

MARCH 29, 2026 8:10AM

PALM SUNDAY

**WELCOME**

Heather Harriss

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**LENTEN OFFERING**

**CENTERING PRAYER**

**Holy God, help us to be present in worship this day even as you are present.  
Amen.**

**PRELUDE**

Matthew Webb, piano

**†CALL TO WORSHIP**

Welcome to the weary and the worn.  
**Welcome to the wiggly and the eager.**  
Welcome to the skeptical and the seeking.  
**Welcome to the early risers and those still trying to wake up.**  
Welcome to the rule followers and the rule breakers.  
**Welcome to those hungry for justice and those desperate for mercy.**  
Welcome to the sinners and the saints and everyone in between.  
**This is God's house.**  
You can make yourself at home here.  
**Let us worship our just, merciful, and faithful God!<sup>1</sup>**

**†HYMN NO. 280**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ST. THEODULPH

**†PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Jesus of Nazareth, we know that you spent your days teaching and healing.  
You marched through the streets and walked on water.  
You helped sick people and then had dinner with them.  
Your good news was an act of love, alive in the world.  
Forgive for the times that we don't show your love to others.  
Help us to love as you loved.  
Give us hope for a better tomorrow. Amen.<sup>1</sup>**

*(silent reflection)*

**†ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

**God loves us and forgives us and calls us beloved children.**

**Thank you, God, for loving us and forgiving us. Amen.**

## †PASSING THE PEACE

### †SCRIPTURE

Mark 11:1-11

*NRSVUE*

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

Blessed Is the One Who...

Paul Purdue

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...and so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

...and so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## 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, forever.**

**Amen.**

## BREAKING THE BREAD - SHARING THE CUP

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,  
to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

As our shouts of “Hosanna” fade into the distance,  
we stand in hope, looking for a better way in the midst of conflict.

**As we enter the week of Christ’s passion, may we remember that the best is yet to come.**

The one who shares a meal with his friends, is mocked and crucified,  
and is laid in a tomb will come to us again in glorious life.

**Even so, Lord Jesus, quickly come.**

May the grace of God - Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be with you this day and in the days to come.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Amen.**

## POSTLUDE

†You are invited to stand as you are able.

Liturgy written/selected Matthew Webb.

<sup>1</sup>Adapted from a prayer by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

### UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

March 29, choir concert, John Rutter *Requiem* - 3:00pm, sanctuary

April 2, Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion & foot washing - 7:00pm, sanctuary

April 3, Good Friday Tenebrae service - 7:00pm, sanctuary

April 5, Easter Sunday worship - 8:10am & 10:30am, sanctuary

*Please join us on Easter Sunday, April 5, in the sanctuary at 8:10am or 10:30am for Easter worship.*

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