

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
Macon, Georgia

The Church at Worship

Palm/Passion Sunday
April 14, 2019
Nine O'clock

*As you enter this holy space and begin to make the transition from "getting here" to "being here,"
you are encouraged to use these moments to become aware of the quiet places within
so that you are ready to worship God. Please silence your cell phones.
Come, let us worship God.*



Greeting in the Name of Christ

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

* **Palm Sunday Gospel**

Luke 19:28-40

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

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* **Opening Dialog**

Ride on, Lord Jesus.

Upon a colt, over cloaks, under branches –

ride on, Lord Jesus.

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Towards a city, through its gates, past the crowds –

ride on, Lord Jesus.

As Hosannas fade and enemies sneer, as danger closes and friends falter –

ride on, Lord Jesus.

Showing the way, teaching the truth, bringing life for all, in the name of the Lord –

ride on, Lord Jesus.

from Christian Aid Monthly Prayers

* **Hymn 278**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

Opening Prayer

**Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week and gather at your house of prayer,
turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of
Jesus Christ so that, united with Christ and all the faithful, we may one day enter
in triumph the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the
heavens, where with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory forever. Amen.**

Proclamation and Response

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts	<i>The Palms</i>	Jean-Baptiste Faure
Homily	<i>The Journey's End</i>	Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery
Passion Narrative	Luke 23:1-49	Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery
<i>Hymns will be sung during the narrative. Please remain seated to sing.</i>		
Hymn 290 (Stanzas 1-3)	<i>Go to Dark Gethsemane</i>	GETHSEMANE
Hymn 289 (Stanzas 1-2)	<i>Ah, Holy Jesus</i>	HERZLIEBSTER JESU
Solo	<i>Were You There</i>	WERE YOU THERE

Palm Sunday Litany

The streets were crowded.
A parade mood filled the air.
Shouts came from deep in the heart.
Hosanna. Save us.

Save us from lukewarm faith.
Hosanna. Save us.

Save us from callous indifference.
Hosanna. Save us.

Save us from paltry hopes and petty dreams.
Hosanna. Save us.

Save us from unquenchable greed.
Hosanna. Save us.

Save us from lazy habits and faithless commitments.
Hosanna. Save us.

Save us from soft-mindedness and hard-heartedness.
Hosanna. Save us.

We cry from the depth of our hearts and the very pit of our souls
Hosanna. Save us. Save us now.
from Open Church Website

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* **Hymn 280** (Stanzas 1 and 5) *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

ST. THEODULPH

* **Closing Prayer**

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Today we have cheered you on as our champion and hailed you as our hero.

Forgive us tomorrow when our enthusiasm wanes.

Today we have entrusted you to rescue us from our pitiful circumstances.

Forgive us on Tuesday when we decide we can take care of ourselves.

Today we have made you the centerpiece of our very existence.

Forgive us on Wednesday when we forget to remember who you are.

Today we have called out to you loudly by name.

Forgive us on Thursday when we pretend that we've never met you.

Today we have stared at you with the star struck eyes of fans and groupies.

Forgive us on Friday when we avert our eyes because it's too painful to see you on the cross.

Today we have expressed hopefulness in the future you have in store for us.

Forgive us on Saturday when we believe all is lost.

Today we have been boldly certain of the earthly ways you will redeem us.

Restore us on Sunday when we are startled and awed by your rising.

* **Benediction**

* *Please rise in body or spirit.*

*Those parts of the service of worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in **bold type**.*



*Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery, Lead Pastor
Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist
Doris Granum, Soloist*

*The arrangement in the chapel are given to the glory of God
by the Flower Guild.*

Welcome to Mulberry

Thank you for worshiping with us today! We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in Mulberry's worship and our opportunities for growing through education, fellowship, and mission. We hope you find our congregation to be a warm and caring community.

Please sign the Attendance Register as it is passed.

Nursery Care is available for children younger than age 4. Please ask an usher for directions.

To keep up with Mulberry Street UMC's events, services, and more, we invite you to visit us at www.mulberrymethodist.org and find us on Facebook.

Please speak to one of the pastors if you are interested in knowing more about membership at Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.

Our 11:00 am worship service is broadcast live over radio station AM 940 WMAC. You can download the Sunday bulletin at <https://mulberrymethodist.org/media>.

Holy Week Worship Services

Holy Week Services

April 15-19 - 12 Noon (followed by lunch in the Fellowship Hall)

Our guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Cynthia Garrard, will lead us in worship each day at noon with a series entitled "Walking with Jesus on the Way."

Maundy Thursday Communion Service

April 18 – 6:30 PM

As we remember the last evening Jesus shared with his disciples in the upper room before his arrest and crucifixion, we'll gather in the sanctuary for a reflective Maundy Thursday service, which will include the choral arrangement by Maurice Duruflé of the traditional chant, Ubi caritas, "Where charity and love are, there is God."

Good Friday Service

April 19 – 6:30 PM - Sanctuary

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 20

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Coleman Hill

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service

April 21 – 7:00 AM – Coleman Hill

Rev. Antonie Walker, Pastor of Grace Corner UMC, Speaker

Easter Celebration in the Courtyard

Easter Breakfast

8:00–10:30 a.m.

Please bring flowers for the **Flowering of the Easter Cross**

8:30–10:45 a.m.

Butterfly Release

10:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday Services

April 21

9:00 AM – Sanctuary

10:00 AM – NewRoom (Library Ballroom)

11:00 AM – Sanctuary

Come celebrate the risen Christ with preaching by the Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery and singing great Easter hymns of our faith with brass, organ, congregation, and choir in one of our two identical services at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., with both Easter services in the sanctuary. Our resurrection services will end with Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" and the Widor "Toccata" for organ and brass.