

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Macon, Georgia



*Palm Sunday*

March 25, 2018  
Eleven O'clock

*Palms and Praise*

Greeting in the Name of Christ

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us worship God.

Opening Voluntary

Call to Worship

Rev. Jeff Cook

This is the day that the Lord has made!  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**  
Open wide the gates of your hearts.  
**Let the Savior enter!**  
Shout with joy, all you people.  
**The Savior has come forth bringing peace.**

\* Procession with Palms No. 280

ST. THEODOLPH

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

\* Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem

Pam Johnston

Hear from the Gospel according to Mark  
how our Lord Jesus entered Jerusalem.

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

\* A Sung Response of Praise

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

ELLACOMBE

**Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sing;  
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.**

**“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!**

\* Prayer for Palm Sunday

Rev. Jeff Cook

Hosanna! Blessed is Jesus who comes in God's Name!  
We stand at the gates of our Jerusalem  
and wave our branches high.  
We get caught up in the excitement of the parade.  
Jesus sits astride a donkey,  
a beast of burden bearing a most precious gift.  
Let the joy fill your hearts this day  
as we shout our Hosannas.  
Praise God for the wondrous ways  
in which our lives have been touched.  
Prepare our hearts to worship and celebrate this day!  
**Amen.**

\* Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Jeff Cook

**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 No. 71

GREATOREX

**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.**

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 118:19-29 (Response 1)

UMH 839-840

# *Reflections on the Passion of Christ*

A Prayer for Reflection

Rev. Jeff Cook

Jesus, on this day they hailed you with tree branches  
as you rode through Jerusalem;  
but shortly they would cry out against you  
and compel you to carry your own cross  
through the same streets.

**We confess that their fickleness is ours also,  
that infidelity to you lurks in our hearts  
as surely as it did in theirs.**

By your graciousness  
grant that our songs of ‘Hosanna’  
may not turn into shouts of ‘Crucify!’

**By your cross and passion, save us merciful Lord.  
Amen.**

\* Gospel Lesson

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Mark 15:3-15

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Ainsworth Choir

“And then the four soldiers...

Johann Sebastian Bach

Let us then not cut or tear”

(John 19:23 – 24)

from *St. John Passion*

Nicholas Spooner, Tenor

Sermon

Rev. Jimmy Towson

The Voice

“The Voice is Silent (or is it?)”

Offering of our Gifts

Ainsworth Choir

“Pavonne”

Andrea Klouse

\* Hymn of Response

TRURO

**Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;  
behold, the King of glory waits;  
the King of kings is drawing near;  
the Savior of the world is here!**

# *Sending Forth*

\* Invitation to Christian Discipleship Rev. Jeff Cook

\* Hymn of Discipleship No. 298 HAMBURG  
“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

The Light of Christ Goes Into the World  
*Please be seated after the cross and light pass your pew.*

Sarabande J. S. Bach  
Zhihao Wu, cello

\* Benediction Rev. Jeff Cook



*Rev. Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor*  
*Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor*  
*Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries*  
*Richard Kosowski, Director of Music*  
*Pat Crowe, Organist*  
*Ainsworth Choir*  
*Alex Stone, Lead Acolyte*  
*Austin Carter, Crucifer*  
*Wilson Brown & Olivia Mann, Candlelighters*

*The arrangement in the sanctuary is given  
to the glory of God by the Flower Guild.*

## *If You Are New to Mulberry*

*Please make sure you sign the Attendance Register  
as it is passed.*

*Welcome to Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.*

*Thank you for worshiping with us today!*

*We are grateful for your presence and invite you to  
participate in our worship, growth opportunities  
and service life here at Mulberry. Our hope is that you  
will find this church to be a warm,  
caring community that you can call home.*

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**Today's Sermon**

The Voice  
"The Voice is Silent (or is it?)"

**Today's Scripture**

Mark 15:3-15

<sup>3</sup> Then the leading priests kept accusing him of many crimes, <sup>4</sup> and Pilate asked him, "Aren't you going to answer them? What about all these charges they are bringing against you?" <sup>5</sup> But Jesus said nothing, much to Pilate's surprise.

<sup>6</sup> Now it was the governor's custom each year during the Passover celebration to release one prisoner—anyone the people requested.

<sup>7</sup> One of the prisoners at that time was Barabbas, a revolutionary who had committed murder in an uprising. <sup>8</sup> The crowd went to Pilate and asked him to release a prisoner as usual.

<sup>9</sup> "Would you like me to release to you this 'King of the Jews'?" Pilate asked. <sup>10</sup> (For he realized by now that the leading priests had arrested Jesus out of envy.) <sup>11</sup> But at this point the leading priests stirred up the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas instead of Jesus.

<sup>12</sup> Pilate asked them, "Then what should I do with this man you call the king of the Jews?"

<sup>13</sup> They shouted back, "Crucify him!"

<sup>14</sup> "Why?" Pilate demanded. "What crime has he committed?" But the mob roared even louder, "Crucify him!"

<sup>15</sup> So to pacify the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He ordered Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip, then turned him over to the Roman soldiers to be crucified.

**Sermon Notes**

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