



PALM SUNDAY MARCH 28, 2021

*They prepared the way
in front of him
with leafy branches
cut from the fields.
Mark 11:8*



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Sunday Worship 1 - Liturgy of the Palms - 9:00 am
Sunday Worship 2 - Liturgy of the Passion - 9:30 am
Sunday Worship 3 - Liturgy of the Word - 10:00 am
Lenten Reflection #7 - Wednesday Morning, 7am.

Previous Lent Videos remain available for viewing.



On Facebook, www.upperroom.org will have special devotionals for
Holy Thursday / Maundy Thursday, at Noon
Good Friday (Stations of the Cross). Noon.

PALM SUNDAY / PASSION SUNDAY MARCH 28, 2021

ORDER OF WORSHIP SEGMENT 1 - 9:00AM

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

PRELUDE

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Alexis Carter,
Lenten Liturgical Resources from Africana Writers, edited by Safiya Fosua, 2020.*

*Let us worship the Lord—
not just with our voices, but also with our entire being.*

**We gather to worship the One who is highly exalted
and whose name is above every name, Jesus the Christ.**

*Your presence demands our participation.
Our worship is never wasteful.*

**Be gracious to us, O Lord.
We are your servants; empty us for your use.
We are Christ's servants
and may we be of the same mind.**

*We declare that Jesus Christ is Lord
to the glory of God the Father.*

Praise be unto God!

GOSPEL

MARK 11:1–11

FotW

*Blessed is the coming kingdom.***Hosanna in the highest!**

*When Jesus and his disciples 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.*

**Blessed is the coming kingdom.
Hosanna in the highest!**

*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!”

*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.*

**Blessed is the coming kingdom.
Hosanna in the highest!**

PRAYER

RG

**O God, in the power of your Spirit, enable us to hear your Word for us today,
in this time and place.
Help us to discern what the Spirit is saying to the church. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

PSALM 118:1–2, 19–29

PSALTER

Rick-Hymnal 057-rick-20Jul19.mp4

Text Information - Title: Thoughts for the Sanctuary

Meter: C. M. - Language: English

Publication Date: 1912 - Scripture: Psalm 118

Tune Name: (as published) ZERAH - Composer: Lowell Mason

Using Instead the more familiar AZMON,

Adapter: Lowell Mason; Composer: C. G. Gläser (1828)

Suggested Verses

**1 The glorious gates of righteousness
Throw open unto me,
And I will come to them with praise
O Lord, my God, to Thee.**

**2 This is Thy temple gate, O Lord,
The just shall enter there;
My Saviour, I will give Thee thanks,
O Thou that hearest prayer.**

**7 O Lord, my God, I praise Thy Name,
All other names above;
O give Him thanks, for He is good
And boundless is His love,.**

Additional Verses

*3 The stone rejected and despised
Is now the cornerstone;
How wondrous are the ways of God,
Unfathomed and unknown!*

*4 In this the day that Thou hast made
Triumphantly we sing;
Send now prosperity, O Lord,
O Lord, salvation bring.*

*5 Hosanna! Ever blest be He
That cometh in God's Name,
The blessing of Jehovah's house
Upon you we proclaim.*

*6 The light of joy to shine on us
The Lord our God hath made;
Now be the precious sacrifice
Upon His altar laid.*

INTERCESSIONS

Prayer in the aftermath of the shooting in Boulder, Colorado

By Denise D. Pass, executive presbyter of Presbytery of Plains and Peaks

March 23, 2021 by The Presbyterian Outlook

March 22, 2021, 2:45 p.m., 10 dead.

*With the Psalmist, in anguish we cry out...
My God, my God! Why have you forsaken us?
Why do you not help us? Why do you not hear our cries?
Is our depravity so unworthy of your intervention?*

**Holy God, Powerful God, God of Love and Peace!
Hear our prayer!**

*We cannot abide this self-inflicted pain any longer.
We cannot tolerate this self-destruction
in the name of "our constitutional rights."
We cannot bury another child, parent, friend —
dead due to this disease of fear.
We cannot find our way out of this pit without you.*

Help us, Lord. Help us. Help.

*You, alone, O Lord, can help.
We clearly lack the will and the power to do so.
Help us remember and reclaim
the belovedness of each of your children.
Help us end our love of violence
and reclaim our love of abundant life.
Help us in our grief. Comfort those who mourn.
Give strength to those who despair.
Help us find the courage and stamina
to be led by Christ's example of love.*

Forgive us, Lord. Forgive us. Forgive.

*Bless those who grieve.
Bless those who tend to broken bodies and broken spirits.
Bless those who are first to respond
and put themselves in harm's way.
Bless those who feel forsaken and forgotten.
Blessed be the name of the Lord!*

Alleluia! Amen.

HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor
Dean McIntyre, via GBOD - 280.mp3

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

FotW

**Holy God, we give thanks for your saving love made known to us in
the life, death, and resurrection of Christ.**

**Bless the gifts we offer you,
that they may work to bring the Life of your Kingdom
on earth as in heaven;
in Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

A LITANY

I Love A Crowd!
The Africana Worship Book for Year B, Discipleship Resources, 2007, p. 88.
*B. Kevin Smalls,
I love a crowd!*

But a crowd can be disbursed.

I love a crowd!

But a crowd can be misled.

I love a crowd!

But crowds don't last forever.

I love a crowd!

But a crowd can offer a false sense of protection.

I love a crowd!

But a crowd can trample and overlook.

I love Jesus!

**Jesus is all the crowd you'll ever need! Hosanna!!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

CHARGE

Phil. 2:5
*Let the same mind be in you that was in Jesus Christ.
Go forth in peace to love and serve the world.*
FotW

BLESSING

*May the blessing of God,
who surmounts evil, bears our pain, and lives in us forever,
fill you with a zeal for justice and passion for peace,
this day and always.*
FotW

INTERLUDE

Lift High the Cross
Rick-Hymnal 159-rick-20Aug09-copyright 1974 Hope.mp4

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From Cathy, regarding "Anthem"

For this coming Palm Sunday, I have chosen the inspirational song "Above All" for the anthem. The Lord is our treasure "above all." All that we may go through, we know our Lord Jesus is always watching over us. As this song says, He "took the fall," but has always, and will always, be there for us. During this last week before Easter, let us think of our Lord and be thankful and show our kindness, love and thankfulness to all those around us. God Bless you,
Cathy and Clark

ORDER OF WORSHIP - SEGMENT 2 - 9:30AM
LITURGY OF THE PASSION

WELCOME / OPENING WORDS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Phil. 2:5; Isa. 50:4, 5

FotW

**Come Holy Spirit, source of all life.
As we hear again the story of the passion,
let the same mind be in us that was in Christ,
who was a servant that we might be free.
Awaken our ears, open our hearts,
and sustain the weary with your Word. Amen.**

HYMN

O How I Love Jesus (There Is a Name I Love to Hear)
Rick-Hymnal 170 -3v.mp4

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SCRIPTURE

MARK 14:1–15:47

CALL TO CONFESSION

RG

*On this Sunday there is a wide gap
between our shouts of praise at the beginning of the service
and our entrance into Holy Week
and the passion of Jesus by the end of it.
Our emotions move from joy to solemnity.
Our confession on this Sunday calls us
to a special awareness of the grace of God
that comes to us in this chasm between joy and sorrow.
Let us confess our sin.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

RG

**Holy God, we come waving palms and shouting “Hosanna”
for the one who we assume is the Messiah,
but the Messiah we get is not the Messiah we expect.
The Messiah we get calls us to acknowledge and name the violence
in our world and in our lives,
but we accept this violence as the normal way of the world.
We have learned to live with homelessness, poverty,
injustice, racism, sexism and homophobia.
When we fail to see and name the evils of our world, we allow them to flourish.
Open our eyes, O God, to see crucifixions in our midst
and help us to participate in the places
where you are bringing liberation and life.
Amen.**

SILENT PRAYERS

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RG

*Friends, the good news of the gospel assures us that
God in Christ meets us in the broken places
in order to redeem, liberate and heal us.
In Christ, we are healed and our eyes are opened.*

**In Christ we are empowered to partake in
God’s liberating and justice-seeking work in our world.
Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER HYMN**PSALM 31****PSALTER 80****God our Resort in Trouble****Rick-Hymnal 175 -4v.mp4**

Suggested Verses

Additional Verses

**1 In Thee, O Lord, I put my trust,
I call upon Thy Name;
O save me in thy righteousness,
Nor let me suffer shame.**

*3 Since Thou my rock and fortress art,
My leader be, and guide;
From all temptation rescue me,
Thou dost my strength abide.*

**2 Bow down Thy ear to my request,
And swift deliv'rance send;
Be Thou to me a rock of strength,
A fortress to defend.**

*5 I hate all those that love the false,
My trust is in the Lord;
I will be glad, and joyfully
Thy mercy will record.*

**4 To Thee my spirit I commend;
Redemption is with Thee,
O Thou Jehovah, God of truth,
Who hast delivered me.**

*6 For my affliction Thou hast seen,
And known my many woes;
Thou hast not let me be enslaved,
But freed me from my foes.*

**10 From all that persecute my soul
thy gracious help I crave;
O smile upon thy servant, Lord,
And in Thy mercy save.**

*7 Show mercy, Lord, to me distressed,
And send my soul relief,
My life is spent with bitterness,
My strength consumed with grief.*

*8 I mourn and fail because of sin,
Friends turn in dread away;
Reproached am I and terrified,
While foes conspire to slay.*

*Text Title: God Our Resort in Trouble
Scripture: Psalm 31 - Publication Date: 1912*

Tune Name: BRECON

Composer: Nicholas Heins

Meter: C. M. - Key: Eb Major

Using instead the more familiar Tune Name: ST. AGNES

Composer: John B. Dykes (1866)

Meter: CM - Key: G Major

*9 But, Lord, in Thee is all my trust,
Thou art my God, I cried;
My life, my times are in Thy hand,
I in Thy strength confide.*

*11 Let me not be ashamed, O Lord,
I plead with Thee to save;
but let the wicked be ashamed,
And silent in the grave.*

*12 Yea, let their lips henceforth be mute
Who words of falsehood seek,
The lips which with contempt & pride
Against the righteous speak.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen**

HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty
Rick-Hymnal 064-20Jun14-with lyrics.mp4

64**INTERLUDE**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (Coronation)
Rick-Hymnal 154 -Lyrics-3v.mp4

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WORSHIP SEGMENT 3 - 10:00AM - LITURGY OF THE WORD

A LITANY FOR PASSION SUNDAY

(Alexis Carter)

*Good morning, God! Awaken us and be gracious unto us.
Set our faces upon you like flint and open our ears to hear from you.
Move us from being simply onlookers of Jesus
to being worshipers of him.*

**We give you permission to empty us
of that which needs to be evicted from our lives.
We come as your servants
in need of you to break open the boxes
that we have tried to put you in,
and extravagantly pour yourself out as oil upon us.**

*Help us not to judge those people
and practices that we do not understand.
Teach us to not worry so much about standing up for you
that we fail to stand with you.*

**May your Holy Spirit awaken us
to worship beyond our comfort
when our words will not suffice
and death has yet to fully behave.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

ISAIAH 50:4–9A

Philippians 2:5–11

World English Bible (WEB)

**Your frame of mind should be that,
which was also in Christ Jesus,
who, existing in the form of God,
didn't consider equality with God
a thing to be clung to or exploited
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself, becoming obedient
to the point of death, yes, the death of the cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him,
and gave to him The Name
which is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
of those in heaven, those on earth,
and those under the earth,
and that every tongue should confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Romans 3:31-39*)

What then are we to say about these things?

If God is for us, who is against us?

Who will bring any charge against God's elect?

It is God who justifies.

Who is to condemn?

It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised,

who is at the right hand of God,

who indeed intercedes for us.

Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will hardship, or distress, or persecution,

or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors

through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,

nor angels, nor rulers,

nor things present, nor things to come,

nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

nor anything else in all creation,

will be able to separate us from

the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

RG (alt)

We come with palms to praise God

and to lift up the way God has set before us in Christ.

Jesus gave himself for the life of the world.

*Christ has opened our eyes and hearts
to God's redeeming presence in our midst.*

With humble hearts bowed in awe,

let us give in gratitude for what has been given to us in Christ.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

RG

**O God, may these gifts be a sign of our faith in Christ and a pledge of loving service
empowered by the Spirit of Christ.**

May these gifts enable your kingdom to come

and your will to be done on earth as in heaven. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

GBoD

Lord, we too cry, "Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna!"
We yearn for the day when your salvation and justice
will be the experience of all people.
We continue to repent
from when we have failed to be obedient
and extend your love and grace.
This week, as we remember again
the sacrifice and mercy of Good Friday,
give us a fresh experience of
your amazing and world-changing grace
that burst forth from the good news of Easter Sunday. Amen.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

(Philippians 2)

RG

*Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ
who, though he was in form of God,
he emptied himself and took human form,
and humbled himself to the point of death,
in order to liberate humanity from our enslavements to death.
As we enter into Holy Week,
let us lift up the brokenhearted,
and stand with the oppressed.
and let everything we do be out of the love of God in Christ.*

Amen.

SENDING LITANY FOR PALM SUNDAY

Written by Jeanyne Slettom,

and posted on Process and Faith. Reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/02/palm-sunday-sending-out.html>

This is a vision of the way it can be, the way it should be—

**Shouts of welcome, a joyful procession,
a community celebrating together.**

The same vision is offered to us today:

**We can welcome Christ into our lives;
We can celebrate his transforming power.**

How swiftly things changed back then,

How swiftly we, too, can be distracted.

May we hold fast to his vision of goodness—

**Peace from the practice of justice,
equality from the practice of respect.**

As this week unfolds,

**We will let ourselves be overtaken by God's love
We will pour it back out into the world.**

BENEDICTION

*You Have Waved Your Palms at Him
The Africana Worship Book for Year B, Discipleship Resources, 2007, p. 215.*

B. Kevin Smalls,

*Now you have waved your palms at him.
Now you have followed him on the parade route.
You have seen Jesus for yourself. You know that he is real.
Go forth and continue to see him in the world!
Go where he goes and do what he commands.
And may the peace of God rule and abide with you now and forever! Amen.*

POSTLUDE

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart (Marion)
Rick-Hymnal 160-lyrics 5v-1080.mp4

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On YouTube this Week

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLY5iZ1NS28HTiZRftyrzqqmMD8rlcivF1>

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while the video is playing,
the tool should become available fairly soon.*

Next Sunday (Easter)

Sunday Worship 1 - Sunrise Worship - 6:30 am
Sunday Worship 2 - Prayers and Praise - 9:00 am
Sunday Worship 3 - Liturgy of the Word - 9:30 am

This week on Facebook, from Upper Room

Holy Thursday / Maundy Thursday, Noon
Good Friday (Stations of the Cross). Noon.

Credits

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Meditations from Psalm 31

<https://www.festivalofhomiletics.com/free-lent-worship-resources-for-march/>

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March Tune

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*Reflecting on and Praying with the Lectionary
Palm/Passion Sunday / Last Sunday in Lent*

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LECTIONARY

PALM SUNDAY /

Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29

Mark 11:1–11 or John 12:12–16

PASSION SUNDAY

Isaiah 50:4–9a

Psalm 31:9–16

Philippians 2:5–11

Mark 14:1–15:47 or Mark 15:1–39 (40–47)

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

The passion of Christ is a story of terror
in which, against all odds, love wins.

How might this story reshape your week, your life, our world?

Where will you commit to letting love win?

How will this change your life?

MORNING PRAYER:

Jesus, in your passion and resurrection,
you show me there is no place you have not been
and no place you fear to go.

Morning by morning, you awaken me more deeply to this truth.

Send me into the world this day with the courage and wisdom
to be a faithful witness to your coming reign
of justice, mercy, and peace. Amen.

EVENING PRAYER:

Although I have sought to serve you this day,
I have failed to keep your love.

You know my strengths and weaknesses more than I;
reveal them to me that I may be healed this night
and begin afresh tomorrow. Amen.

The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia

28 March - 03 April 2021

More may be found here:
<https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle/czech-republic-poland-slovakia>

Give thanks for:

- ✓ *the faithful witness of Christians here through the centuries, especially in times of occupation and persecution*
- ✓ *the peaceful resolution of disputes*
- ✓ *the distinctive cultural contributions and resources in these lands*
- ✓ *the religious freedom and ecumenical cooperation that is growing.*

Pray for:

- ✓ *greater respect for the Roma people and others who are marginalized and who lack adequate livelihoods in these lands*
- ✓ *welcoming and engaging those of other faiths and ethnicities*
- ✓ *growth in spiritual as well as physical health*
- ✓ *democratic governance that advances God's justice and peace for all.*

Prayers

Prayer by John Hus

Oh sweet Christ,
draw us who are weak to you,
since we cannot follow you if you do not draw us on.
Give us a brave, resourceful spirit, and,
if the body is feeble, may your grace precede, mediate and follow,
because without you we can do nothing and we are nothing.
Give us resolute spirits, fearless hearts, true faith, firm hope and perfect love,
that we may patiently and joyfully lay down our lives for you.

For Everlasting Peace *(Pope John Paul II in "L'Osservatore Romano," 3-9-81, 14)*

*I will appoint peace your governor, and justice your ruler.
No longer shall violence be heard of in your land,
or plunder and ruin within your boundaries. Isaiah 60:17-1*

To the Creator of nature and humankind, of truth and beauty, I pray:
Hear my voice, for it is the voice of the victims of all wars and violence
among individuals and nations.
Hear my voice, for it is the voice of all children who suffer and will suffer
when people put their faith in weapons and war.
Hear my voice when I beg you to instil into the hearts of all human beings
the wisdom of peace, the strength of justice, and the joy of fellowship.
Hear my voice, for I speak for the multitudes in every country and in every period of history
who do not want war and are ready to walk the road of peace.
Hear my voice and grant insight and strength so that we may always respond
to hatred with love, to injustice with total dedication to justice,
to need with the sharing of self, to war with peace.
O God, hear my voice and grant unto the world your everlasting peace.

(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2005, Slovakia)

The apostle Paul wrote his letter to the Corinthians to encourage them.
May we have the same hope as the Corinthian church
as we pray for the church of God and for all people according to their needs.

Eternal God, we thank you for calling us by name.
In you we live and move and grow.
We pray for churches and Christians throughout the world.
Remind us of our common foundation in Christ .
May we grow together in faith and in love, until we attain that unity which is your will.
Build us together in Christ,
Make us your dwelling place.

Send down your Spirit so that we may know Jesus
and bear witness to our life and unity in him.
May we know the mind of Christ in order to speak God's wisdom everywhere.
Strengthen us to work towards peace and reconciliation in church and society.

**Build us together in Christ,
Make us your dwelling place.**

We pray for the churches in Slovakia
and for all churches which are experiencing change
– growth or struggle, reconciliation or conflict.
Inspire and strengthen them in works of witness and service.

**Build us together in Christ,
Make us your dwelling place.**

We pray for those who have no home, no land, no food, no work, no medicine, no peace.
May we recognize and serve Christ in the suffering and the needy.

**Build us together in Christ,
Make us your dwelling place.**

We thank you for all your gifts of creation.
Teach us to share with others our time, our energy, our resources and our love.
Make us sensitive and responsive to the wounds in the human family and creation.
May we be faithful to our calling and live a long life on earth.
May we give our whole life to Christ, for we belong to him
and in him are united all things on earth and in heaven. Amen.