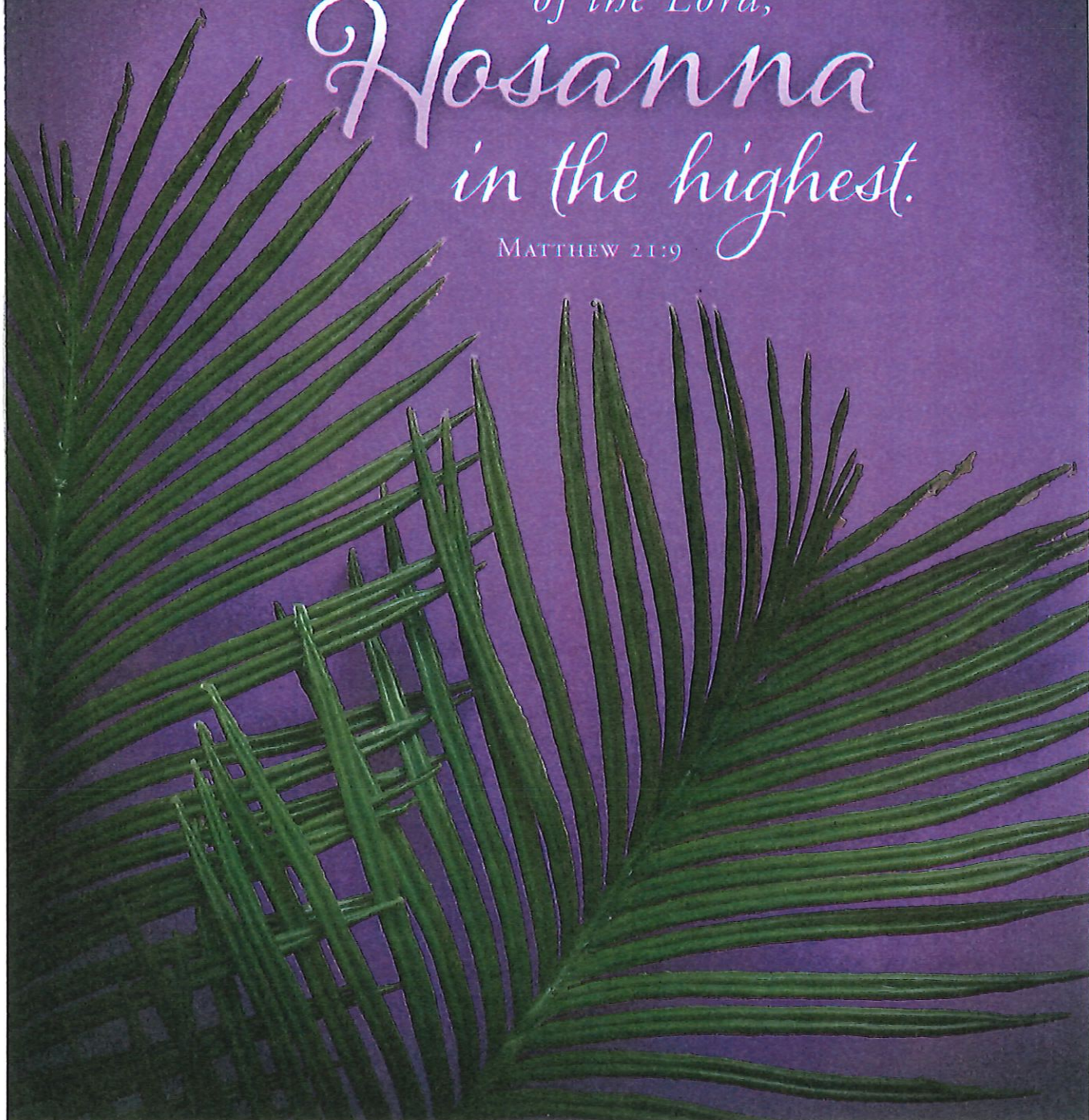


*Blessed is he that cometh  
in the name*

*of the Lord;*

*Hosanna  
in the highest.*

MATTHEW 21:9



March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

10:00 A.M.

**Prelude** Improvisation on *Hosanna* arr. Matthew Zabiegala

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

People: *We will journey through praise with joy on our lips, and we will travel through betrayal cradling hope deep in our hearts.*

Leader: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for; he is the Word which sustains us.

People: *We wave palm branches in anticipation; we lay our love before him.*

Leader: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes: modeling humility and trust for us all.

People: *Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.*

**\*Processional Hymn 196** All Glory, Laud, and Honor VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

### **Opening Prayer**

### **Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

*Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior, in whose name we pray, Amen.*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Hymn 583**

Glory to God

GLORIA(Talzé)

*Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!  
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!*

### **Message For All God's Children**

*(Children and Youth will go downstairs to their classrooms.)*

\*Indicates that the congregation will please rise, in body or in spirit.

## Prayer for Illumination

**Lesson from the Psalter:** Psalm 118:19-29

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**Anthem**

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty  
Chancel Choir

arr. Mark Shepperd

**Lesson from the Gospels:** Mark 11:1-11

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**Sermon** "The Meaning of Hosanna"

The Reverend Dr. Edward M. Halldorson

**\*Hymn 198**

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

ST. DROSTANE

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (in unison)

Julia Seymour, *adapted*

*We believe in God, who appeared as the pillar of fire and the pillar of cloud.*

*We trust in our Holy Parent who judges and shows mercy.*

*We hope in the Creator, who is faithful to all that was, and is, and ever will be.*

*We believe in the Jesus who rode in triumph into Jerusalem.*

*We trust in the Messiah, crucified, dead, and buried.*

*We hope in the living Christ who walked out of the tomb.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the giver of faith and formation.*

*We trust in the Breath of Life who stirs, sustains, and sanctifies.*

*We hope in our Advocate who brings the gift of God's peace.*

## Prayers of the People

**The Lord's Prayer** "debts . . . debtors"

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## Call to Offering

**Offertory**

What Wondrous Love Is This  
Chancel Choir

arr. L. Eugene Oldham

**\*Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Recessional Hymn 197** Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

Fanfare and Cortège

Michael McCabe

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Worship leaders today are Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. Edward M. Halldorson and Associate Pastor Rev. Thomas A. Brown.

Our ushers this morning are Rick Ahsler, Linda Barnes, Jeff Baun, Mark Schmitter, Richie Wislocky, and Bob Wislocky.

Special thanks to Bob Eager, Dylan Mangel and Lynn Apolinaro for their technical assistance today.

**THIS WEEK AT PCCT: March 25 - 30, 2024**

**Monday**

9:30 am Next Act, Theos Room  
6:30 pm Boy Scouts, Mulford Hall  
7:00 pm Finance & Operations, Zoom  
7:30 pm Mission & Outreach, Zoom

**Tuesday**

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Halldorson Hall

**Wednesday**

10:00 am Collating Party, Mulford Hall

**Thursday**

7:30 pm Maundy Thursday Worship  
with Communion, Halldorson Hall  
8:15 pm Choir Practice

**Friday**

7:30 pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service

**Saturday**

9:00 am Decorating the Sanctuary  
10:30 am Choir Practice

**NEXT SUNDAY, March 31, 2024**

**Easter Sunday**

9:00 am **Worship;** Nursery Care & Pre-K, Rm. A-9 (in-person only)  
11:00 am **Worship;** Nursery Care & Pre-K, Rm. A-9 (in-person & live streamed)  
11:15 am One Room Schoolhouse, Theos Room  
12:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt, Front Lawn (weather permitting)

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# All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.  
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra-cious King!

*to Refrain*

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

# Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! 198

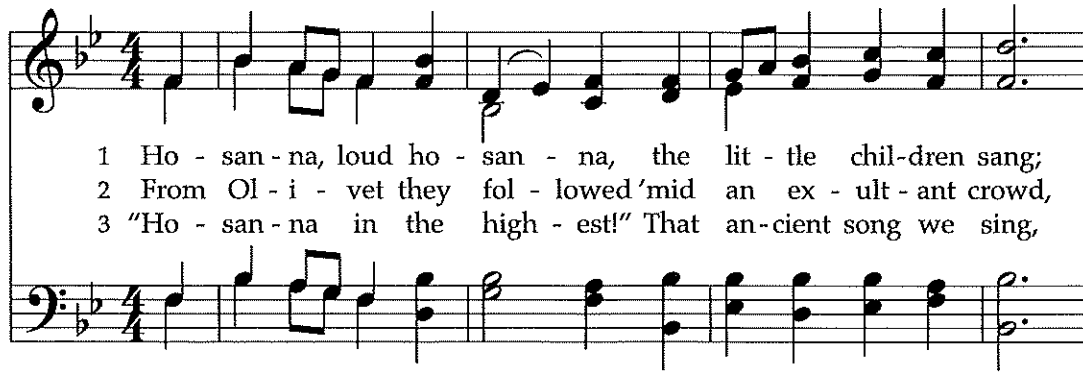
1 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the  
 2 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly  
 3 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of  
 4 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly

tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur -  
 pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs  
 an - gels in the sky look down with sad and  
 pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to

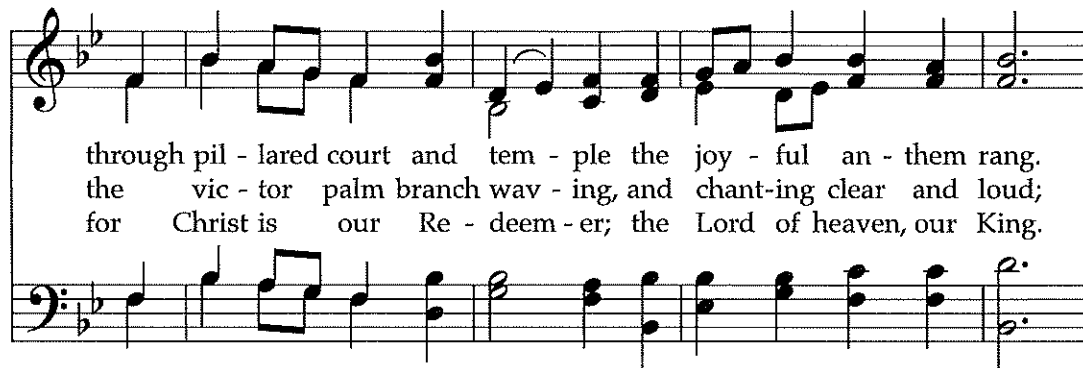
sues its road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.  
 now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
 won - dering eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 mor - tal pain; then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

This 19th-century Palm Sunday text is better understood as the reflections of someone standing outside the event rather than as coming from those participating in the actual procession. This poignant text is set to a tune written especially for it later in the same century.

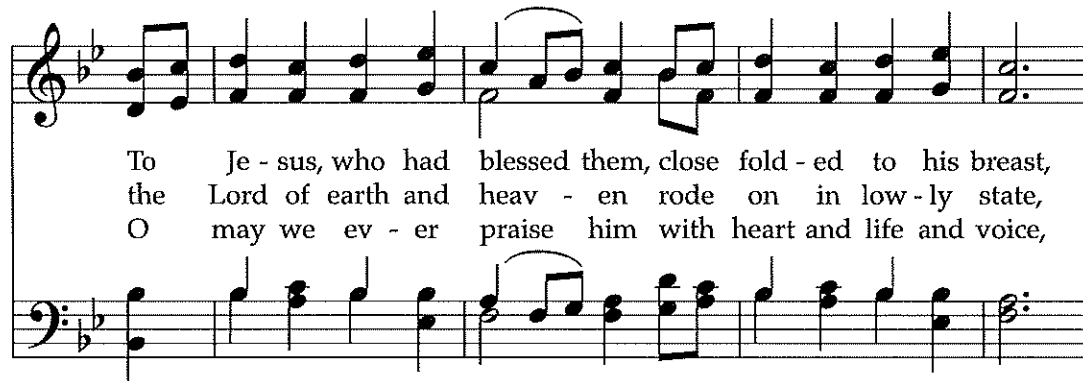
## 197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



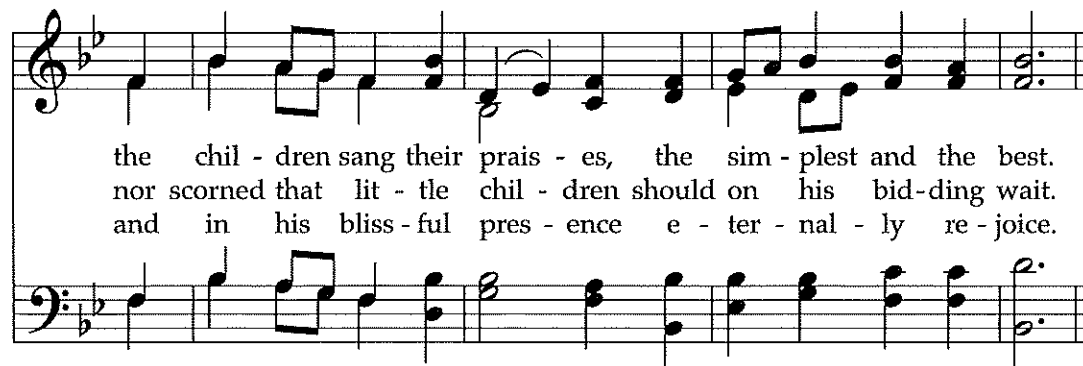
1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,  
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,



through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang,  
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;  
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,  
 the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,  
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,



the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.  
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.  
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**March 24, 2024**

We are delighted you've chosen to worship with us today. Please let an usher or minister know if we can assist you in any way. Our Sanctuary is equipped with an induction loop system for those with hearing difficulties.

### TODAY AT CHURCH

#### Palm Sunday

- 9:15 am & 11:00 am Confirmation Class, Youth Suite
- 10:00 am** **Worship, Sanctuary; Nursery Care, A-9**
- 10:15 am Church School
- 11:00 am Coffee and Fellowship, Mulford Hall
- 3:00 pm Lyrica Concert & Reception,  
Sanctuary and Mulford Hall
- 4:30 pm Middle School Youth Fellowship,  
Bowling 4 Charity, Hanover Lanes



#### CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God  
and in loving memory of Betty C. Moore,  
mother and grandmother to Mike, Jenee, Coleman and McCall Moore.

#### **PALM SUNDAY: Today at 10 am**

#### **The Rev. Dr. Edward M. Halldorson, Pastor Emeritus Preaching**



This morning, we welcome back Rev. Halldorson to the pulpit as our preacher at this special Palm Sunday service. Rev. Halldorson served as pastor of PCCT for 30 years during a time of great community growth and change. The fourth Senior Pastor of PCCT, Rev. Halldorson is the longest-serving minister in the church's over 60-year history. He was given the title Pastor Emeritus when he retired in January 2019. Join us at Coffee and Fellowship following worship to greet and speak with Ed and his family.





## LYRICA CONCERT: "Mixtape"

Today at 3:00 pm

Please join us for our next Concerts@PCCT. Multi-GRAMMY Award winning cellist Andrew Yee, founding member of the Attacca Quartet, bends genre with every note. She joins fellow cellist Ani Kalayjian for an inventive duo concert exploring the limits of what two cellos can do together. Their concert features works by Caroline Shaw, Andrea Casarrubios, and Andrew herself.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Bowling 4 Charity

This afternoon from 4:30 - 6:15 pm

Hanover Lanes, Hanover New Jersey

Help us raise money for a local charity - high score each round decides on a recipient. Advance sign-ups required; permission slip must be on file. Cost is \$25.00 for bowling, shoes and pizza, plus any amount you want to donate toward our charities.

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Our special offering during the season of Lent is One Great Hour of Sharing. This offering goes to the Presbyterian Church USA to be used for disaster relief and those suffering from hunger, poverty and oppression. If you would like to contribute, please use one of the envelopes found in the pews.

## HOLY WEEK

*Today, Palm Sunday*

Worship at 10:00 am

*Thursday, March 28, Maundy Thursday*

The Sacrament of Communion

Worship at 7:30 pm in Halldorson Hall

*Friday, March 29, Good Friday*

Worship at 7:30 pm

*Sunday, March 31, Easter*

Two Worship Services 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Egg hunt on the front lawn following the 11:00 am service

(weather permitting)

