



# EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, March 24, 2024

Soil/Soul Tending:  
Join the Song (Lent)

March 24, 2024

Palm/Passion  
Sunday

Mark 11:1-11;  
14:1-15:47



Welcome to Epworth Worship  
Sunday 10 am  
in-person and online

10 am [Blended Worship Order](#)  
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*VISION: Explore Faith,  
Embrace Community*  
*MISSION: Inviting, Belonging,  
Connecting, Caring*

*All Means All*

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~ *We Gather in Worship* ~

## Open Up the Heavens

Jason Ingram, Stuart Garrard, Andi Rozier, James MacDonald,  
& Meredith Andrews ©2012 Sony / ATV Music  
Praise Team / Chancel Choir

We waited for this day,  
we're gathered in Your name,  
calling out to You.  
Your glory like a fire, awakening desire,  
will burn our hearts with truth.  
You're the reason we're here.  
You're the reason we're singing.

*Open up the heavens; we want to see You.  
Open up the floodgates, a mighty river  
flowing from Your heart,  
filling ev'ry part of our praise.*

Your presence in this place, Your glory on our  
face, we're looking to the sky.  
Descending like a cloud,  
You're standing with us now.  
Lord, unveil our eyes.  
You're the reason we're here.  
You're the reason we're singing.

*{Repeat Chorus twice}*

Show us, show us Your glory.  
Show us, show us Your power.  
Show us, show us Your glory, Lord.

*{Repeat section}*

We want to see You, we want to see You!

*{Repeat Chorus twice}*

**TAG: We sing, sing!**

## Hosanna

Brooke Fraser ©2006 Hillsong Publishing  
Praise Team / Chancel Choir

I see the King of Glory,  
coming on the clouds with fire.  
The whole earth shakes, the whole earth  
shakes.  
I see His love and mercy,  
washing over all our sin.  
The people sing, the people sing:  
*Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the  
highest!  
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the  
highest!*

I see a generation rising up to take their  
place, with selfless faith, with selfless faith.  
I see a near revival. Stirring as we pray and  
seek.

**We're on our knees, we're on our knees.**

*{Repeat Chorus 3x}*

**Heal my heart and make it clean.**

**Open up my eyes to the things unseen.**

**Show me how to love like You have loved me.**

**Break my heart for what breaks Yours.**

**Ev'rything I am for Your Kingdom's cause.**

**As I walk from earth into eternity.**

*{Repeat Chorus}*

**TAG: Hosanna in the highest!**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

## **Welcome to Our Holy Week Journey**

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

### **Dedication of the Palms**

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

God of hope, in Jesus You came to visit and redeem the world. The people spread their garments and palm branches along the way and proclaimed him King. So let us worship the Lord - not just with our voices, but with our entire being.

§ Let these palms we dedicate be a sign of our commitment to worship the One who is highly exalted and whose name is above every name, Jesus the Christ. Be gracious to us, O Lord. We are Christ's servants. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

### **All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

*Thoedulph of Orleans, 9thC, trans. by John Mason Neale, 1851*

*Melchoir Teschner, 1615; harm. by W. H. Monk, 1861*

**All glory, laud, and honor,  
to Thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.  
You are the King of Israel,  
O David's royal Son,  
the blest of Great Jehovah,  
the King and Blessed One.**

**The company of angels  
are praising You on high,  
and we with all creation  
in chorus make reply.**

**The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before You went;  
our prayer and praise and anthems  
before You we present.**

**To You, before Your passion,  
they sang their hymns of praise;  
to You, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise.**

**You did accept their praises;  
accept the prayers we bring,**

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delight now in all goodness,  
O good and gracious King.

**Kid's Time**

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

**Announcements**

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

### **Prepare the Way!**

Words: Don Besig & Nancy Price; Music: Don Besig ©1996  
Chancel Choir Anthem

*Prepare the way, prepare the way,  
prepare the way for the Lord.  
With a song of praise on this day of days,  
we prepare the way for the Lord.*

*(Repeat to top)*

Fill the streets and come to honor Him;  
join the jubilant throng.

As He rides throughout Jerusalem,  
come and follow along.

Clear a path for the King!

Come lift your voices and sing:

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna! *{Refrain}*

See the children come before Him  
and wave their branches on high.

Join the crowd and shout triumphantly  
as the Savior rides by.

Voices joyfully ring.

We come to welcome the King!

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna! *{Refrain}*

**TAG: Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna!**

*Prepare the way for the Lord!*

**Prayers of the People**

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

### **The Lord's Prayer**

#### **After All**

David Crowder, Mark Waldrop, Mike Dodson, & Matt Maher  
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**I can't comprehend**

**Your infinitely beautiful and perfect love.**

**Oh, I've dreamed dreams**

**of majesty as brilliant as a billion stars,**

**But they're never bright enough after all.**

*You are holy, oh, holy, oh, holy, oh, holy,  
oh,*

**I will sing a song for You, my God,**

**with ev'rything I have in me,**

**But it's never loud enough after all.**

*You are holy, oh, holy, oh, holy, oh, holy,  
oh.*

**Heaven and earth are full,**

**full of Your glory, Your glory.**

**My soul, it overflows,**

**full of Your glory, Your glory.**

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**Oh, blessed is He who reigns,  
full of Your glory, Your glory.  
My cup it can't contain all  
of Your glory, Your glory.  
Hosanna, we are found after all.  
*You are holy, oh, holy, oh, holy,  
oh, holy, oh, holy, oh, holy. Oh.***

**I can't comprehend; You're infinitely  
beautiful.**

**Lesson:** *Mark 11:1-11*      Rob Linder, reader

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.

May this scripture inspire us all...

**§ to walk in the way that leads to life.**

### **Build My Life**

*Matt Redman, Karl Martin, Kirby Kaple, Pat Barrett,  
& Brett Younker ©2016 Thank You Music*

**Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing.  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring.  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe.  
We live for You. Oh, we live for You.**

**Jesus, the name above ev'ry other name.  
Jesus, the only one who could ever save.  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe.  
We live for You. We live for You.**

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*Holy, there is no one like You.  
There is none beside You.  
Open up my eyes in wonder  
and show me who You are  
and fill me with Your heart  
and lead me in Your love to those around  
me.*

Jesus, the name above ev'ry other name.  
Jesus, the only one who could ever save.  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe.  
We live for You. We live for You.

*{Repeat Chorus}*

I will build my life upon Your love.  
It is a firm foundation.  
I will put my trust in You alone  
and I will not be shaken. *{Repeat section}*  
*{Repeat Chorus}*

Prayer

Rob Linder

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

## ∞ THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ∞ LENTEN CAROL

Stephen Walters, 1994

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 holy  
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

Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.” He was then accused by the chief priests and elders, but still, he gave no answer, not even to a single charge. It was customary for the governor to release a prisoner of the crowds’ choosing. One was a notorious prisoner called Jesus Barabbas, and Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?”

The chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas. When Pilate again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release?”

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The crowd shouted, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" and the crowd shouted, "Crucify him!" When he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!"

**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**

Cathy Benson

Pilate saw that he could do nothing, as a riot was beginning, so 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 answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" So, he released Barabbas to the crowd; and after flogging Jesus, he was handed over to be crucified.

**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**

Laurie Kuebler

When they had crucified him, they put the charge against him over his head - "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." 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." The chief priests, 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 Death of Jesus**

Mike Nonemaker

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, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. 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!"

**Yet if all that He said when He walked this  
earth would be treasured and held as wise,**

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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 ✠

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**Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

*Invitation to leave in silence*



## Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of March 24, 2024

### Sympathy

To Barbara Simpson, family and friends, on the death of Barbara's father, Allen Wenker

To Cathy and Tom Lewis, family and friends, on the death of their friend, Vic Staut

### Concerns:

People in conflict of Israel and Gaza Strip

People of Ukraine

Deaf People of Ukraine

Gary Arrell

Gary Bacon

Ann Beigay

\*Michael Beigay

David Bendekovits

\*Cathy Benson

Addison Bigos

\*Jeff Bond

Diaz Bonville

\*Andy Brangenberg

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Diane Bruce

\*Tim Bush

Judy Buchanan

\*Jennifer Eden Family

David Caffier

Ron & Patti Cain

Joelle Colleta

Sylvie Drew

Sherri Ealy

Carol Fehrenbach

Deb Ferlitto

Finn

Marion Ford

\*Vicki Gordy-Stith

\*Tom Groff

Shannon Harris

Bryan Hecksher

Kathy Hill

Ray Hilt

Barb Hoffman

\*Mickey Hoffman

Carolyn Horn

Teri Fitzgerald

Vincent Imhof

\*Sandra Kennedy

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Kris Koch

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\*Duncan Leet

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Jerry Mahon  
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Pam Mehring  
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\*Ron Paxton  
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Mark Saunders  
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Ryan Talumello  
\*Susanne Truitt  
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Donald Walton

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Travis Weber  
\*Kristin Weschler  
\*Tina Whaley  
Michael Wills, Sr  
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Lorrie Witcher  
\*Charlotte Woods  
\*Claire Worrall  
Carolyn & Lincoln Yates  
\*Michelle Yates  
\*Susan Yates  
\*Jean Young

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\*Donna Blomquist, The Moorings  
\*Ann Chambers, The Moorings  
Leon Cromer, Harbor Health  
\*Carolyn Robinson-Brandywine  
\*Linda Rooney  
Quinn Smith  
Elaine Trexler  
\*Dan Wine

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Hailye Wilson, USCG Key West  
Luke Wilson, USCG Key West  
Zeb Wilson, Travis AFB  
Jacob Hudson, Quantico  
Andrew Hudson, UT ROTC

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Autumn Reynolds-Cedar Crest College  
\*Kristina Alexander, Grad UD  
Cole Thomas Juliano, Elon  
Wade Stout  
\*Thomas Vyas, Delaware Tech  
Griffin Barrows, Marist

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