



ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

Richmond † Texas

ORDER OF WORSHIP
PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 29, 2026
8:30 & 11:00AM

INSTRUCTIONS FOR LIVE WORSHIP

You are invited to use this bulletin during our live worship service at 11:00am on Sunday morning. To access our live worship, please [click here](#).

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalms 118*)

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

People: **Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."**

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

People: **This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**

Leader: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

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

SONG OF PRAISE

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

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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.

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
The victor 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 holy presence eternally rejoice

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;*

The third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost! As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 21:1-11

¹When 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 fulfil 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.'

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SHARING OUR GIFTS

"Two Crowns"

Narrated by Marilyn Long and Stephanie Phillips

Jesus, We Crown You With Praise

"But we do see Jesus. For a little while He took a place that was not as important as the angels. But God had loving favor for everyone. He had Jesus suffer death on a cross for all of us. Then, because of Christ's death on a cross, God gave Him the crown of honor and shining greatness."

(Hebrews 2:9)

Blessed Is He

"The next day the great crowd that had come for the Feast heard that Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet Him, shouting "Hosanna!" Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the King of Israel." (John 12:12-13)

The Crown

"I looked, and there before me was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one "like a son of man" with a crown of gold on His head and sharp sickle in His hand." (Revelation 14:14)

My Father's House

Matt Wallace, soloist

"It is written, He said to them. My house will be a house of prayer." (Luke 19:46)

Gather Round His Table

Carol Edwards, soloist

"While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take it; This is My body." Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them saying, Drink from it, all of you." (Matthew 26:26-27)

The Journey to Calvary

"They spit on Him, and took the staff and struck Him on the head again and again. After they had mocked Him, they took off the robe and put His own clothes on Him. Then they led Him away to crucify Him." (Matthew 27:30-31)

Behold Calvary's Lamb

"He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before the shearer is silent, so He did not open His mouth." (Acts 8:32)

Rising By the Power of His Name

"The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here. He has risen, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay." (Matthew 28:5-6)

WORDS OF REFLECTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

"I Come to the Cross"

I come to the cross, seeking mercy and grace,
I come to the cross, where You died in my place.
Out of my weakness, and into Your strength,
Humbly, I come to the cross.

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GOING FORTH

Blessed by God's love and strengthened by God's
Grace, let us be the church to the people we are with.
Amen.

*The altar flowers are given by Roberta Terrell to the
glory of God in loving memory of Cliff Terrell.*

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