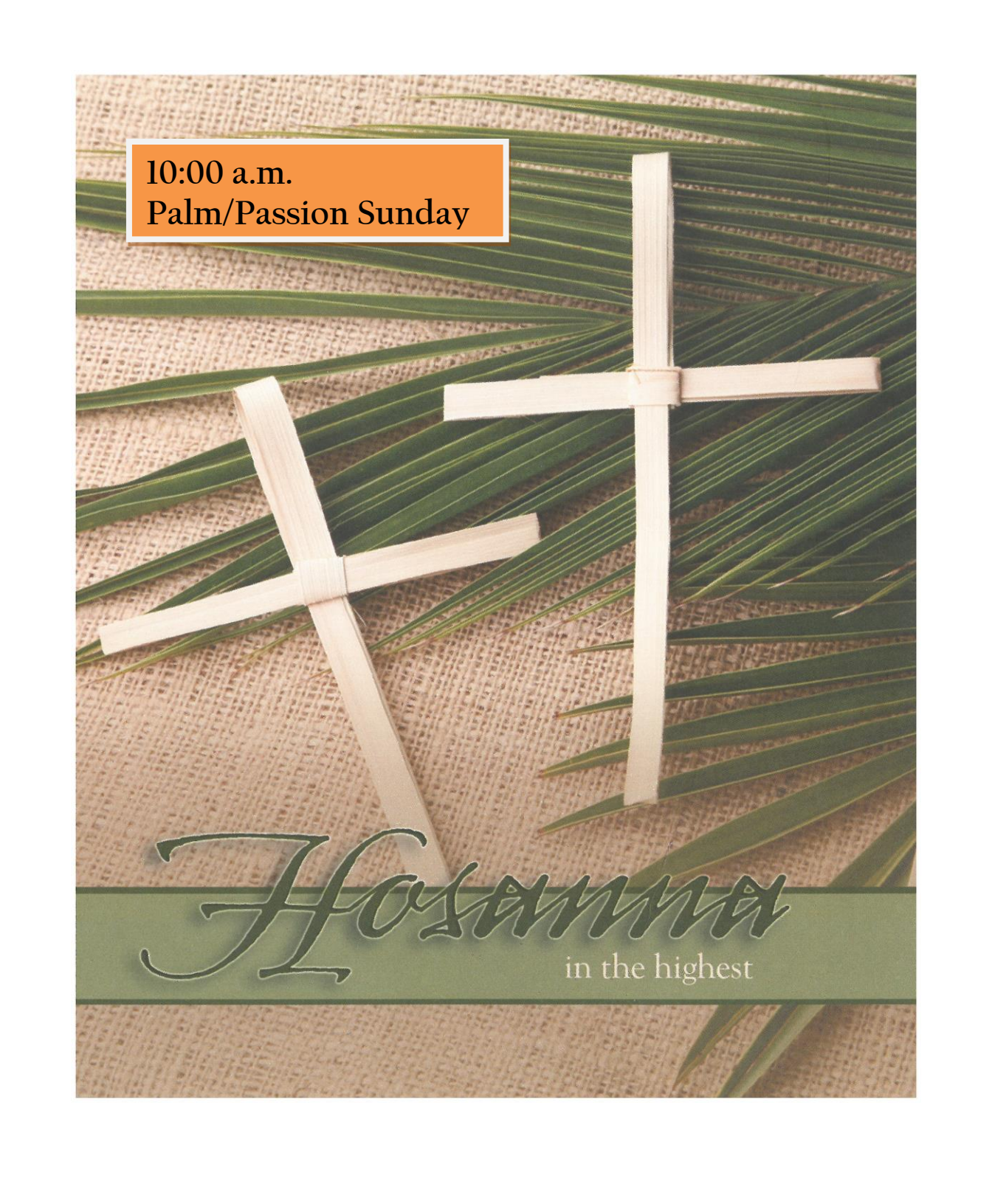




10:00 a.m.
Palm/Passion Sunday

Hosanna
in the highest

Worship Celebration: March 28, 2021

10:00 a.m.

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

Palm/Passion Sunday (Year B)

✠ WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY ✠

Prelude

Doug Yetter, organ

Gathering in Praise

HOSANNA ¹

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You; we turn to You.
 Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You; we long for You.
 'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day.
 In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.

Hosanna, hosanna, You are the God who saves us, worthy of all our praises.
 Hosanna, hosanna, come have Your way among us.
 We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You; we turn to You.
 In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new, You make us new.
 'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day.
 In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away. {Refrain}

TAG: Hosanna, hosanna. Hosanna, hosanna.

Welcome to our Holy Week Journey

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

✠ THE PALMS ✠

*Triumphal Entry

WHO IS HE ²

1. Who is He who comes in triumph? Who is He who comes to die,
 comes in peace and comes in power, hidden One now lifted high?
 Jesus, Jesus, Lord, Messiah, mighty Master of the grave!
 See Him ride, the King of glory! God himself has come to save!
2. See Him there in humble splendor. Hear them shouting all around.
 Joy explodes in wild procession. Praise is now the victor's crown.
 "Glory, glory in the highest!" Like the angels hear them sing,
 dancing 'round the Long-awaited – once their hope, and now their King.

Children's Celebration

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

*Dedication of the Palms

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

(Congregation is invited to hold their palms up for blessing)

God of hope, in Jesus You came to visit and redeem your people. The people spread their garments and palm branches along the way and proclaimed him King.

- § Let these palms we dedicate be a sign of our commitment to proclaim Jesus Messiah, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, through our faithful living as your disciples.

WHO IS HE [CONT]

3. Rise and join the glad procession! Hear them passing by again
all the ransomed, all His children, marching to Jerusalem!
Look ahead - the gates of splendor! Hear the everlasting hymn!
Open wide your hearts in worship! Let the King of glory in!

*Gospel Lesson

Mark 11:1-11

Mike Tyler

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it.

If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."

They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street.

As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?"

They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it.

Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it.

Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.

Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Anthem

WHISPER OF THE PALMS ³

Epworth Select Choir

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Prayers of Response

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

The Lord's Prayer

Sung Responsively

Invitation to Offering *Offerings are given through check, on-line giving & Texting at 302-488-0038*

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Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

LOVE CAME DOWN ⁴

If my heart is overwhelmed and I cannot hear Your voice,

I hold on to what is true, though I cannot see.

If the storms of life, they come, and the road ahead gets steep,

I will lift these hands in faith; I will believe.

I remind myself of all that You've done,

And the life I have because of Your Son.

Love came down and rescued me, love came down and set me free.
I am Yours, I am forever Yours.
Mountain high or valley low, I sing out and remind my soul:
I am Yours, I am forever Yours.

When my heart is filled with hope, and ev'ry promise comes my way,
When I feel Your hands of grace rest upon me,
Staying desp'rate for you, God, staying humbled at Your feet,
I will lift these hands and praise, I will believe.

I remind myself of all that You've done,
And the life I have because of Your Son. {Refrain}

I am Yours, I am Yours.
All my days, Jesus, I am Yours.
I am Yours, I am Yours.
All my days, I am Yours. {Refrain twice}

TAG: Yeah, yeah.

I am Yours, I am Yours,
I am Yours, Jesus, I am Yours.

✠THE PASSION OF OUR LORD✠

LENTEN CAROL ⁵

Epworth Select Choir

Sung:

Do you see how he rides through the city gates as a king, with his head held high?
Do you see in his face any sign or trace that he knows he will soon have to die?
Surely, he would have known in his special way that they sought him to crucify;
Yet he rides unafraid through the sun and shade as "Hosanna! the people cry.

Do you see how he goes to Gethsemane as the night winds begin to blow?
Do you see him on his knees near the olive trees as he prays for God's true will to know?
There are none who would blame him for staying free of a death so painful and slow.
Yet he knows he must see to his destiny, to his Calvary he must go.

Pilate Questions Jesus

Bill Martin

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Barabbas or Jesus?

Cathy Benson

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time, they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after

they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.

Donna Graves

While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said,

ALL: "Crucify him!"

Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more,

ALL: "Crucify him!"

Choir: {Sung}

Do you see how he stands in the judgement hall as a captive with head bowed low?
Do you see how he fails to reply when assailed with blunt questions whose answers he knows?
Could it possibly be that his lot was cast to have failed as Savior and King?
Yet we see in his eyes not the least surprise when they say he must face death's sting.

Pilate Hands Jesus over to Be Crucified

Laurie Kuebler

So, when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" So, he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Choir: {Sung} Do you see how they take him outside of town to the hill to be crucified?
Can you stand there and hear ev'ry taunt and jeer? Do you see how he painfully dies?

The Crucifixion of Jesus

Julie Derrick

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.

Penny MacLennan

And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Kathryn Burgwin

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”

Sandy Paulen

In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’” The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

The Death of Jesus

Michael Ryan

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for Elijah.” At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

Mike Tyler

At that moment, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

Choir: {Sung}

Yet if all that He said when He walked this earth would be treasured and held as wise,
There is no way to doubt that the truth will out:
Even now He prepares, even now He prepares, even now He prepares to rise!

✠ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ✠

***Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Invitation to leave in silence

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Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and:

The special Peace Candle on the Chancel shines to remind us of God's desire for peace throughout our world and our call to be God's peacemakers.

Stephen Ministers, wearing blue name badges, will be at each service if anyone in the Epworth family wants to talk about any life challenges.

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Assisting with today's service as

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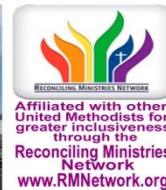
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