

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

April 13, 2025

Passion/Palm Sunday

At Wesley we foster a sanctuary culture by creating a safe environment where all feel welcomed, loved, accepted, valued, and affirmed for who they are, through intentional practices such as empathy, compassion, generosity, hospitality, and inclusion.

Please let an usher know if you have questions, need assistance, or have a concern about health or safety.

Prelude

Palm Sunday Medley

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

The Palms

Hosanna!

ELLACOMBE

Jean-Baptiste Faure

Michael W. Joy (cf 20th century)

* Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem

Hear from the Gospel according to Luke how our Christ Jesus entered Jerusalem.

Luke 19:36-38

One: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God.

Many: Hosanna in the highest!

*Procession

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

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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 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.

“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!

*Praise Songs

Joy Like a River

Joy like a river in my soul...

***Please stand in body or in spirit.**

God You're So Good

God you're so good. God you are kind.
God you are wonderful. My God, you are excellent...
Excellent is Thy name. Excellent is Thy might.
God you are wonderful. My God you are excellent...

Common Prayer (*unison*)

**We praise you, O God,
for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ.
Today he entered Jerusalem in triumph
and was proclaimed Messiah and king
by those who spread garments and branches along his way.
Let these branches be signs of his victory,
and grant that we who carry them
may follow him in the way of the cross,
that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

Children's Time

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

TFWS 2200

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer.
O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

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, forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving for the Life of Gifty Naa Karley Odai-Nash

The Offering

Offertory Anthem

Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates

William Mathias 1934-1992

Lift up your heads, O ye gates,
And be ye lift up ye everlasting doors,
And the King of glory shall come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

*Doxology

Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Passing of Peace

“Shalom”

Mensah Essilfie

God’s peace be unto you,
We wish you Shalom!
The peace of God which transcends all
understanding be with you forevermore.

Epistle Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Anthem

Who Is This King?

Lloyd Larson b. 1954

Who is this King that lays aside His crown?
Who is this King that gently kneels down?
Who is this King that comes to the meek, strengthens the weak?
Who is this King?

Who is this King, this servant of man?
Who is this King with carpenter's hands?
Who is this King that holds the unclean, dies to redeem?
Who is this King?

From heaven's bright throne and courts filled with praise
King Jesus came humbly, a servant of grace.
Trading His glory for shadows and fears,
He washes the feet of the world with His tears.

*Gospel Reading

Luke 23:13-26, 33-38, 44-46

Anthem

Who Loves You Like Jesus

James Varrick Armaah

Who loves you like Jesus? What friend loves you like Jesus? Who in your family loves you like Jesus?
Which of your parents love you like Jesus?

He was disgraced, He was slapped. He was spat on because of our sins. Who is like him? Truly, there
is no one like him. Who loves you like Jesus? Which of your parents love you like Jesus?

Message

Announcement

Hymn

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

TFWS 2083

My song is love unknown, my Savior’s love to me,
love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake
my God should take frail flesh and die?
My God should take frail flesh and die?

God left the richest throne salvation to bestow;
but Christ as flesh and bone the world refused to know.
But, O my Friend, my Friend indeed,
who at my need did life expend;
who at my need did life expend.

Sometimes they threw down palms and sweetest praises sang.
Hosannas and glad psalms through streets and markets rang.
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,
for blood and death they thirst and cry;
for blood and death they thirst and cry.

What has my Sovereign done? What makes this rage and spite?
Christ gave new strength to run, restore the gift of sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
themselves displease, and 'gainst Christ rise;
themselves displease, and 'gainst Christ rise.

I sing my plain belief, one song my heart outpours;
never was pain nor grief, never was love like yours.
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend;
I all my days could gladly spend.

*Benediction

Postlude

Deus Meus (God my Father)

Theodore Dubois 1837-1924

God, my Father, oh why has thou forsaken me?
All those who were my friends all have now forsaken me;
And they that hate me do now prevail against me,
And he whom I have cherished, he hath betrayed me.

Even the vine that I have chosen, and that I have planted;
Wherefor art thou now so strangely turned into bitterness,
That I by thee am crucified?

Postlude: Deus Meus (God my Father) is part of a larger work - *The Seven Last Words of Christ*.

Worship Leaders: Desmond Cheetham, Linda D'Acri, David Dagle, Ronna Davis, Chris Kerns,
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Chancel Choir, Ghanaian Choir, Wesley Ringers, Worship Tech Team

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