



The Worship of God

## **Palm Sunday**

April 2, 2023 | 10:00a

*Inspired by the bold and boundless hospitality of Jesus, we are “open to all,” which means we welcome and accept all people into the life of our Church without regard to race, gender, sexual orientation, age, economic status, political affiliation, physical or mental capacity, or religious belief. We believe that God’s call is given to all people, and we embrace the Spirit that continues to cross boundaries in order to unite the world.*

*Masks are encouraged but not required for anyone. We encourage you to make the best decision for yourself and your family.*

## Prelude

“Voluntary on ST. THEODULPH”

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organ  
Dale Wood (1934-2003)

## Call to Worship and Invocation

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

## Responsive Reading

Conner and Sawyer Young

Reader 1: Hosanna to the Son of David!

**People: Hosanna!**

Reader 2: Save us now, Lord!

**People: Hosanna!**

Reader 1: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

**People: Hosanna!**

Reader 2: Wave palm branches.

Reader 1: Sing with joy!

Reader 2: Lift your voices!

Reader 1: Let the procession begin!

**People: Hosanna!**

## \*Opening Hymn

“Hosanna Loud Hosanna”

ELLACOMBE

Children:

**Hosanna, loud hosanna  
the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple  
the lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them,  
close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises,  
the simplest and the best.**

All:

**From Olivet they followed  
mid an exultant crowd,  
the victory palm branch waving,  
and chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of earth and heaven  
rode on in lowly state,  
nor scorned that little children  
should on his bidding wait.**



**"Hosanna in the highest!"  
That ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer,  
the Lord of heaven, our King.  
O may we ever praise him  
with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence  
eternally rejoice.**

## Welcome of Our Guests

Rev. Leigh Anne Duncan

*If you are our guest today, please text "guest" to 980.340.8900  
so we may offer you our gratitude for joining us today.*

## \*Passing of the Peace

### Gospel Reading – Matthew 21: 1- 11 (NRSV)

Ted Phillips

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying 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. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"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."

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?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,  
for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## \* Hymn

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

ST. THEODULPH

*Refrain:*

**All glory, laud, and honor  
to you, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.**

**Thou art the King of Israel,  
thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest,  
the King and Blessed One. [Refrain]**

**The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before thee we present. [Refrain]**

### **Invitation to Offering**

Rev. Dr. JJ Flag

*There are several ways to give:  
scan the QR code below, go to [pushpay.com/g/myersparkbaptist](https://pushpay.com/g/myersparkbaptist),  
or drop your offering in the plate.*



### **Offertory Anthem**

Chancel Choir

Sondra K. Tucker (b. 1957)

**“Hosanna to Our Savior King”**

Hosanna to our Savior King! Hosanna let us ever sing!  
Hosanna now and evermore! Hosanna sing in this glad hour!

*Refrain:*

Blessed is he who comes from God! Blessed are we his way to trod.  
Blessed shall be his reign of love. Blessed are those he came to save.

Christ, whom we praise, came down to live in humble form like us,  
to give gracious forgiveness for our sin, and died that we might live again. [Refrain]

Our God above has honored him giving a name above all names,  
that when we hear his name we sing praise and hosannas to our King!  
Wave now on high your banners bright! Wave now the palms in God's own sight!  
Wave now your arms in joyous praise! Wave palms and sing, your voices raise! [Refrain]

### **\*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology**

ST. THEODULPH

**Thou didst accept their praises;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest,  
thou good and gracious King!**

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

Rev. Dr. JJ Flag

### **Gospel Reading – Matthew 21: 12- 17 (NRSV)**

Rev. Leigh Anne Duncan

Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer;’ but you are making it a den of robbers.” The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they became angry and said to him, “Do you hear what these are saying?” Jesus said to them, “Yes; have you never read, ‘Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself?’” He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

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for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Solo

“Ride On, King Jesus”

arr. Hall Johnson (1888-1970)

Ride on, King Jesus no man can hinder me.  
Ride on King Jesus, ride on! No man can hinder me.  
For he is King of Kings, he is Lord of lords, Jesus Christ, de first an' las' no man works like Him.  
King Jesus rides a milk-white horse, no man works like him.  
Duh river Jerden He did cross. No man works like him.  
For he is King of Kings, he is Lord of lords, Jesus Christ, de first an' las',  
Oh! King Jesus rides in the middle o' de air, Oh! He calls duh saints from everywhere.  
Ah! Ride on King Jesus! No man can -a hinder me.  
Ride on, King Jesus, ride on. No man can-a hinder me.  
He is duh King, He is duh Lord, Ha! Yes, He is duh King, He is duh, Lord, Ha!  
Jesus Christ, duh first an' las', No man works like Him!

McKenzie Coleman, soprano

## Sermon

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

“Do You Hear the Children Sing?”

## Solemn Procession of the Cross

Chancel Choir

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

Donald McCullough (b. 1949)

Ah, holy Jesus, how have you offended, that mortal judgment has on you descended?  
By foes derided, by your own rejected, O most afflicted!  
Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon you?  
It is my treason, Lord, that has undone you.  
Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied you; I crucified you.  
For me, dear Jesus, was your incarnation, your mortal sorrow, and your life's oblation;  
your death of anguish and your bitter passion, for my salvation.  
Therefore, dear Jesus, since I cannot pay you,  
I do adore you and will ever pray you, think on your pity and your love unswerving, not my deserving.

## Church at Prayer

Rev. Tara Gibbs

## Lord's Prayer

**Our God who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## Solemn Procession of the Cross

“Adagio in g minor”

Tomasco Giovanni Albinoni (1671-1751)

Lenora Leggatt, Violin

*The cross is carried out, followed by the ministers, the choir, and congregation.  
Please bring your palm branch and worship bulletin and draw near to the cross.*

## Invitation to Silent Confession/Reflection

Rev. Carrie Veal

## Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God,  
before the cross of Jesus,  
we bring the brokenness of our lives and the world around us.  
Before the cross of Jesus,  
we confess our ease in shouting “Hosanna,”  
while later denying him three times.**

Before the cross of Jesus,  
our pretense falls away and we are reminded  
that the only cross we are called to carry is our own.  
Before this cross we confess  
we can only be who and what we are,  
nothing more, no one else. Amen.

#### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Beyond the stark reality of this cross,  
we glimpse the promise of something new.

People: Before the cross of Jesus,  
we discover the way to healing and new life.

#### Raising of the Cross

#### Instrumental Solo

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

Passion Chorale

Lenora Leggatt, Violin

*The congregation is invited to lay their palms at the foot of the cross at the conclusion of the service.*

*Immediately following Worship you are invited to Heaton Hall  
to view the Stations of the Cross and join us for lunch and  
the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tell Me Our Stories Women’s History Edition.*

## STATIONS of the CROSS

Visit the art exhibit  
in Heaton Hall Foyer



The Stations of the Cross are a series of images portraying the crucifixion of Jesus and the events leading up to his execution. For hundreds of years, Christians have reflected on images like these, especially during Lent and Easter.

These particular images are compelling because they were painted by men who have also been condemned to die.

The Exhibit is on display in Heaton Hall Foyer and will be available throughout Holy Week.

Leading worship today with Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell, Senior Minister,  
are Rev. Carrie Veal, Executive Minister,  
Rev. Leigh Anne Duncan, Campus Administrator,  
Rev. Dr. JJ Flag, Minister of Pastoral Care and Justice,  
and Rev. Tara Gibbs, Associate Minister of Spiritual Formation,  
and Ted Phillips.

Leading worship through music are  
J. Kevin Gray, Minister of Music and Worship,  
Candace Williamson, Interim Children and Youth Music Coordinator,  
the Chancel Choir,  
Dr. Matthew Manwarren, Organist,  
Emily Urbanek, Piano,  
McKenzie Coleman, Soprano,  
and Lenora Leggatt, Violin.

Cross bearers are  
Ellen Caldwell  
Allen Davis  
Myah Davis  
Dave Dougherty  
Morris Green  
Ryan LaPrade  
Karen Taylor  
Keith Young



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Becoming a member of Myers Park Baptist is as simple as filling out a Joining Card.  
To receive a card or learn more, contact Rev. Carrie Veal at [cveal@myersparkbaptist.org](mailto:cveal@myersparkbaptist.org).





## Our Covenant

We, the members of the Myers Park Baptist Church, are a people on a journey of faith. By God's grace we are experiencing love through Jesus Christ and in the community of the faithful. We are discovering in this experience our freedom to become new creatures and our responsibility to be faithful stewards of our lives and of this world.

We will be open to all new light, strengthened by God and each other in our faith. We will sustain a critical examination of Scripture, belief and ritual as interpreters of God's active presence in the world. We will accept controversy as a reality of life together and an opportunity for growth toward maturity. We covenant to be a community of God's New Creation and affirm that we are open to all and closed to none.

We covenant together to nurture this church as a community of faith and as an instrument for reconciliation in the world: by worship, by Christian education, by the dedication of our personal and material resources and by all the other ways we express the significance of our lives with God and one another.

We covenant together to be priests celebrating God's presence in community and in the world, believing we are participants in God's kingdom on Earth.

## OUR MINISTERS

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**Rev. Carrie Veal**

Executive Minister

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Associate Minister of Spiritual Growth

**Rev. Dr. JJ Flag**

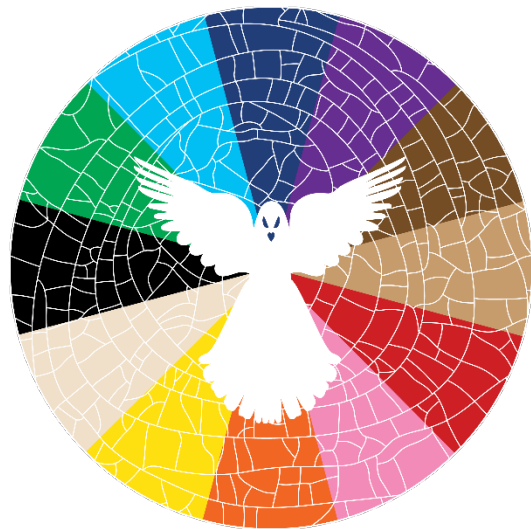
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