



The Worship of God
Palm/Passion Sunday

April 13, 2025 | 10:00a



**MYERS PARK
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Inspired by the bold and boundless hospitality of Jesus, we are “open to all,” which means we welcome and accept all people into the life of our Church without regard to race, gender, sexual orientation, age, economic status, political affiliation, physical or mental capacity, or religious belief. We believe that God’s call is given to all people, and we embrace the Spirit that continues to cross boundaries in order to unite the world.

***Childcare is available for birth – kindergarten in the childcare room located in the Cornwell Center (on upstairs level). Please see a greeter for more information.
Worship activities for children are available in the Narthex.***

Reflection

And when at times the mob is swayed to carry praise or blame too far, we may choose something like a star to stay our minds on and be staid – Robert Frost

Prelude

“Processional”

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, Organist
Grayston Ives

Introit

“The Palms (Les Rameaux)”

Greg Pipkin, Soloist
Jean-Baptiste Faure

Blossoms and palms in varied beauty vie,
deck’d is the road with fragrant flow’rs to greet him,
Jesus hath come a world’s sad tears to dry,
e’en now the throng rush forth with joy to meet him.

Sing and rejoice with one accord,
sing joyous songs for his sublime ovation.
Hosanna! And prais’d be the Lord!
Blessed is he who hath brought us salvation.

Gently he speaks, the people hear his voice,
freedom returns though from the earth long banished,
all in a brotherhood again rejoice,
light has return’d and dreary darkness vanish’d.

Sing and rejoice with one accord,
sing joyous songs for his sublime ovation.
Hosanna! And prais’d be the Lord!
Blessed is he who hath brought us salvation.

Call to Worship

Rev. Carrie Veal

Leader: Awake! Today is the day of the arrival of our Savior!

People: We come with our branches, hosannas, and songs.

Leader: Fill the air with welcome for the Messiah!

People: We give thanks for this day of liberation.

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Invocation

*Processional Hymn

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

See page 7.
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If you are our guest today, please scan the QR code below
so we may offer you our gratitude for joining us today.



***Passing of the Peace**

Gospel Reading – Luke 19:29-40 (NRSV)

Sawyer Young, Congregate

When Jesus had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They said, “The Lord needs it.” Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

*** Hymn**

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

ST. THEODULPH

refrain

All glo-ry, laud and hon - or to you, Re-deem-er King! To whom the lips of

6 Fine verses

chil-dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring. 1.You are the King of Is-ra-el, and Da-vid's roy - al
2.To you be-fore the pas-sion did all sing hymns of

12 D.C.

son, now in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bles-sed one.
praise. To you now high ex - alt - ed, our me - lo - dies we raise.

Homily

Rev. Dr. Layne Smith

“Arriving in Jerusalem: It’s Parade Time”

A Moment for Silent Reflection

Invitation to Offering

Nancy Culp, Deacon

You are invited to give by scanning the QR code below or dropping your offering in the plate.



Offertory Anthem

Chancel Choir with McKenzie Coleman, Soloist
arr. Moses Hogan

“Ride On, King Jesus”

Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, the conquerin’ king.
Oh, ride on, King Jesus, ride on. No man, can a-hinder thee.
I was but young when I begun. No man, can a-hinder thee.
But now my race is almost done. No man, can a-hinder thee.

Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, the conquerin’ king.
Oh, ride on, King Jesus, ride on. No man, can a-hinder thee.
King Jesus rides a milk white horse. No man, can a-hinder thee.
The river of Jordan he did cross. No man, can a-hinder thee.

Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, the conquerin’ king.
Oh, ride on, King Jesus, ride on. No man, can a-hinder thee.
He’s the King and the Lord of all. No man, can a-hinder thee.
Jesus is the first and he’s the last. Jesus is the Lord, Lord of Lords.
Jesus is the Prince, Prince of peace. No man, can a-hinder thee.

Ride on, King Jesus, no man, can a-hinder thee.
Ride on, King Jesus, ride on!

*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology

ST. THEODULPH

**Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King!**

*Prayer of Dedication

Janet Miller, Choir Member

Epistle Reading – Philippians 2:5-11 (NRSV)

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Homily

Rev. Dr. Layne Smith

“Arriving in Jerusalem: Listen to the Music”

A Moment for Silent Reflection

Solemn Procession of the Cross Chancel Choir with McKenzie Coleman, Madeline Olivera and David Young
"See Now the Cross of Jesus" J. Kevin Gray

See now the cross of Jesus, his pain and deep despairing,
carried out of grace and love, his suffering loud declaring.
Beaten, rejected by greed and power may you now not abandon.
Stay with him, stay with him, in this trying hour period.
Stand here as a witness, leave not.
See him on the cross of pain, the cross. See now the cross of Jesus.
Stand here and be his witness. Stand and be his witness.

Church at Prayer

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

Lord's Prayer

Our God who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Solemn Procession of the Cross

"Adagio in g minor"

Lenora Leggatt, Violinist
Tomasco Giovanni Albinoni

*The cross is carried out, followed by the ministers, the choir, and congregation.
Please bring your palm branch and worship bulletin and draw near to the cross.*

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Carrie Veal

**Eternal God,
before the cross of Jesus,
we bring the brokenness of our lives and the world around us.
Before the cross of Jesus,
we confess our ease in shouting "Hosanna,"
while later denying him three times.
Before the cross of Jesus,
our pretense falls away and we are reminded
that the first cross we are called to carry is our own.
Before this cross we confess
that we often shout crucify or remain silent rather than living
in full solidarity with the crucified of the world. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Beyond the stark reality of this cross,
we glimpse the promise of something new.
People: Before the cross of Jesus,
we discover the way to healing and new life.

Raising of the Cross

Instrumental Solo

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Lenora Leggatt, Violinist
Passion Chorale

The congregation is invited to lay their palms at the foot of the cross at the conclusion of the service.

Cross bearers are:

Mike Bowen
Scott Crowder
Frank Deaton
Tony Dick
Chris Dowd
Anna-Catherine Fowler
Gary Morrison
Mac Sasser



*Immediately following Worship, you are invited to Heaton Hall
to celebrate Rev. Carrie Veal's ministry.*



*We are delighted to welcome our special guest musician,
Lenora Leggatt to this morning's service.*



HOW TO JOIN MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Becoming a member of Myers Park Baptist is as simple as filling out a Joining Card.
To receive a card or learn more, contact Rev. Dr. Layne Smith at lsmith@myersparkbaptist.org





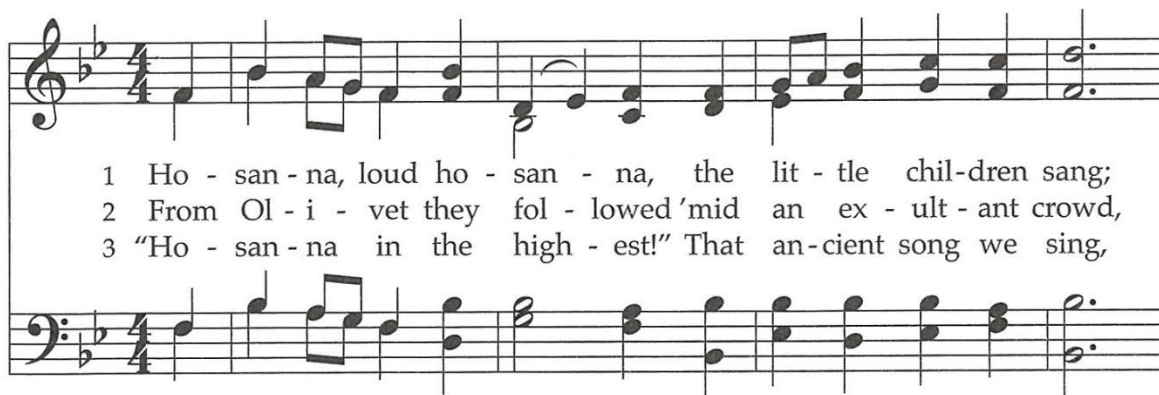
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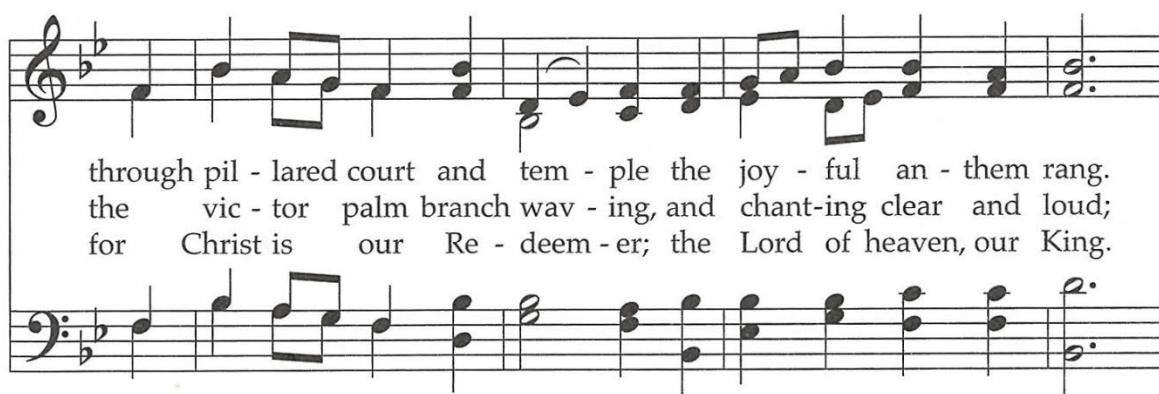
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Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

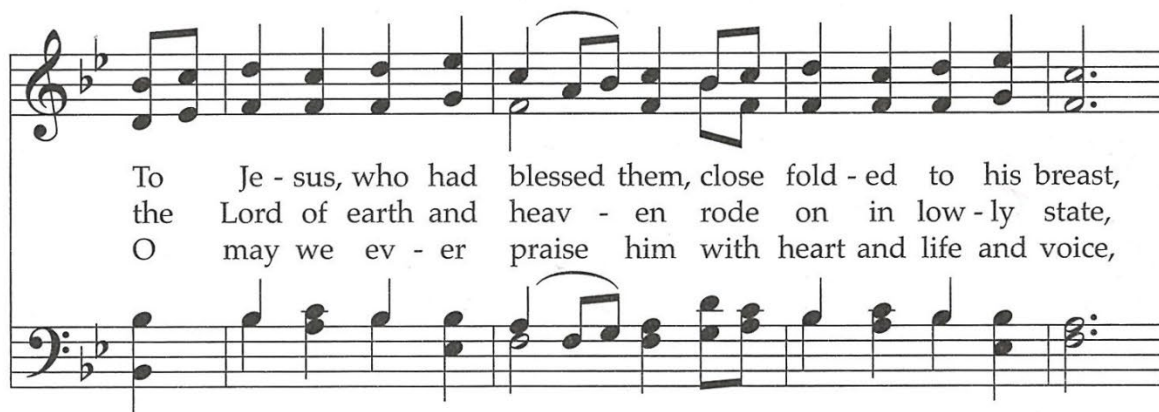
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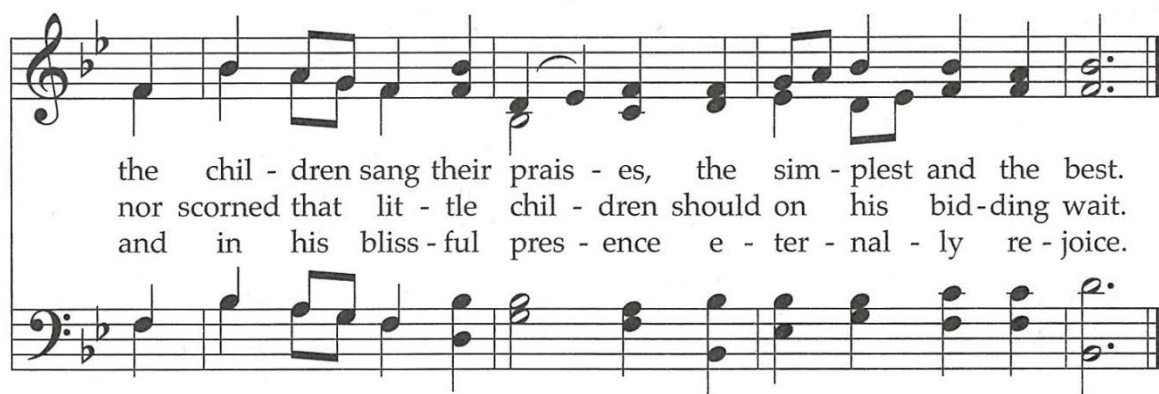
1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,



through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang.
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;
for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, 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.

Our Covenant

We, the members of the Myers Park Baptist Church, are a people on a journey of faith. By God's grace we are experiencing love through Jesus Christ and in the community of the faithful. We are discovering in this experience our freedom to become new creatures and our responsibility to be faithful stewards of our lives and of this world.

We will be open to all new light, strengthened by God and each other in our faith. We will sustain a critical examination of Scripture, belief and ritual as interpreters of God's active presence in the world. We will accept controversy as a reality of life together and an opportunity for growth toward maturity. We covenant to be a community of God's New Creation and affirm that we are open to all and closed to none.

We covenant together to nurture this church as a community of faith and as an instrument for reconciliation in the world: by worship, by Christian education, by the dedication of our personal and material resources and by all the other ways we express the significance of our lives with God and one another.

We covenant together to be priests celebrating God's presence in community and in the world, believing we are participants in God's kingdom on Earth.

OUR MINISTERS

Rev. Dr. Layne Smith

Interim Senior Minister

Rev. Carrie Veal

Associate Minister

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

Interim Associate Minister

J. Kevin Gray

Minister of Music & Worship

OUR AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM

Wes Cobb

Joe Kuhlmann

Hannah Combs

Eric Roberts

Volunteers

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