

March 29, 2026 ~ Palm Sunday

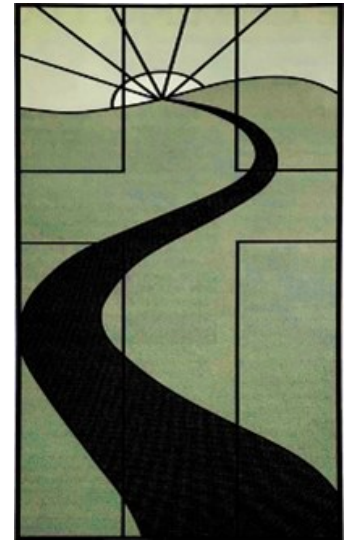
10:00 a.m. service

\*Indicates we will rise on body or spirit

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

**Prelude**

**Bob Cooper**



**Welcome**

**Call to Worship:**

God calls us to worship as aliens on an earth we cannot call home. We are strangers here on our way to our true home. God calls us to obedience to Christ, to be willing to be humbled like our sovereign King, and to know that we will not be put to shame. As we walk along the way, we follow the King, who himself walked the way to the cross. Come, let us worship King Jesus.

**\*Songs of Praise: All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

All glory, laud and honor  
to you, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the King of Israel  
and David's royal Son,  
now in the Lord's name coming,  
the King and Blessed One.

the company of angels  
is praising you on high;  
and we with all creation  
in chorus make reply.  
the people of the Hebrews  
with palms before you went;  
our praise and prayer 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.  
As you received their praises,  
accept the prayers we bring,  
for you delight in goodness,  
O good and gracious King!

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### **Hosanna**

Hosanna! Hosanna!  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna! Hosanna!  
Hosanna in the highest!

Lord we lift up your name,  
with hearts full of praise;  
Be exalted, Oh Lord, my God!  
Hosanna in the highest

Glory! Glory!  
Glory to the King of kings!  
Glory! Glory!  
Glory to the King of kings!

Lord we lift up your name,  
with hearts full of praise;  
Be exalted, Oh Lord, my God!  
Glory to the King of kings!

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**God's Greeting/Mutual Greetings**

## **WE ARE RENEWED**

### **Call to Confession:**

We like a good praise service, don't we? But oh how quick are we to desert Jesus when things get a little bit tough. If we are honest, we aren't that different than the disciples who on Palm Sunday were crying "Hosanna" and by Friday, they joined the crowd screaming "crucify him", betrayed him, or denied knowing him. We don't mind following Christ when all that is asked of us is to attend a worship service once in a while but when following Christ demands something more of us, all of us, we quickly turn away.

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### **Prayer of Confession:**

King of Glory, we confess that while we want to celebrate your victory, we often turn on you as quickly as those who worshiped you as you approached Jerusalem. Forgive us for offering you empty praise, for not remembering where the road to Jerusalem will take you. We are sorry for losing sight of your humility, your sacrifice, your true strength and power. Help us to proclaim your praises wholeheartedly as the One who is victorious over sin and death. Amen.

### **Song of Assurance: My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

My faith looks up to thee,  
thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray,  
take all my guilt away.

O let me from this day  
be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart  
Strength to my fainting heart,  
My zeal inspire.

As thou hast died for me,  
O may my love to thee  
Pure, warm, and changeless be

A living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread  
And griefs around me spread,  
Be thou my guide.  
Bid darkness turn to day,  
Wipe sorrow's tears away,  
Nor let me ever stray  
From thee aside.

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### **Dedication to Holy Living: Psalm 61 (NLT)**

Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer.

**ALL: From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I.**

For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe.

**ALL: I long to dwell in your tent forever and take refuge in the shelter of your wings.**

For you, God, have heard my vows; you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.

**ALL: Increase the days of the king's life, his years for many generations.**

May he be enthroned in God's presence forever; appoint your love and faithfulness to protect him.

**ALL: Then I will ever sing in praise of your name and fulfill my vows day after day.**

### **GOD SPEAKS**

**\*Song of Preparation: We are People on a Journey**

We are people on a journey,  
Following where the Master walks.

We are people on a journey,  
In the shadow of the cross.  
What compels? The face of Jesus!  
Who protects? Our faithful guide:  
He who treads the road of service,  
Christ the Lord, the crucified.

We are people on a journey,  
Taking up the cross of Christ.  
We are people on a journey,  
Moving on from death to life.  
We release the sin that tangles.  
We relinquish all acclaim.  
We receive the suffering Savior,  
He our glory, wealth and fame.

We are people on a journey,  
Rising up in life reborn.  
We are people on a journey,  
Speaking peace, accepting scorn.  
We are walking toward a homeland,  
To a mystery yet unknown,  
To a kingdom coming quickly,  
To the light of God's own throne.

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**Scripture: Luke 19:28-40**

**Message: "The King on the Way"**

## **WE RESPOND**

**\*Songs of Response: Ride on, Ride On in Majesty**

Ride on, ride on in majesty  
As all the crowds "Hosanna!" cry;

Through waving branches slowly ride,  
O Savior to be crucified.

Ride on, ride on in majesty,  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
O Christ, your triumph now begin  
O'er captive death and conquered sin!

Ride on, ride on in majesty,  
The last and fiercest foe defy;  
The Father on his sapphire throne  
Awaits his own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty,  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
Bow your meek head to mortal pain,  
Then take, O God, your power and reign!

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### **I Surrender All**

I surrender all, I surrender all.  
All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust Him, in His presence daily live.

I surrender all, I surrender all.  
All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee,  
Fill me with Thy love and power, let Thy blessing fall on me.

I surrender all, I surrender all.  
All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

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## **Prayer for our Church:**

**ALL:**

**King Jesus, our Savior, show Grace Church Your way. Help us be obedient to You and Your will, serving You with the confidence that You will not let us be put to shame. We pray in humility, Amen.**

**Prayers of the People: Bob Cooper**

**Offering: CRCNA Ministry Shares**

## **GOD BLESSES US TO SERVE**

### **\*Benediction**

#### **\*Doxology: Let it Be Said of Us**

Let it be said of us that the Lord was our passion,  
That with gladness we bore ev'ry cross we were given;  
That we fought the good fight, that we finished the course  
Knowing within us the pow'r of the risen Lord.

Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song,  
By mercy made holy, by the Spirit made strong.  
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song  
Til the likeness of Jesus be through us made known.  
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song.

Let it be said of us: we were marked by forgiveness,  
We were known by our love and delighted in meekness.  
We were ruled by His peace, heeding unity's call,  
Joined as one body that Christ would be seen by all.

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## **Postlude**