



LITURGY OF THE PALMS  
*Blessed Is the One*

DEPTHS OF LOVE WORSHIP SERIES

**Sunday, March 24, 2024**

***Palm Sunday***

**St. James and St. Mark's United Church of Christ**

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor

Ann Rodewald, Organist

Jacob Grunwald, Reader

Cindy Sohn/Kathy Jurk, Choir Director

Meditative Music

Bells Ring

Prelude Gathering for Worship:

*The Holy City*

## **Call to Worship:**

We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

**We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.**

Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

**We wave palm branches in anticipation; we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.**

Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes: modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.**

## **Short Refrain:**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord**

**Let the earth hear His voice**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord**

**Let the people rejoice**

**Come to the Father**

**Through Jesus the Son**

**Give Him the glory**

**Great things He has done.**

## **Prayer:**

Heavenly Lord, we are called, through Christ Jesus, to strive for restoration, but we are not called to do this work alone. Equip us, O Holy One, for all we are asked to do in Christ's name. Empower us that we may be difference makers in the building of your kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven. We pray this in the name of your son, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

## **Hymn:**

St. Mark's (#267)

St. James (#136)

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*



## **Young at Heart:**

## **Affirmation of Faith: (Apostles' Creed)**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;**

**The third day he rose again 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 One Holy Universal Christian Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**St. James Choral Anthem  
St. Mark's Choral Anthem**

*Sing Hosanna to the King  
All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

**Scripture Reading:**

Mark 11:1-11 ESV

*Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"*

*And 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.*

**Message:**

*Blessed is the One*

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

**Hymn:**

**St. Mark's (#136)  
St. James (#1)**

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

**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 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.**

**Offering:**

Offering, tithes and gifts can be made before or after worship in the offering baskets/plates at the welcome area of the church. St. James is also set up to take on-line offerings through the website (stmstjucc.org).

## Offertory Music:

~ *The offering is brought to the altar* ~

*The Palms*

## Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

Almighty and everlasting God, as we bring our gifts and lay them at your altar, we remember the crowds in Jerusalem who laid their cloaks on the road, shouting “Hosanna” as Jesus passed. We know they were looking for a Messiah who was different from who you sent Jesus to be – not one of political power and military might, but one who came in compassion and mercy to heal, love, and save. Search our hearts that we might be confident that the Messiah for whom we long is the one we need – Jesus Christ, your anointed one, in whose name we pray. *Amen.*

## Hymn of Sending:

St. Mark's (#159)

St. James (#135)

*The King of Glory Comes  
All Glory Laud and Honor*

## Benediction:

And now, my friends, go forth to a week where transformation will meet you and guide you. Do not hide when they recognize you, do not doubt when you see Christ, do not deny when you are confronted. Do not stop until you are at the cross and there you will see the light and the burdens of your heart will roll away. Until then God be with you as you go to love and serve the Lord in all that you do, all that you are, and all that you will be. *Amen.*

## Postlude:

*Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!*



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