

## April 2, 2023 (9:30 & 11 AM) Palm/Passion Sunday

**\*Call to Worship** (The King of Kings Enters Jerusalem on a Colt)

### **Matthew 21:1-9**

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." 4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: 5 "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'" 6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

**\*Opening Hymn** *Hosanna! Hosanna!* arr. Timothy Mayfield **UMH 278**

1. 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.
2. From Olivet they followed  
mid an exultant crowd,  
the victor palm branch waving,  
and chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of earth and heaven  
rode on in lowly state,  
nor scorned that little children  
should on his bidding wait.
3. "Hosanna in the highest!"  
that ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer,  
the Lord of heaven our King.  
O may we ever praise him  
with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence  
eternally rejoice!

**\*Affirmation of Faith    *Apostles' Creed***

**UMH 881**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**\*Doxology    *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*    UMH 94**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\*Scripture Reading**

**Matthew 26:17-30**

17 On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?" 18 He replied, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.'" 19 So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover. 20 When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. 21 And while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." 22 They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, "Surely you don't mean me, Lord?" 23 Jesus replied, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. 24 The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born." 25 Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, "Surely you don't mean me, Rabbi?" Jesus answered, "You have said so." 26 While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." 27 Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. 28 This is my blood of the[a] covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. 29 I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." 30 When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

### **Prayer of Confession**

All: Heavenly Father, we ask for strength to forgive anyone we are angry with as you have forgiven us through the cross. We confess at times we have not loved others as you have loved us and at times we have fallen to the temptation to put other things as priorities in our life ahead of loving you and serving you first. And as we prepare to come to the Lord's Supper this morning we lay down our pride and ask for greater humility in the shadow of the sacrifice of the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

#### **UMH 895**

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **\*Closing Hymn**

### ***Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross***

**UMH 301**

1. Jesus, keep me near the cross;  
there a precious fountain,  
free to all, a healing stream,  
flows from Calvary's mountain.

#### **Refrain:**

In the cross, in the cross,  
be my glory ever,  
till my raptured soul shall find  
rest beyond the river.

2. Near the cross, a trembling soul,  
love and mercy found me;  
there the bright and morning star  
sheds its beams around me.

#### **Refrain:**

In the cross, in the cross,  
be my glory ever,  
till my raptured soul shall find  
rest beyond the river.

3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God,  
bring its scenes before me;  
help me walk from day to day  
with its shadow o'er me.

**Refrain:**

In the cross, in the cross,  
be my glory ever,  
till my raptured soul shall find  
rest beyond the river.

4. Near the cross I'll watch and wait,  
hoping, trusting ever,  
till I reach the golden strand  
just beyond the river.

**Refrain:**

In the cross, in the cross,  
be my glory ever,  
till my raptured soul shall find  
rest beyond the river.

**\*Benediction Response** *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* UMH 301 (Refrain)

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