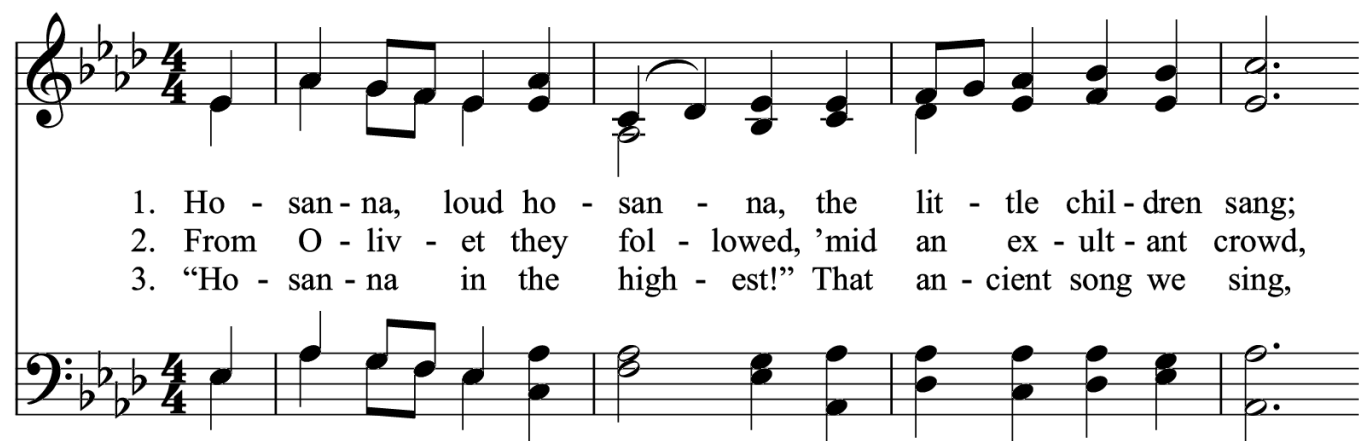
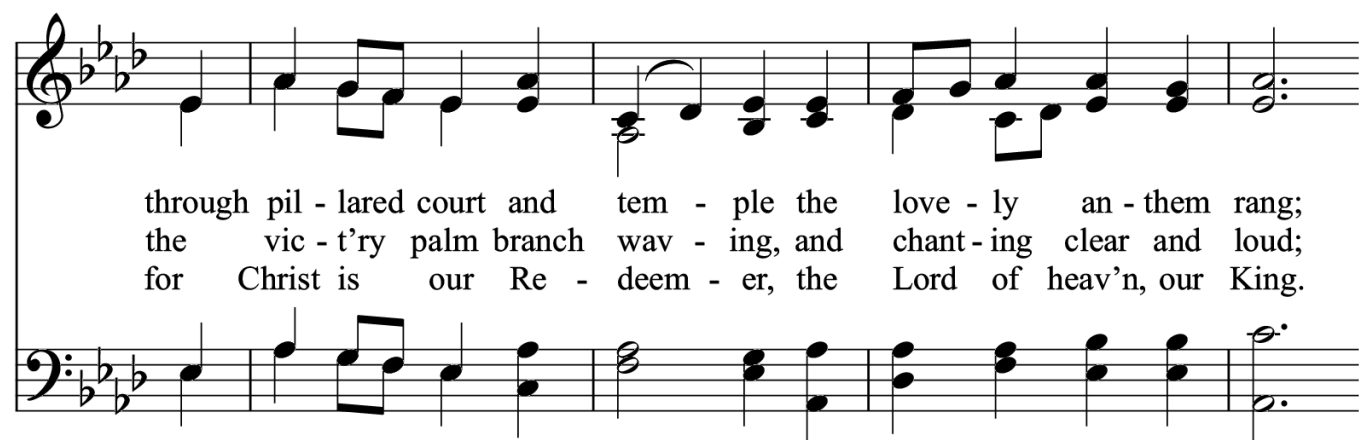


Liturgy for Corporate Worship		
Palm Sunday	April 13, 2025	
Prelude	Chris Holmberg	
Welcome and Announcements		
Introit	Choir	
	Hosanna	
Call to Worship	John 12:12-13	
Opening Hymn	333	
	Hosanna, Loud Hosanna	
Corporate Prayer of Confession & Silent Confession		
Heavenly Father, you are good beyond all thought, but we are vile, wretched, miserable, blind; Our lips are ready to confess, but our hearts slow to feel and our ways reluctant to amend. We bring our souls to you: Break them, wound them, mold them. Unmask to us sin's deformity, that we may hate it, abhor it, flee from it. Give us grace to bewail our folly. Grant us to know that the way of transgressors is hard, that evil paths are wretched paths, that to depart from you is to lose all good. Work in us a godly grief for our sin and grant that through the tears of repentance we may see more clearly the brightness and beauty of the glorious cross. We pray in the name of Christ Jesus, the completely righteous Son of God. Amen.		
Assurance of Forgiveness	Psalm 103:11-13	
The Doxology	567	
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.		
Prayer of Dedication	Elder Bob Daily	
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. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.		
Unison Scripture Reading	Psalm 118:19-29	
Anthem	Choir	
	In the Name of the Lord	

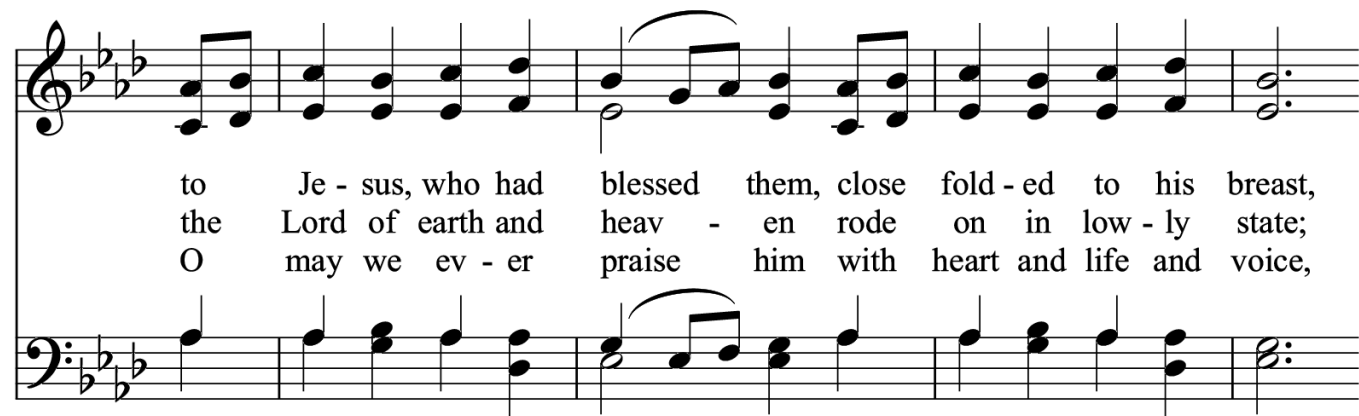
Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon Hymn	281
	Rejoice, the Lord Is King
Sermon	Rev. Scribner
	Matthew 21:1-11
*Nicene Creed	852
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.	
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.	
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.	
And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.	
Closing Hymn	380
	Crown Him with Many Crowns
Benediction	
Parting Hymn	
God be with you till we meet again; By his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet; Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.	
Postlude	
Our Corporate Prayer of Confession was adapted from a prayer in <i>Valley of Vision</i> . Unless otherwise noted, hymns are taken from the <i>Trinity Psalter Hymnal</i> , which is found in our pews.	



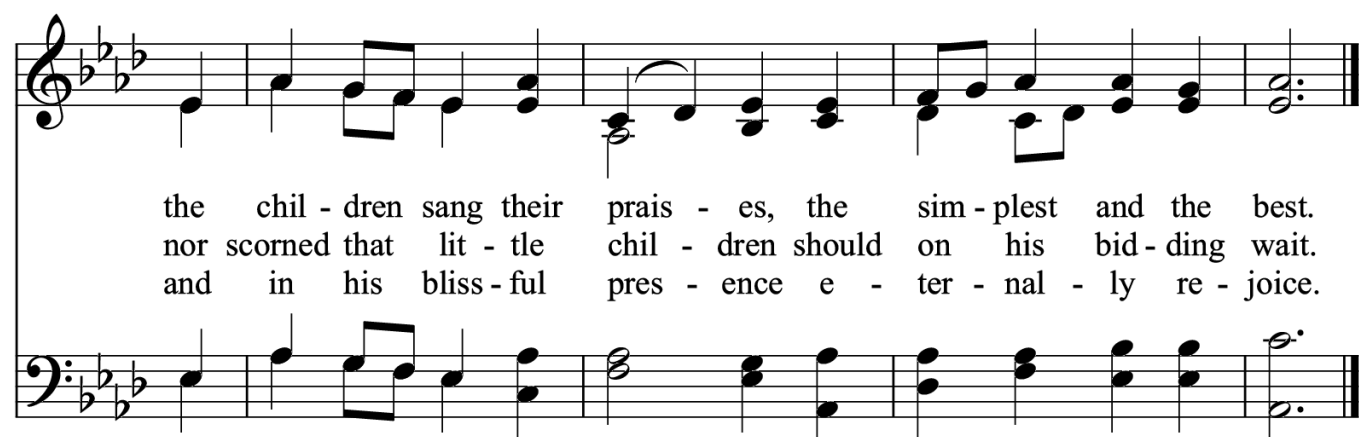
1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2. From O - liv - et they fol - lowed, 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
 3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,



through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang;
 the vic - t'ry palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heav'n, our King.



to Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
 the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state;
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,



the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
 that I may enter through them
 and give thanks to the Lord.

²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord;
 the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
 and have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected
 has become the cornerstone.

²³ This is the Lord's doing;
 it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made;
 let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ Save us, we pray, O Lord!
 O Lord, we pray, give us success!

²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
 We bless you from the house of the Lord.

²⁷ The Lord is God,
 and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
 up to the horns of the altar!

²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
 you are my God; I will extol you.

²⁹ Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
 for his steadfast love endures forever!

In the Name of the Lord

Crowds have lined the narrow street to see the man from Galilee.
Just a carpenter some say, leading fools astray, yet many kneel to give Him praise.
And in His eyes, they glimpse the pow’r that sees the hearts of all men,
And He knows the Father’s mind, He speaks the Father’s words,
For He comes in the Name of the Lord.

There is strength in the Name of the Lord, there is pow’r in the Name of the Lord,
There is hope in the Name of the Lord.
Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.

When my plans have fallen through and when my strength is nearly gone.
When there’s nothing left to do but just depend on you, and the pow’r of your Name.
And when we call upon your name, your strength through weakness to show,
We can know the Master’s plan, extend the Master’s hand
when we come in the Name of the Lord.

There is strength in the Name of the Lord,
There is pow’r in the Name of the Lord,
There is hope in the Name of the Lord.
Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.

His Name will be worshipped forever:
Creator, Redeemer, and King!

There is strength in the Name of the Lord,
There is pow’r in the Name of the Lord,
There is hope in the Name of the Lord.
Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.
In the Name of the Lord.

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

1. Re - joice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King a - dore! Re -
2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love; when
3. His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o’er earth and heav’n; the
4. He sits at God’s right hand ’til all his foes sub - mit, and
5. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and

Refrain

joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
• keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv’n. Lift up your
bow to his com - mand, and fall be - neath his feet.
take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.

heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Sermon Text...Matthew 21:1-11

¹ Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵ “Say to the daughter of Zion,
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’ ”

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them.

⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” ¹⁰ And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” ¹¹ And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

Sermon Notes

The Reign of King Jesus Is:

- Provisionally Planned (vv. 1-6)

- Worthy of Honor (vv. 6-9)

- Tragically Misunderstood (vv. 9-11)

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2. Crown him the Lord of life, tri - um - phant o'er the grave,
3. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
4. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways
5. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time;

hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own:
who rose vic - to - rious from the strife for those he came to save.
• rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in pray'r and praise:
Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:

a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and reigns on high;
• no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
his reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me:

and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
he died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
• but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

A reminder to the Church in turbulent times:

We are citizens of Heaven...This world/age is not our home. We are on the journey to the city with foundations.

We are the Body of Christ...We have been incorporated into him, and our identity is in him, not in our own selves or the nations of our earthly sojourn.

We are ambassadors of God's Kingdom...We are here, not to control the political processes of earthly nations, but to proclaim the Reality of God's Kingdom.

We are a Holy Nation...As the nations rage and the Great Powers vie for supremacy, we stand rooted in the reality of God's Holy Rule.

We are not here to Make America Great Again...America does not belong to us. It is an earthly kingdom that defines greatness in contrast to the way Christ defines greatness.

We are not here to ensure the self-defining rights of individualist leftism... We are called to reject lordship over ourselves, the project of self-identification, as we lay down our lives for others.

We do not trust in kings or princes or presidents...We trust in Christ, the Lamb who was slain, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

The Church is struggling in our political witness because we have been captured by the conforming power of earthly politics, which has demanded our allegiance and formed our desires according to its (left to right) political vision.

As those conformed to the political imagination of an earthly kingdom, we have been formed to believe that governing earthly kingdoms is the goal of our witness.

It isn't.

Instead, as those who belong to God's Holy Nation, we are called to be witnesses *to* earthly politics *about* a Kingdom that is not of this world. In doing this, we resist the conforming power of the state, and so are free to live our joyful calling as ambassadors of another rule.

WELCOME to this morning’s service of corporate worship!

Featured Element of Worship: Palms

On Palm Sunday we remember the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on the Sunday before he would ultimately be crucified. In John 12:13 we read that on that occasion, the crowd “took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, ‘Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!’”

In Jesus’ time, palm branches were a Jewish national symbol, and “Hosanna” is a nationalistic expression in Hebrew meaning, “Save, we pray!” On that original Palm Sunday, the crowd was seeking a military ruler to deliver them from Roman occupation. What they missed—and we know!—is that Jesus comes not to save us from mere earthly enemies, but from the even greater enemies of Satan, sin, and death. For this reason, just as people in those ancient times proclaimed “Hosanna!” with palms waving in the air, so too this morning we lift our voices in praise of King Jesus, who came to give his life as a ransom for many!

The Flowers adorning our worship this morning have been provided by Lil & Laurie Goff in celebration of their 59th wedding anniversary which was this past Wednesday.

"...and the Two Became One"

The Diaconate, as an expression of the church’s commitment to Christian marriage, recognizes couples who are members of the church on certain anniversaries of their wedding days (first, all divisible by five, and all over 50). Today we recognize and celebrate with the following couple:

Joe & Sylvia Cross, who will celebrate 55 years of marriage on April 18!

Offerings are received each week in the wooden donation box in the Narthex. We have placed it there as a convenience for our members and friends. If you are visiting us this Sunday, please feel no pressure to make any donation. We are glad to have you simply be our guest today, and invite you to join us for a donut and coffee in the Fellowship Hall after worship!

This Week at Calvary

Today	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service
		followed by coffee, donuts & fellowship
	11:30	Sunday School
Monday	6:00	Diaconate
Tuesday	2:00	Tuesdays at Two
Thursday	6:30	Choir Rehearsal
Friday	10:00	Session
	7:00	Good Friday Tenebrae Service
	8:30	Easter Breakfast
Next Sunday	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service
		followed by coffee, muffins & fellowship

Easter Boxes: The Martha-Mary Circle will be putting together Easter boxes this week. If you ordered one, you can either pick it up on Wednesday, April 16th between 1pm and 3pm, or you can call Wanda Knight (573-270-1798) to arrange a time to get it.

Good Friday: Make plans to join us for our Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7pm next Friday. We will hear the gospel, partake of the Lord’s Supper and then journey to the cross in all its darkness. Always a moving service, it prepares us all the more for the joy of Easter morn!

Easter Breakfast: The Diaconate will provide a congregational breakfast next Sunday morning from 8:30 until 9:30. We would love for you to join us as we gather around tables sharing not only a meal, but our joy in the Lord’s resurrection!

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Easter Lilies - There is still time to purchase your Easter Lilies. They will adorn the sanctuary next Sunday for Easter and can be taken home afterwards. Sign up today in the Narthex after our time of corporate worship.

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Our Vision - We seek to love God completely, love others selflessly, and everywhere proclaim Christ: crucified, risen, and reigning forever.

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