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# PALM SUNDAY

## ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Our mission is to worship and serve God  
in our church, community, and the world.



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Please respond with words in **bold print**.

\*Please stand if comfortably able

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## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BELLS CALL US INTO SILENT REVERENCE.

THE CANDLES ARE LIT TO LIGHT OUR WAY INTO WORSHIP.

PRELUDE: **“The Palms”** Jean Bapiste Faure

\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Blessed are those who delight in worship.  
Blessed are the ones who come in God’s name.

**MANY: Give thanks to God, all who assemble here.  
God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

One: Let all who follow Christ sing God’s praise  
Because of God’s help, we are not disgraced.

**MANY: Open the gates of righteousness that we might  
enter. The works of God are marvelous in our eyes.**

One: This is the day that our God has made;  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**MANY: Hosanna! Let every knee bend before Jesus!  
Let every tongue welcome Christ’s reign! Hosanna!**

\*OPENING HYMN: #213 **“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”**

\*CALL TO CONFESSION:

\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Sovereign God, we confess that we are as fickle as the  
crowds in Jerusalem. When everything seems to be going  
well, we join the hosanna chorus, but in times of weariness or  
rebellion, praise can turn to insult. We hide our faith when it  
is under attack and link ourselves with the scoffers. When  
there is opportunity to speak a good word for Jesus Christ,  
we are silent. Forgive us, O God. Amen.**

\*SUNG RESPONSE: **“Create in me, a clean heart, O God”**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

\*GLORIA: #759

**Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit,  
Three-in-One; As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

EPISTLE READING:

**Philippians 2:5-11  
Lay Liturgist**

READING FROM **PSALM 118:1-2, 19-29**

**Lay Liturgist**

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

\*GOSPEL LESSON: **Mark 11:1-11**

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SERMON: **“Donkey Duty”**

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE: **#507 “Jesus the Very Thought to Me”**

PASTORAL PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your 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  
debts as, we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into  
temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

PRAYER RESPONSE: **#773**

**Remember me, remember me, O Jesus remember me.**

OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND SELVES

OFFERTORY: **“Ride on in Majesty”** Dorothy Wells

\*DOXOLOGY: # 780

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

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

**What you have done for us is marvelous in our eyes,  
gracious God. Our gifts can never match your goodness**

**toward us. Your saving grace, your healing light, your personal sacrifice is so far beyond our imagining! We can only offer ourselves, all we have and all we are, in response to the coming of Christ Jesus. Hosanna in the highest! Receive, O God, our humble service. Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN: #215 “Ride On! Ride on in Majesty!”**

DURING THE HYMN, THE LIGHT IS EXTINGUISHED AND CARRIED OUT INTO THE WORLD.

**\*BENEDICTION:**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: #812 Three-Fold Amen  
Amen, Amen, A-men.**

THE BELL RINGS, AS WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD, TO SPREAD THE JOY OF CHRIST TO ALL.

POSTLUDE: **“March Triumphant into Jerusalem”**  
Robert W. Thygerson

**“Our Worship has ended – Now our Service begins.”**

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