

# Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026

\* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Hosanna!"

arr. John M.

## Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. For he didn't consider equality with God something to be grasped, but he emptied himself, even unto death on a cross. As we wait for the day of resurrection let us look to Jesus.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!  
Let Israel say,

**All: His steadfast love endures forever!**

Liturgist: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter in and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

**All: You have answered us and have become our salvation.**

Liturgist: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**All: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Liturgist: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

Liturgist: The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**All: His steadfast love endures forever!** *Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 adapted*

\* **All Singing:** **144** **“Lift Up the Gates Eternal”**  
*Singing verses 1–5, vigorously waving palm branches during the refrain*

\* GOD’S GREETING

\* GOD’S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

\* **All Singing:** **“All Ye Refugees”** McCracken  
*Soloist singing verses and bridge, all singing refrain and waving palm branches*

I am the One, the earth is my handmade work  
The skies, I laid them wide, beauty unfurled  
Horizon to horizon, creation to creation, sings you home

**Welcome home, gather ’round**  
**All ye refugees, come in**  
**Welcome home, gather ’round**  
**All ye refugees, come in**

Oh, refugee, I did not cast you out  
In death and broken ground, salvation springs  
My body and my blood, the healing that you need  
Come and receive

**Refrain**

Watch and wait and see  
What is yet to be  
Watch and wait and see  
For the morning

Go out in joy, and join the great procession  
The mountains and the heavens all will rejoice  
Horizon to horizon, creation to creation  
Horizon to horizon, creation to creation, with one voice  
**Refrain**

*Children ages 2–7 may come forward for a brief word and blessing  
before they leave for “God Loves Me” and “Children in Worship.”*

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## Reconciliation

Liturgist: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

**All: who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,**

Liturgist: but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,

**All: he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.**

Liturgist: As we approach that mystery this week, as we wave branches in triumphal entry and as we turn toward the cross, we are mindful of our brokenness.

**All: Lord, have mercy. We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.**

Liturgist: Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone.

### *Silent Confession and Lament*

Liturgist: Therefore, God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that

**All: Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

\* **All Singing: 146 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”**

Liturgist: If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mind as Christ Jesus.

*Philippians 2:1-11 adapted*

## Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**All Singing: 758 “Order My Steps”**  
*Singing through twice*

Scripture: Luke 19:28-40

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: Walking in a Parade

\* **All Singing: 483 “Come, we that Love the Lord”**  
*Singing verses 1, 3, and 4*

## Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness.

OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. Trinity Christian College

Soloist: “Walk Together Children”

arr. Moses Hogan

\* **All Singing: 959 “Glory Be to the Father”**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## Sending

\* BENEDICTION


\* **All Singing: 100 “Jesus, the Light of the World”**  
*Singing verses 2, 3, and 4, waving palm branches during the refrain*

## Postlude

### **Worship Leaders**

Organist:	Dora Diephouse	Acolyte:	Colette Van Marion
Pianist:	Anna Triezenberg-Sims	Liturgists:	Kris Jousma
Vocalist / Soloist:	Marjie Coleman	Prayer:	Dave Jousma
Offertory Soloist:	David Baar		
Viola:	Annelise Latham		
Guitar:	Dave De Wit		
Percussion:	Henry Evenhouse		
Minister:	Roger Nelson		

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