

# PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026 10:30

"THROUGH THE PALMS"  
BY LAUREN WRIGHT PITTMAN



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## **Palm & Passion Sunday**

+ *This symbol invites you to rise in body as you are able, or in spirit.*

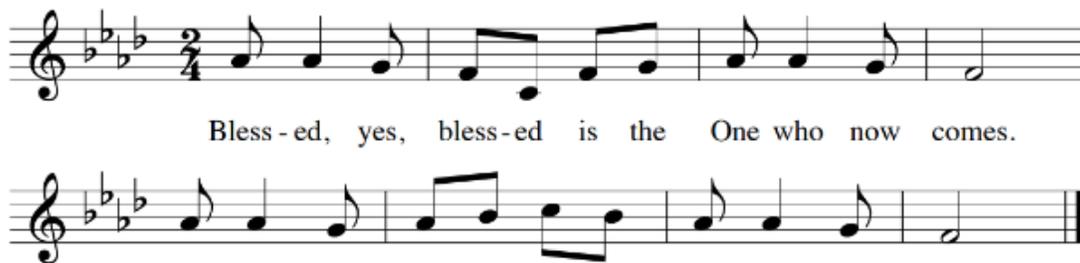
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| Chiming of the Hour                                    |   | Julia Matthews                 |
| Welcome and Life of the Church                         |   | Krissi Vandagriff              |
| Voluntary*   | <b>Shout for Joy</b><br>Cathy Moklebust | Chancel Ringers                |
| Lighting of the Christ Candle and Opening of the Bible |   | Lukas and Nikolaus Otzenberger |
| + Call to Worship                                      |   |                                |

“Hosanna!” They shouted. “Save us!”  
**“Hosanna!” We’re shouting. “Save us!”**  
Savior, ride into our hearts again,  
**wash us with excitement and hope,**  
give us a reason to praise  
**and to shout again, “Hosanna! Hosanna!”**

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| + Processional Hymn | <b>O Save Us, Lord! Hosanna!</b><br><i>See Insert</i> | ELLACOMBE |
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| Psalm Responsorial | Psalm 118 | Thomas Vandagriff |
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**Refrain**



Bless-ed, yes, bless-ed is the One who now comes.

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| Choral Music | <b>A Hosanna for Our Time</b><br>Karen Marrolli | Sanctuary Choir |
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*When the world cries for power will our souls cry for peace?  
Does the kingdom we’re seeking comfort with refuge and release?  
Does the realm of our longing reign with riches or welcome with grace?  
What kingdom shall we choose?*

*Hosanna, sing Hosanna! Behold the King of Peace,  
riding lowly among us, conquering the reign of fear!  
Hosanna, sing Hosanna! Behold the King of Love!  
Now the light of justice shatters the bow and spear!  
Hosanna!*

*Will our souls cry for healing while the world cries for war?  
Does the kingdom we're seeking rule with a peace that shall endure?  
Does the realm of our longing boast of power or soothe with love?  
What kingdom shall we choose?  
Will we choose to rage with strength and strife?  
Will we choose to heal with words of life?  
Will we bow to riches and might?  
Will we reach for the crown of light?  
Let the stones cry out in songs of praise  
as we turn from earthly power to walk in humbler ways.*

Call to Confession

Aaron Huffman

Prayer of Confession

**Holy Christ, we confess  
that amidst all the Palm Sunday crowds,  
we find ourselves in more turmoil than triumph.  
Our faith is unsteady.  
Our wisdom is eroding.  
Our resolve is shaken.  
Our mercy is hardening.  
Our hope is weakening.  
Come again and save us from these sins.  
Give us strength to follow you,  
our humble Savior,  
our wise fool,  
our all in all.  
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon and Forgiveness in Song

+ Hymn 212

**What Wondrous Love Is This**  
*Stanzas 1 & 2*

WONDROUS LOVE

+ Gospel Reading

John 19:16b-22

Becky Hendrickson

Sermon

Matt Vandagriff

Prayers of the People

Brenna Lacey

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;  
and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Offertory

**Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**  
arr. Dian Bish | arr. for handbells by Martha Lynn Thompson

Chancel Ringers

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.*

Silent Dedication of Our Offerings and Tithes

+ Hymn 213

**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

HAMBURG

Benediction

Matt Vandagriff

Postlude

**All Glory, Laud, and Honor**  
Michael Burkhardt

Julia Matthews



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*\*Psalm Reading with the Voluntary is Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Alton Lacey, reader*

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**Worship Leaders**

|                                    |  |
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| Deacon for the Week                | Becky Hendrickson                            |
| Bible Opener/Candle Lighter/Reader | Lukas & Nicolas Otzenberger                  |
| Readers                            | Alton Lacey, Brenna Lacey, Becky Hendrickson |
| Camera Operator & Videographer     | Thomas Vandagriff                            |
| Sound Operator                     | Bob Church                                   |
| Chancel Ringers                    | Mark Lawson, Director                        |
| Keyboards                          | Julia Matthews                               |
| Sanctuary Choir                    |  |

**Sunday Staff**

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|---|-------------------|
| Senior Pastor                             | Matt Vandagriff   |
| Associate Pastor, Music and Worship       | Kyle Damron       |
| Interim Education and Spiritual Formation | Krissi Vandagriff |
| Interim Youth Pastor                      | Aaron Huffman     |
| Worship Care                              | Tracy Slezak      |

# O Save Us, Lord! Hosanna!

Chris Shelton

ELLACOMBE  
*Gesangbuch der Herzogl, Wirttemberg, 1784*



1. "O save us, Lord! Ho - san - na!" the peo - ple
2. They fol - lowed down the moun - tain, a cheer - ing,
3. From Sen - e - ca to Stone - wall, from Sel - ma
4. "O save us, Lord! Ho - san - na!" we hear our



cried and sang; through pil - lared court and tem - ple, their  
chant - ing crowd, their palms raised high in pro - test, their  
till to - day, in chants of "¡Sí, se pue - de!"\* in  
chil - dren sing. From school, and street, and side - walk, we



ur - gent an - them rang. To Je - sus who stood  
voic - es clear and loud. They sang no songs to  
voic - es bold and brave, when peo - ple cry for  
hear their voic - es ring. And there in ev - 'ry



by them, the One who heard their plea, the  
Cae - sar; they gave the king no laud. In -  
jus - tice, for rights, or for re - lease, still  
pro - test, till weap - ons kill no more, still



peo - ple sang their long - ing, their hun - ger to be free.  
stead the don - key rid - er they hailed as blessed of God.  
ech - o those "Ho - san - nas!" still rides the Prince of Peace.  
rides de - fi - ant Je - sus, just as he rode be - fore.

\**Translation: Yes, we can!*