



**Palm Sunday
April 2, 2023
Communion**

PRELUDE

The Palms

G. Faure

POURING OUT OF WATERS, PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

RINGING THE BOWL

Pastor Diane

CALL TO WORSHIP

L. The great crowd that had come up for Passover heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting:

P. **Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
Blessed is the King of Israel!**

L. Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it, as is written, “Do not be afraid, O Daughter of Zion; See, your King is coming, seated on a donkey’s colt!”

✠ OPENING HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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CALL TO PRAYER

Some of the religious leaders said to Jesus, “Rabbi, rebuke your disciples!” Jesus replied, “I tell you if they keep quiet, the very stones around us will cry out.” As Jesus approached the Temple, he wept saying, “The days will come when your enemies will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of God’s coming.”

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week and gather in this house of prayer, turn our hearts again to your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ. As one of us, he knew our joys and sorrows, and our struggles with temptation. In him we see what you created us to be. Though blameless, he suffered willingly for our angers. Though innocent, he accepted crucifixion. On the cross he offered himself, a perfect sacrifice for the life of the world. By his suffering and his death, he freed us from sin and death.

(Silent prayer) Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Great is the mystery of faith: We sacrificed the incarnation of GOD, our Savior and LORD. But GOD left us not hopeless. Christ will come again! Brothers and sisters, believe the Good News of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

✠ **GLORIA PATRI**

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen, Amen.

ANTHEM

Ain't No Rock Gonna' Shout for Me

L. Larson

Here comes the Lord ridin' on a donkey
With people waving branches and callin' him "King."
Here comes the Lord ridin' through Jerusalem.
If the people don't shout, the rocks will cry out!

Rocks, keep silent! Jesus comes to set me free.
Rocks, keep silent! I'm gonna' shout in victory!
Rocks, keep silent! Jesus reigns in majesty,
Ain't no rock gonna' shout for me.

Here comes the Lord as thousands throng to see him.
Children stand on tiptoe to see the King.
Here comes the Lord; excitement in the air.
If the people don't shout, the rock will cry!
Oh yes, the rocks will cry out!

Rocks, keep Silent!

Here comes the Lord; hosannas fill the air.
The people bow and worship the promised King!
Here comes the Lord. "Hosanna in the highest!"
If the people don't shout, the rocks will cry out!
Ain't no rock gonna' shout for me

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 118

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.
Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."
Let the house of Aaron say: "His love endures forever."
Let those who fear the LORD say: "His love endures forever."
When hard pressed, I cried to the LORD, he brought me into a spacious place.
The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?
The LORD is with me; he is my helper. I look in triumph on my enemies.
It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in humans.
It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.
All the nations surrounded me, but in the name of the LORD I cut them down.
They surrounded me on every side, but in the name of the LORD I cut them down.
They swarmed around me like bees, but they were consumed as quickly as burning thorns; in the name of the LORD I cut them down.
I was pushed back and about to fall, but the LORD helped me.
The LORD is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.
Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:
"The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!
The LORD's right hand is lifted high; the LORD's right hand has done mighty things!"

I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done.
The LORD has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death.
Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.
I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.
The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;
the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.
The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.
LORD, save us! LORD, grant us success!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.
From the house of the LORD we bless you.
The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine on us.
With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.
You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

M: **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL AMEN

SERMON

“HOSANNA”

⊕ HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Were You There?

Arr. D. Wood

**Please print your name in the Fellowship register: Friendship Pads in the pews are a great way to meet your neighbor.*

*** If you have a special prayer request, please fill out the blue card in front of you and place it in the offertory. Our Pastors and the Prayer Ministry Team will pray for your request. There is also a box in the Narthex you may place it in as well.*

⌘ **DOXOLOGY**

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Invitation

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (Sung)

**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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.**

And lead us not into temptation,

**but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Serving of One Another
(Please hold your elements until all may receive together)

✠ **HYMN** *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!* 198

✠ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

✠ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *The First Song of Isaiah*

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure defense,
and He will be my Savior.

✠ **POSTLUDE** *Go to Dark Gethsemene* T. Albrecht

✠ **All those who are able, please stand**

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All Worship Services are available for replay on our website.

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THE FLOWER IN THE BAPTISMAL FONT: is for Doris Steffy.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY PROVIDED BY: Jean Hein, in memory of Marvin Hein.

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR IN REHABILITATION: Kay Davison.

THIS WEEK:

MISSION QUILTERS—Monday, April 3 at 9:30 a.m. in Classroom 1 and Fellowship Hall.

BIBLE REFLECTIONS—Monday, April 3, at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5 and on Zoom. This week—Exodus 24. Previous weeks are available on our website: valleypres.net.

JESUS' LAST DAYS— Tuesday, April 4th at 11:00 a.m. in Classroom 5.

SEVEN WORDS—Thursday, April 6 at 10:00 a.m. in Classroom 1.

LENTEN TAIZÉ SERVICE—Wednesday, March 8th at 5:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Life Center, followed by Lenten soup and bread this week.

THE BOOK: THE STORY OF GOD: CANCELLED this week. Will resume after Easter. Previous weeks are available on our website valleypres.net

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE— 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE—12 noon in the Sanctuary.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE—Sunday, April 9 at 6:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by a continental breakfast.

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE—Sunday, April 9 at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary with Communion.

MUSIC IN THE VALLEY PRESENTS: SONS OF ORPHEUS, an all male Chorus—April 15 at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and available in the church office.

FILM: PEACE IS IN SIGHT— A MOVIE ABOUT SOUTH SUDAN. April 23rd at 1:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Life Center. This is a free movie, and popcorn will be provided.

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
February-2023		Through Week 13 (03/26/23)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 59,825	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	380
Monthly Giving Budget	91,185	* YTD 2023 Attendance Sanctuary	4,540
*YTD Giving Support	150,428	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	98
*YTD Giving Budget	196,940	** YTD 2023 Viewing On-Line	2,043
		* YTD 2023 Attendance / On-Line	6,583
		* YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary	3,606
<p style="text-align: center;">* YTD = Year to Date ** Number of on-line devices tuned into Sunday service</p> <p style="text-align: center;">S. Ginader - VPC treasurer - steveginader@gmail.com - 952-687-1879 2023 Per Capita is \$41.50 per member</p>			

WELCOME to all who enter this place. Drink deeply of the living waters of God’s grace as we worship together in spirit.

VISITORS: Consider yourself at home while you are here! Please enjoy a cup of coffee, lemonade and a cookie while visiting the Visitor’s Table in Fellowship Hall after the church worship service. You can pick up a Visitor’s Information Packet at the Visitor's Table or the Welcome Centers. If you would like to receive more information about us, visit us at valleypres.net where you can sign up for our daily email blasts and monthly newsletter.

Children are invited to worship in the sanctuary then attend Sunday School after Children’s Time.

We are glad you have joined us today.

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