

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026

In Preparation for Worship

Garments and branches were spread on the road. The way was prepared, fulfilling the promise of Scripture. The king came “on a colt, the foal of an ass.” Amid shouts of “Hosanna” and blessings, the prophet of Nazareth entered Jerusalem, acclaimed as a king. As the streets were cleared and the cheering subsided a drama unfolded that even today grips the hearts of the crowds.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude and Silent Meditation

“I Love to Tell the Story” (arr. Emma Lou Diemer)

Invocation

Words of Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Call to Worship

Leader: In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

People: Incline your ear to me; rescue me; rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

Leader: I trust in you, O Lord; I say, “You are my God.”

People: Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

Invocation and Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn of Praise “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” Hymnal #196

*Prayer of Confession: O God, we confess our distress when afflicted with pain. We often avoid those encounters that will cause us discomfort. It is easier to hide from our distress than to be exposed to forms of misery and grief. Yet we believe Christ, who was sacrificed for all. Help us to trust him when he calls us to bear abuse on his behalf and show more compassion on others for whom pain is so constant.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri (Glory Be to the Father) Hymnal #581

Dedication

Reading of the Word: Matthew 21:1-11 New Testament, Page 23

Reception of New Members

David & Florence Sheppard

*Doxology

Hymnal #606

*Prayer of Dedication

Anthem “All Glory, Laud and Honor” (arr. Kathleen Wissinger)

8:30 am & 11:00am St Andrew Handbell Choir, The Adult Choir & David Loy

Supplication

Morning Prayer

Prayer Response

“I Love You, Lord”

Hymnal #627

Exposition

Children’s Message/Kids of the Kingdom

*Hymn: “Ride on! Ride on! In Majesty!” Hymnal #198

Preaching of the Word: “Caiaphas Addresses the Sanhedrin”

Prayer of Application

Consecration

*Hymn of Consecration:

“Crown Him with Many Thorns” Hymnal #268

*Benediction

*Postlude

“Pastorale: Movement 2” (arr. J.S. Bach)

*Congregation will stand if able.

Offering plate is at the entrance to sanctuary.

Staff

Mark A. Sandell—Pastor

Dr. Norman G. Price—Pastor Emeritus

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