

Palm/Passion Sunday

March 29, 2026

Unbound: Longing for Courage

PRELUDE

“King of Kings”

Worship Team and Darcy Christensen

Gathering

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

John 12:12-19

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN with PALMS

“Hosanna in the Highest”

**Hosanna**

***Verse 1***

Hosanna hosanna  
 Hosanna in the highest  
 Hosanna hosanna  
 Hosanna in the highest

***Chorus***

Lord we lift up Your name  
 With hearts full of praise  
 Be exalted oh Lord our God  
 Hosanna in the highest

***Verse 2***

Glory glory  
 Glory to the King of kings  
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***Chorus 2***

Lord we lift up Your name  
 With hearts full of praise  
 Be exalted oh Lord our God  
 Glory to the King of Kings

## VERSES

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord  
**Hosanna in the Highest!** *(repeat)*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Sovereign God, **you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

“Hosanna”

**Verse 1**

Praise is rising  
 Eyes are turning to You  
 We turn to You  
 Hope is stirring  
 Hearts are yearning for You  
 We long for You

**Pre-Chorus**

'Cause when we see You  
 We find strength to face the day  
 In Your presence  
 All our fears are washed away  
 (Washed away)

**Chorus**

Hosanna hosanna  
 You are the God who saves us  
 Worthy of all our praises  
 Hosanna hosanna  
 Come have Your way among us  
 We welcome You here Lord Jesus

**Verse 2**

Hear the sound of  
 Hearts returning to You  
 We turn to You  
 In Your Kingdom  
 Broken lives are made new  
 You make us new

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 We find strength to face the day  
 In Your presence  
 All our fears are washed away (Washed away)

**Chorus**

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**Ending**

Hosanna, hosanna

Word

BIBLE READING

Philippians 2:5-11

BOLT SONG

“Give Me Oil in My Lamp”

BOLT kids plus all

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning'  
 Give me oil in my lamp I pray  
 Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burnin' burnin' burnin'  
 Keep me burnin' 'til the break of day.

Give me love in my heart, keep me servin'  
 Give me love in my heart, I pray  
 Give me love in my heart, keep me servin', servin', servin'  
 Keep me servin' 'til the break of day.

Sing Hosanna, sing Hosanna  
 Sing Hosanna, sing Hosanna to the King of Kings  
 Sing Hosanna, sing Hosanna  
 Sing Hosanna to the King

Give me joy in my heart, keep me singin'  
 Give me joy in my heart, I pray  
 Give me joy in my heart, keep me singin', singin', singin'  
 Keep me singin' 'til the break of day.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION      ELW #344    “All Glory Laud and Honor” - refr, vs 1, refr.

**Refrain      All glory, laud, and honor  
                  to you, redeemer, king,  
                  to whom the lips of children  
                  made sweet hosannas ring.**

1            You are the king of Israel  
                  and David's royal Son,  
                  now in the Lord's name coming,  
                  our King and Blessed One.    ***To Refrain***

GOSPEL                            John 12:20-36

SERMON                            “Longing for Courage”                            Pastor Julie Brenden

HYMN OF DAY                    ELW #339      “Christ, the Life of All the Living”

- 1 Christ, the life of all the living,  
 Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
 Christ, yourself for me once giving  
 to the darkest depths of woe:  
 through your suff'ring, death, and merit  
 life eternal I inherit.  
 Thousand, thousand thanks are due,  
 dearest Jesus, unto you.
  
- 2 You have suffered great affliction  
 and have borne it patiently,  
 even death by crucifixion,  
 fully to atone for me;  
 for you chose to be tormented  
 that my doom should be prevented.  
 Thousand, thousand thanks are due,

dearest Jesus, unto you.

- 3 Then, for all that bought my pardon,  
for the sorrows deep and sore,  
for the anguish in the garden,  
I will thank you evermore;  
thank you for the groaning, sighing,  
for the bleeding and the dying,  
for that last triumphant cry,  
praise you evermore on high.

#### APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our**

**Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living 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.**

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray  
for the world and its needs.

Responses: Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation. **Amen.**

#### Meal

OFFERING & HYMN ELW #336 "Lamb of God" (solos on vs 1 & 2, all on vs. 3 & refrains)

- 1) *(solo)* Your only son, no sin to hide,  
but you have sent him from your side  
to walk upon this guilty sod  
and to become the Lamb of God.

#### **Refrain- all**

**O lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.  
Oh wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.**

2 (solo) Your gift of love we crucified.  
 We laughed and scorned him as he died,  
 The humble king we named a fraud  
 And sacrificed the Lamb of God. **To Refrain - all**  
**O lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.**  
**Oh wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.**

3) (all) I was so lost, I should have died  
 but you have brought me to your side  
 To be led by your staff and rod  
 And to be called a lamb of God. **To Refrain - all**  
**O lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.**  
**Oh wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.**

#### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, **maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.  
**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 and ever. Amen.**

#### DISTRIBUTION AND HYMN ELW #353 "Were You There"

- 1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
 Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
- 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
 Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

- 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
 Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
- 4 Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
 Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
 Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
 Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
- 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
 Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

## COMMUNION BLESSING

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, **you have met us at this table with Christ's body and blood that we might rejoice together in the bread you provide and never be thirsty again. Send us now into the world as signs of your unbound presence, seeking the wholeness of the kingdom of God, and inviting all who hunger to come and see your glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### Sending

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BENEDICTION

May God who seeks you by night and by day, in death and in life,  
 open your senses to the mystery of God's grace,  
 enfold you through water and Spirit in Christ's love,  
 and give you confidence in the Spirit's power to unbind and grant new life.  
 May the Holy Trinity, + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Mother of us all,  
 Bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN                      ELW #335      "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

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

**Refrain**

**In the cross, in the cross  
 be my glory ever;  
 till my ransomed 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. **To Refrain**

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. **To Refrain**

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

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Forgiven, whole, and free. **Thanks be to God.**