

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 2, 2023

10:55 A.M.

*Worship begins with the Chiming of the Hour and the Voluntary.
To help maintain the spirit of worship, please silence all electronic devices.
✠ – Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Chiming of the Hour

Exaltation and joy. Passover sacrifice and betrayal. Death ad life. Such is the terrain of Holy Week. Such are the waters that sweep us through the holy mystery of our faith—the waters that reveal the joy and the cost of discipleship. Today, we take this same journey with Jesus, moving with delirious joy to abject sorrow, knowing that our tears will soon turn to surprised laughter. The best is yet to come.

Voluntary

Processional — Grayston Ives

David Weigle

✠Call to Worship & Invocation

Congregation

Our king has come riding on a donkey.

Hosanna in the highest! (*wave palms!*)

Our savior has come to waving palms and cheers of praise.

Hosanna in the highest! (*wave palms!*)

Jesus has come to show us the greatness of God's love.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

—B. J. Beu

Let us pray:

God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be with us in the joys and sorrows of life. We turn to you this day, knowing that we will not be put to shame. Be at our side when the crowd shouts “Hosanna!” as Jesus rode into Jerusalem. Be with us also when the crowd turns, as those who loved him fell away. Their story is our story. Be with us in the telling, that we may walk with Jesus once more on the long journey of Holy Week. Amen.

‡Procession of Palms – Hymn 175

Congregation

All Glory, Laud, and Honor — ST. THEODULPH
(Join the procession by waving your palm fronds as you sing.)

Words of Welcome

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Christ be with you ... **and also with you!**

*[Please record your attendance in the blue booklet at the end of the pew and pass it to others.
You may also register online at royallane.org/register or see QR code following Organ Dismissal.]*

Scripture Lesson

Avani C.

Matthew 21:1-11 [Pew Bible page 802 of the New Testament]

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵“Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The 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!” ¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.” (NRSV)

For the Word of God in Scripture, For the Word of God within us,
For the Word of God among us, **Thanks be to God!**

Song of Joy

Children’s Choir

Hosanna! — Lynn Russell

*Hosanna, hosanna, O blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
Alleluia! Christ the King comes riding! Alleluia! Palms and praises fill the sky!*

Time for Young Disciples

Barrett Wooten

*Children 3-year through 5th grade are invited to Godly Play,
You may collect your children following the service in the Godly Play Room located in the Education wing.*

†Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

Lord, What a Parade! — LYONS

Psalm of Confession

Brody K. – Racial Justice Team, & Congregation

Lord of all, you entered humbly
and still there was a parade.

Only you know that the cheering would turn
and rejection would be our final outcry.

**Create in us clean hearts,
that we may reject what you reject,
embrace what you embrace,
and rejoice over the life you bring.**

Weeping Lasts Through the Night — Terre Johnson
(please sing the refrain on direction)

Congregational Refrain

The image shows a musical score for a congregational refrain. It consists of two systems of staves. The top system is a single treble clef staff in 4/4 time, with the lyrics: "Weep - ing lasts through the night, — but joy comes in the morn - ing." The bottom system is a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) with piano accompaniment. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature.

Prayers of the People

Rosa Belgard & Congregation

Our Savior comes to us humbly, riding a donkey and proclaiming a message of peace.
Let us pray for the church, for earth and all its creatures, and for all people in need,
saying God of mercy, hear our prayer.

That Christians hear and share the word of God as true disciples.
God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

(continued)

That all ends of the earth receive the words of the peace of Christ.
God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

That all leaders, of church and state, prefer humble service to empty power.
God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

That all people live with gratitude for the gifts of nourishment, friendship, family, trust, patience, and hope with the courage and wisdom to change whatever fails to be life-giving.

God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

Today we pray especially for those we name now silently or aloud. . .

(You may speak aloud the first name of those for whom you wish to pray.)

We now share silence together.

Let us pray:

God our creator, you show all of us the way of freedom through the gentle obedience of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Solo

Rita Nsumbu

Ride On King Jesus — arranged by Hall Johnson

Sermon

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

“ Blessed Are The Rejected ”

†Hymn of Commitment [see insert]

Congregation

O Save Us, Lord, Hosanna — PASSION CHORALE

Written shortly after the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, this text seeks to reclaim the protest that is Palm Sunday. Many Palm Sunday hymns are written with the Church’s own pageantry in mind—singing about gleeful little children while obscuring the radical nature of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem.

*If you would like to profess your faith or identify with this fellowship,
please refer to pew rack card – “How to Become a Member”*

Presentation of Decisions

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

Offertory Prayer

Dan Thompson

God of all good gifts, we thank you for showing us how to care for each other. May these gifts lead to great feasting for those who have no banquets set before them. May these gifts build shelters and places of prayer for those who are homeless. May these gifts proclaim your desire that all your creation live in peace. Give us grateful hearts, O God, in the name of the one who came to draw all people to himself, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Offertory

Choir

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross — Gilbert M. Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorry and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love, so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen.

*We invite you to use this time to give to Royal Lane's Ministry.
See back cover for ways to give.*

✠ Sending Forth

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

How we love a parade!

**In a frenzy of celebration, we gladly focus on Jesus
and generously throw our coats and palms in his path.**

And we can shout praise loudly enough for all Jerusalem to hear!

It's after the parade that we don't do so well.

From Sunday to Sunday, we forget our hosannas.

**Send us out from this Palm Sunday worship
with echoes of hosanna in our hearts.**

Amen.

Amen.

(adapted from "Between Parades," *Kneeling in Jerusalem*, Ann Weems)

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Jesu Leiden, Pein und Tod — Max Reger

Please gather on the front lawn to adorn the cross with palms.

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Register Your Attendance

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O Save Us, Lord! Hosanna!

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Good Friday thru Easter Sunday:

Friday	April 7 – Good Friday
7:00 pm	Good Friday Service, Holy Communion Offered – Sanctuary (childcare provided)
Saturday	April 8
2:00 pm	Walk Through Holy Week & Easter Egg Hunt (2:00 – 4:00 pm)
Sunday	April 9 – Easter Sunday
8:00 am	Flowering of the Cross — Sanctuary & Front Lawn
8:30 am	Easter Breakfast — Vickrey Hall Menu: Egg Breakfast Casserole (Vegetarian Casserole available) Biscuits & Gravy, Blueberry Pancakes, Fresh Fruit Compote, Coffee, orange juice & milk.
10:55 am	Morning Worship — Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel

Lord, What a Parade!

LYONS 10.10.11.11 ("O Worship the King, All Glorious Above")

1. Lord, what a parade! The crowd quick-ly grew; what
2. They wel- comed you in, in, con- quer- ing king, yet
3. Did those in that crowd ex- pect some-thing more than
4. Lord Je- sus, it's true— we give you glad praise, yet

noise they all made in wel- com- ing you. "Ho -
what kind of reign would you real- ly bring? It
one who reached for out in love— to the poor? Did
liv- ing for you will chal- lenge our ways. So

san- na!" they shout- ed. "It's Dav- id's own son! Ho -
was- n't a war horse you rode on that day; a
they think a sav- ior with ar- mies was best, or
may we be o- pen and wel- come your reign. Ho -

san- na! Come save us! God's reign has be- gun!"
crea- ture of peace car- ried you on your way.
did they re- mem- ber: the peace- ful are blessed?
san- na! Come save us! Re- new us a gain!

O Save Us, Lord! Hosanna!

1. "O save us, Lord! Ho - san - na!" the peo - ple cried and sang;
 2. They fol - lowed down the moun - tain, a cheer - ing, chant - ing crowd,
 3. From Sen - e - ca to Stone - wall, from Sel - ma till to - day,
 4. "O save us, Lord! Ho - san - na!" we hear our chil - dren sing.

through pil - lared court and tem - ple, their ur - gent an - them rang.
 their palms raised high in pro - test, their voic - es clear and loud.
 in chants of "¡Sí, se pue - del!"* in voic - es bold and brave,
 From school, and street, and side - walk, we hear their voic - es ring.

To Je - sus who stood by them, the One who heard their plea,
 They sang no songs to Cae - sar; they gave the king no laud.
 when peo - ple cry for jus - tice, for rights, or for re - lease,
 And there in ev - 'ry pro - test, till weap - ons kill no more,

the peo - ple sang their long - ing, their hun - ger to be free.
 In - stead the don - key rid - er they hailed as blessed of God.
 still ech - o those "Ho - san - nas!" still rides the Prince of Peace.
 still rides de - fi - ant Je - sus, just as he rode be - fore.

*Translation: Yes, we can!

Study for Wednesday Evening
“Conversations that Matter”
Spiritual Direction, What It Is and Why It Matters
Danielle Shroyer

Danielle Shroyer is an author, speaker, pastor, and founding member of the emerging church movement. She is the author of *Original Blessing: Putting Sin in Its Rightful Place* (Fortress Press, November 2016), *Where Jesus Prayed: Illuminations on the Lord’s Prayer in the Holy Land* (Paraclete, 2015), and *The Boundary-Breaking God: An Unfolding Story of Hope and Promise* (Jossey-Bass, 2009). She holds a BA from Baylor University and an M.Div from Princeton Theological Seminary. Danielle lives with her husband and two children in Dallas, Texas.
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Scriptures for Good Friday
Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25 John 18:1-19:42

Scriptures for Easter Sunday
Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:102, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

For the Children!

Children’s bulletins are included in activity packets for ages 3+ and 7+. Don’t miss the Secret Code to allow your child to unlock on-line games, in a safe environment, that supplement today’s scripture at games.childrensbulletins.com/games/playcode.aspx



Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.

How to Connect

See the Weekly Mosaic or Web Calendar for Links and details for In-Person, Livestream, Virtual or Zoom events — royallane.org/resources/events

Schedule for the Week

- Sunday** **April 2 – Palm/Passion Sunday**
12:15 pm First Sunday Youth Lunch
12:15 pm Missions Division — Library
7:30 pm Education Division — Zoom
- Wednesday** **April 5**
3:30 pm Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building – Room 201 (3:30 - 5:30 pm)
5:30 pm Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall
 Menu: Vidalia Onion Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Veggies,
 Dinner Roll, Salad, and Brownies
6:15 pm Children’s Activities — Godly Play Room, Room 204/206
6:15 pm Midweek Study, “Conversations that Matter” — Vickrey Hall & Zoom
 “Spiritual Direction, What It Is and Why It Matters” with Danielle Shroyer
7:00 pm Youth Gathering — Youth Portable
7:15 pm Choir — Sanctuary
- Friday** **Good Friday**
5:00 pm Choir Dinner & Rehearsal — Library & Sanctuary
7:00 pm Good Friday Service, Holy Communion offered — Sanctuary
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 Coffee, orange juice & milk.
9:45 am Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building
9:45 am Children’s SS Classes — Christian Education Building
10:00 am Youth SS Class — Youth Portable
10:10 am Non-Traditional Class — Christian Education Building, Room 212
10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel

The deadline for the Weekly Mosaic and the Mosaic is Monday, 5:00 p.m. prior to publication.

Prayer Requests

We invite you to use the Prayer Cards, available in the “pockets” on the back of each pew, to submit prayer requests or the Prayer Request Form, available on the website at royallane.org/prayer
Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plate.



Deacons on Call – Dan Thompson & Sandy Washington **Safety Shepherd** – Scott Bryant

When WE Give: we can support missions that bring Christ to all.

February 2023 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues*	\$ 192,536
Expenses	\$ 148,260
Surplus (Deficit)*	\$ 44,276

*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

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