

RESPONSES

Through the hosannas and the waving palms, the singing and the joy, come, and walk the road with Christ.

**Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
We will walk with him.**

Through the betrayal and the denial, the shouting and the sorrow, come, and walk the road with Christ.

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. We will walk with him.

Through the waving palms and the passion, the prayers and the pain, come and walk the road with Him.

We will walk together, with him.

+ from Psalm 118

Open to us the gates of righteousness,
**that we may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.**

This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it. Tell the daughters of Zion:

**Look! Your king is coming to you,
humble and mounted on an ass.**

Hosanna to the Son of David!

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of God.
Hosanna in the highest!**

WELCOME

HYMN: **333** All glory praise and honour vs. 1 - 4

PRAYER

PSALM REFLECTION - 'Open to us the gates' - *from Psalm 118*

PRAYER

HYMN: **348** Ride on, ride on in majesty

Readings: **Isaiah 50: 4 – 8**

Mark 11: 1 - 11

Teach us wisdom, O God;
let your word bring us light for living.

** A moment of quiet for reflection.*

REFLECTION: "ride on into danger"

HYMN **357** When his time was over

SHARING & NOTICES

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response: Into the most troubled places of need;
Ride on, come and bring new hope and healing.

OFFERING [tune: **284**]

DEDICATION Refreshed by living waters, renewed by living bread
May we, your sons and daughters, by your own hand be led.
Accept the gifts we offer; receive the lives we owe,
Unite us in your service, may seeds of justice grow.

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HYMN Not on a war horse [tune: **614**]

Not on a war horse, but a humble donkey,
the Son of Man came to Jerusalem;
great city full of faithful Hebrew pilgrims
received one more as she had often done.
And yet this time, Christ journeyed into danger;
to be betrayed, to suffer and to die.

They paved his way with scattered cloaks and branches
- a prelude to the coming victory.
Crowds of disciples shouting out their praises;
"Glory to God! Hosanna to the King!
Bless'd is the one, Jesus has come to save us."
The very stones would cry out if they could.

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His friends knew not the horrors that awaited,
imagining an end to Roman rule.
Instead God's plan was moving to fruition;
his Son would gain a greater vict'ry still.
Not by the might of gathered rebel armies,
but strength of purpose and submissive will.

So let us pause, as we this day remember
our humble King who gathers up the lost;
how great his trial, how strong the love he shows us;
how weak a faith that does not count the cost.
We walk with him, come through into the city;
one final meal, a symbol for God's grace.

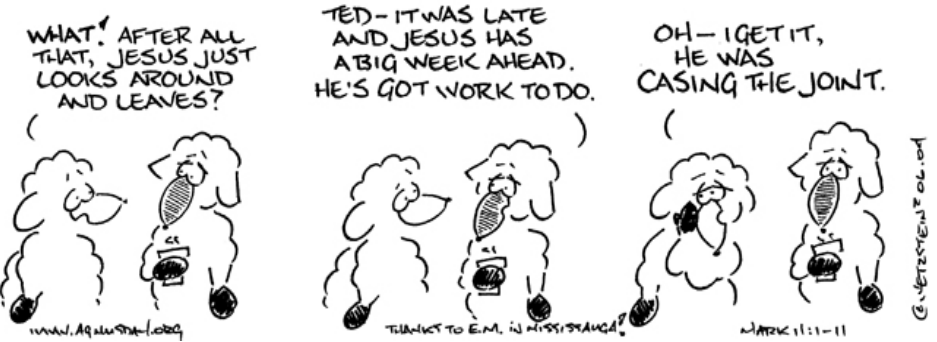
Out into darkness, Jesus' time is coming;
a kiss to greet, a sign - "this is the one"
The soldiers mock, yet still our Lord is silent;
the sentence passed and all our crimes his own.
Christ hoisted high, humanity is ransomed;
through Jesus' death, we all are given life!

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BLESSING

... Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
All: **in the name of Christ. Amen**

SUNG BLESSING **778** Shalom to you now



Palm Sunday

10 am Worship
Sunday March 24, 2024

