

**Palm Sunday  
March 24th, 2024**

**Prelude**

Nenad Iovic

**Welcome**

Rev. Hiram Brett

**Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

Pastor: Blessed are those who delight in worship. Blessed are the ones who come in God's name.

**People: Give thanks to God, all who assemble here. God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Pastor: Let all who follow Christ sing God's praise. Because of God's help, we are not disgraced.

**People: Open the gates of righteousness that we might enter. The works of God are marvelous in our eyes.**

Pastor: This is the day that our God has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**People: Hosanna! Let every knee bend before Jesus! Let every tongue welcome Christ's reign! Hosanna! Hosanna!**

**\*Gathering Hymn and Palm Parade** *Prepare Ye the Way*

**Kids Church** Children are welcome to join Kids Church in the Parish House

Forest Vandeflor

**Invocation Prayer**(read in unison)

**This is your day, holy God. Every day belongs to you. We would empty ourselves before you so there will be room for your entrance into our minds and hearts. Our times are in your hands. This precious gift of life is ours, in trust, from you. We give thanks, for your steadfast love endures forever. That love, expressed in the life of Jesus, dared to challenge these centers of power that lived by other standards. We come to declare that love today. Reign among us, we pray. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn** *Hosanna Loud Hosanna* Black Hymnal #213

*"Hosanna, loud hosanna," the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang;  
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.*

*From Olivet they followed amid a cheering crowd,  
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.  
The one whom angels worship rode on in lowly state,  
and glad to see the children, slowed down the donkey's gait.*

*"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song is ours,  
We hail our great Redeemer and sing with all our powers;  
"Hosanna, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice.  
Hosanna! In your presence forever we'll rejoice!"*

**The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Passing the Peace**

**\*Hymn** *Ride on Ride on in Majesty* Black Hymnal # 215

*Ride on! Ride on in majesty! O Christ, with brave humility,  
On lowly colt, your road pursue, As palms and cloaks are spread for you*

*Ride on! Ride on in majesty! As crowds of people come to see  
And shout hosannas, lifting high their praise for one about to die.*

*Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Ride on in humble dignity;  
Behold the ones you came to save from senseless life and endless grave.*

*Ride on! Ride on in majesty! For you have set your people free  
And we, remembering all your pain, now meet again to hail your reign.*

**Scripture** Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Philippians 2 5-11 (Pages 531 & 1023 of your pew Bible)

**Gospel Reading** Luke 19 28-40

**Musical Reflection**

**Sermon** “Hosanna Hosanna”

**Service of Prayer**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Sovereign God, we confess that we are as fickle as the crowds in Jerusalem. When everything seems to be going well, we join the hosanna chorus, but in times of weariness or rebellion, praise can turn to insult. We hide our faith when it is under attack and link ourselves with the scoffers. When there is opportunity to speak a good word for Jesus, we are silent. Our church lifts an uncertain word before the world, for we, its members, have not been faithful. We need your forgiving love today, O God, more than ever. Hear our prayer! Amen.**

Joys and concerns / Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer

**Offering**

Call to Offering

Choir Anthem      *The Palms*      By. Jean-Baptiste Faure

Faye Chen & Choir

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

**\*Closing Hymn** *All Glory Laud and Honor* Black Hymnal#216 verse 1-3

*All glory, laud, and honor to you, O Christ, we sing,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!  
The people of the Hebrews with palms adorned your way;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems we offer you this day.*

*O Promised One of Israel, of David's royal line,  
The one who called "God's beloved," of flesh and yet divine,  
To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.*

*As you received their praises, receive our prayers today,  
Whose justice and whose mercy and sovereignty hold sway,  
All glory, laud and honor to you, O Christ, we sing.  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!*

**Benediction**

**Threefold Amen**

**Postlude**

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

**Easter Note: Please Submit all your flower orders by  
Monday March 25<sup>th</sup>. They must be submitted by Noon.**

**Upcoming: Rededication of the Sanctuary  
April 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00am. Reception to follow.**

# HOLY WEEK



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### **Palm Sunday, March 24**

10:00 a.m. worship service  
in the sanctuary & via Zoom

Palm Parade led by the children

*Luke 11:28 – 40*

Palm Sunday Reflection: *Hosana, Hosana*

### **Maundy Thursday, March 28**

7:00 p.m. worship service  
in the sanctuary  
Communion

Maundy Thursday scripture readings

### **Good Friday, March 29**

The sanctuary will be open from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m.  
for personal prayer and reading of scripture

### **Easter Sunday, March 31**

10:00 a.m. worship service  
in the sanctuary & via Zoom

*John 20:1-19*

Easter Reflection: *Look Again*

**iris** INTEGRATED REFUGEE  
& IMMIGRANT SERVICES



## Donate your Furniture

Help us furnish refugee homes!

Let's downsize with a purpose!

IRIS will find the apartments (40 of them)  
and

We will help furnish them

### Please Donate

Tall Dressers

Dining Room Tables + Chairs

End Tables - Small Sofas - Rugs

Pots - Pans - Full Dish Sets - Glasses

Items will be picked up at your house by volunteers.  
No lugging and hauling on your part.

Contact Penny Rogers  
203-530-2486

## FAMILY MOVIE AFTERNOON THE EMPEROR'S NEW GROOVE

4:00 - 5:30 pm

Saturday, April 6th

Parish Hall  
5 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge



FREE  
POPCORN!



Please bring your own drink