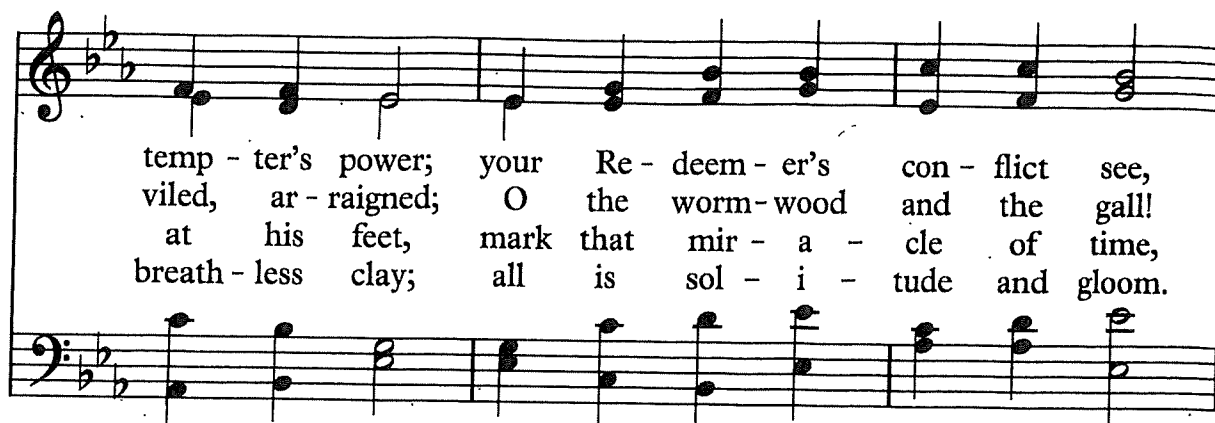
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God, above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION**† CLOSING HYMN***All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

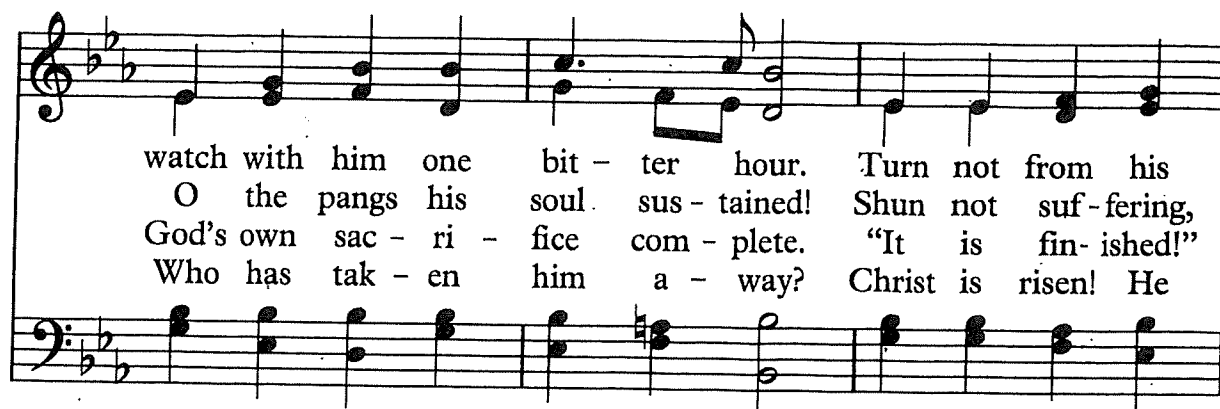
Go to Dark Gethsemane



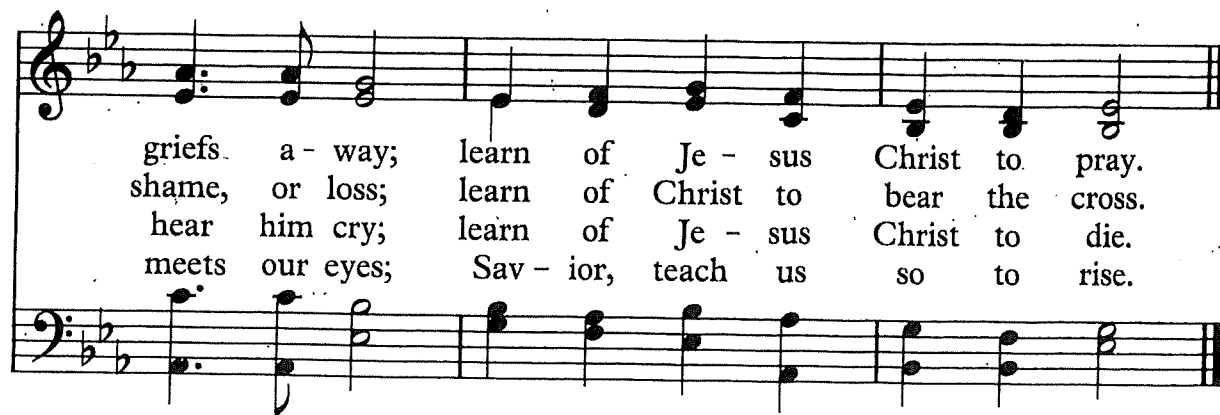
1. Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, ye that feel the
 2. See him at the judg - ment hall, beat - en, bound, re -
 3. Cal - vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing
 4. Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his



temp - ter's power; your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,
 viled, ar - rained; O the worm - wood and the gall!
 at his feet, mark that mir - a - cle of time,
 breath - less clay; all is sol - i - tude and gloom.



watch with him one bit - ter hour. Turn not from his
 O the pangs his soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - fering,
 God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"
 Who has tak - en him a - way? Christ is risen! He



griefs a - way; learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.
 shame, or loss; learn of Christ to bear the cross.
 hear him cry; learn of Je - sus Christ to die.
 meets our eyes; Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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.

† BENEDICTION

We have gathered with the crowds singing Hosanna!

We have shared in the joy of the Palm Parade.

Now we lay down the palm branches,

And follow the crowd as it leads toward the cross.

As the week unfolds, we will not lose courage,

For we know that God brings

healing to our brokenness,

peace for our troubled lives,

hope for our doubting minds.

May we receive these gifts, and more, through this upcoming week. Amen.

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Tune: Ar Hyd Y Nos

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.

In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

† POSTLUDE

Fanfare and March on St. Theodulph

Dixon

Dr. Holly Oberle, Director of Music

PARTING THOUGHT

*A cheering, chanting, dizzy crowd, had stripped the green trees bare,
And hailing Christ as King aloud, waved branches in the air.*

*They laid their garments in the road, and spread his path with palms,
And vows of lasting love bestowed, with royal hymns and psalms.*

*When day dimmed down to deepening dark, the crowd began to fade,
'Til only trampled leaves and bark, were left from the parade.*

*Lest we be fooled because our hearts have surged with passing praise,
Remind us, God, as this week starts, where Christ has fixed his gaze.*

*Instead of palms a winding sheet will have to be unrolled,
No palmed carpet will greet this king, but a cross, he will hold.*

- Thomas H. Troeger

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us today! The Inter-Faith Chapel is committed to providing “*A House of Prayer for All People*.” We are seeking to share the love of God through caring, outreach, study, and worship. We extend a special welcome to our visitors and hope that you will return to be with us again soon.

HOLY WEEK MOVIE

All are invited to join us on **Wednesday, March 27th at 1:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall to view the movie, *The Passion of Christ*, focusing on the last 12 hours of Jesus' life. The film opens in the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus went to pray following the Last Supper and where he was tempted, betrayed, and arrested. We follow Jesus through trial, condemnation, and death. This movie contains scenes of violence as it offers a realistic depiction of what might have actually happened at the crucifixion.

HOLY WEEK PRAYER

Throughout Lent, Spiritual Director Bertie Knisely has been facilitating a time of centering prayer. Enrich your Holy Week experience by joining others in the Fellowship Hall on **Wednesday, March 27th from 6:00 – 7:00 PM** for quiet, guided, prayer and meditation.

All are welcome! Please notify us of your attendance in advance by calling the Chapel office at 301-598-5312 or by emailing Bertie Knisely at bertiek@moravian.edu.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

Holy Week (Passion Week) builds in meaning throughout this week and culminates next week with Resurrection Sunday. There are several special opportunities for worship in this week and we hope that you will join us. Bring a friend or your family. You may look at the March *Courier* available in The Narthex for more information.

Maundy Thursday	March 28	6:00 PM
	<i>“Let This Cup Pass”</i>	
Good Friday	March 29	12:00 PM
	<i>“The Four Nails” *</i>	
EASTER SUNDAY	March 31	9:00 & 11:00 AM
	<i>“An Empty Tomb” *</i>	

(*This service will also be available through livestream on www.inter-faithchapel.org)