

# **“HOSANNA**

**to the Son of David!  
Blessed is the one who comes  
in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest  
heaven!”**

**Matthew 21:9**

*Palm Sunday*

March 29, 2026

10:15 am Family Contemporary Worship



*Following Jesus. Loving & Serving All.*

## WELCOME

Welcome to worship! Cross & Crown is an inclusive, vibrant Christ-centered church committed to caring for and serving our communities and each other. We hope that you will feel a warm welcome and will worship with us again!

## PARENTS

We love the sound of kids in our service! Here are some ideas to keep them engaged.

**Relax!** It's ok to let kids be kids!

**Sit close:** Consider sitting up front where it's easier for kids to see and hear.

**Explain:** Kids are curious! Explain what's happening in the service.

**Participate:** Sing hymns loudly, pray, respond, etc. Children learn by following your lead.

**Activities:** If you would like a bag of quiet activities for your little ones, ask an usher and they will provide one for you.

**Wander:** It's ok to move around. Sometimes it's easier to let fidgety kids move a bit.

**Need to Leave?** No problem, but please come back! Sometimes kids just need a break. There are speakers in the narthex & Common Room so you can hear. The narthex is a great place to get the wiggles out, and the Common Room is nice if you need privacy.

**Ask:** Questions or just need help? Just ask one of our ushers.

**Childcare:** The nursery is down the hall in the Multipurpose Space for infants to age 4 & is available during both worship services. If you need assistance, an usher can help you. C&C Kids is offered to kids pre-K through 3rd grade. Kids depart the sanctuary during the Sharing of the Peace and return to worship before communion.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Sunday school classes are offered for adults located in the Multipurpose space. Our adult class, Books of Faith, meets in room 206.

Communion is offered each week. Everyone is invited to the Lord's Table!

Cross & Crown has something for everyone, and not just on Sundays. During the week, we have activities such as Bible studies and small groups. Come join us for a home-cooked meal on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm. See the back of the bulletin for more details and how to RSVP.



Now that you know a little about us, help us get to know your story by scanning the QR code to fill out our First Time Guest Connection Form- share as much or as little as you'd like. It takes less than a minute!



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## WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Worship Begins in the Fellowship Hall

Blessing of the Palms and Procession

**P:** Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

**C:** Hosanna in the highest!

**P:** A reading from Matthew 21:1-11

**C:** Hosanna in the highest!

### Matthew 21:1-11

<sup>1</sup>When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

<sup>5</sup>"Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

<sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise to you O Christ.

**Procession with Palms**

*(Congregation enters the sanctuary)*

## Worship Song Raise a Hallelujah

J. Helser, M. Helser, Skaggs, Stevens

### Verse 1

I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies  
I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief  
I raise a hallelujah my weapon is a melody  
I raise a hallelujah Heaven comes to fight for me

### Chorus

I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm  
Louder and louder you're gonna hear my praises roar  
Up from the ashes hope will arise  
Death is defeated the King is alive

### Verse 2

I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me  
I raise a hallelujah I will watch the darkness flee  
I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery  
I raise a hallelujah fear you lost your hold on me

### Prayers of the Church



Ho ly Spir - it, You are  
wel - come here; Come flood this place and fill the at - mos - phere; Your glo - ry, God, is what our  
hearts long for, to be o - ver - come by Your Pres - ence, Lord.

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs kneeling, sitting, or standing as you are able.

O God, When we gather to worship, send us your Spirit. Renew our hearts through the joyful noise we make and bless the work of our church. Preserve your church. Give to pastors, deacons, bishops, and all servants of your gospel the endurance that produces character and the hope that will never disappoint.

O God, you delight in this world. The sun and moon, the wind and the water declare your goodness. We praise you for the diversity of people among us. Awaken us to share and receive the gifts we each possess, and stir up a spirit of understanding, celebration, and welcome for all.  
*Hear us as we sing...*

### Bridge 1

Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)  
Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)  
Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)  
Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)

### Bridge 2

Sing a little louder in the presence of my enemies  
Sing a little louder louder than the unbelief  
Sing a little louder my weapon is a melody  
Sing a little louder Heaven comes to fight for me

### (REPEAT)

### Sing a little louder

Ending  
I raise a hallelujah

*(Refrain)*

O God, we plead for your peace on earth. Bring an end to war and violence, and raise up leaders in governments, courts, businesses, schools, and community organizations who seek goodness and mercy.

O God, When your people thirst, satisfy their needs. Send water and food to all who need nourishment. Grant welcome to all who are excluded. Show your mercy to any in need. We lift to you all who are in need of your healing.

*(We now invite you to speak aloud the names of those for whom you are praying.)*

O God, when death draws near, we rejoice in the promise of life with you. We remember all who have entered eternal rest, and we pray that you bring us the hope of sharing in your glory. Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation and we sing our amen...

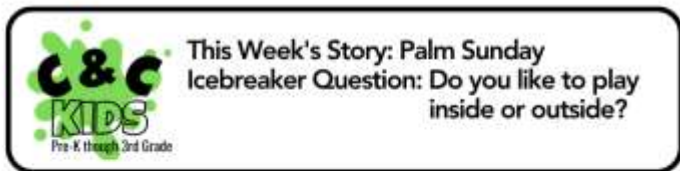
*(Refrain)*

*(Children may head out for C&C Kids)*

### Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**



Welcome Home and Announcements *(See back page for additional announcements.)*

## THE WORD

### Philippians 2:5-11

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who, though he existed in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be grasped,

<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,

<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God exalted him even more highly

and gave him the name

that is above every other name,

<sup>10</sup>so that at the name given to Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Matthew 26:1-16**

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, <sup>2</sup>“You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.”

<sup>3</sup>Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the courtyard of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, <sup>4</sup>and they conspired to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. <sup>5</sup>But they said, “Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.”

<sup>6</sup>Now while Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, <sup>7</sup>a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table. <sup>8</sup>But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said, “Why this waste? <sup>9</sup>For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum and the money given to the poor.” <sup>10</sup>But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? She has performed a good service for me. <sup>11</sup>For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. <sup>12</sup>By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial. <sup>13</sup>Truly I tell you, wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.” <sup>14</sup>Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests <sup>15</sup>and said, “What will you give me if I betray him to you?” They paid him thirty pieces of silver. <sup>16</sup>And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Pastor Matt Simpkins

## THANKSGIVING

*(Please be seated)*

Anthem

When Jesus Wept

Billings

*(Please stand)*

Offertory Response

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven  
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done

Our Father, who is of heaven,  
Holy is your name

Communion Song  
King of My Heart

Verse 1

Oh He is my song

McMillan, McMillan

**The Doxology** (sung a capella)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below;



# Weekly Announcements

**LAST SUNDAY TO ORDER FLOWERS FOR EASTER!  
ORDER YOURS TODAY AND HELP BEAUTIFY OUR  
SANCTUARY ON EASTER SUNDAY!**



# EASTER EGG *Hunt*

Join us for a fun-filled Easter Egg Hunt as we celebrate the joy and hope of Easter. Bring the whole family for a morning of celebration and excitement!

**Saturday, April 4  
10 am**



**Bouncy House  
Face Painting  
Crafts**

**Carnival Games & Prizes  
Popcorn  
Brunch Appetizers**

*Hannah Rhyne will be at the egg hunt to do  
Fairy Hair.*

- **Sitting Fee: \$10.00**
- **\$1.00 per strand with a 15 strand maximum.**
- **No appointment needed.**



## Week at a Glance

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Monday, March 30

Friday, April 3