

Palm Sunday

March 28, 2010



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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *(People's response in bold)*

One: Humble and riding on a donkey,

Many: **We greet you.**

One: Acclaimed by crowds and caroled by children,

Many: We cheer you.

One: Moving from the peace of the countryside
to the corridors of power,

Many: **We salute you, Christ our Lord.**

One: You are giving the beasts of burden

a new dignity;

you are giving majesty

a new face;

you are giving those who long for redemption

a new song to sing.

Many: **With them, with heart and voice,
we shout "Hosanna!"**

—"Stages on the Way", Iona Community
Wild Goose Worship Group

*HYMN 216

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

tune: St. Theodulph

words: Teschner

**All glory, laud, and honor to you, O Christ we sing,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
The people of the Hebrews with palms adorned your way;
our praise and prayer and anthems we offer you this day.**

**O Promised One of Israel, of David's royal line,
the one called "God's beloved" of flesh and yet divine,
To you before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to you now high exalted, our melody we raise.**

**As you received their praises, receive our prayers today,
whose justice and whose mercy and sovereignty hold sway.
All glory, laud, and honor to you O Christ we sing,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**



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Following the God
made known in the life
and teachings of Jesus...

The entrance into Jerusalem
 [on Palm Sunday]
 has all the elements of the
 theatre of the absurd:
 the poor king;
 truth comes riding on a donkey;
 symbolic actions — even parad-
 ing without a permit!
 Also, when Jesus
 “set his face to go to Jerusalem,”
 what was involved was
 direct action,
 an open confrontation
 and public demonstration
 of the incompatibility
 of evil with the Kingdom of God.

...David Kirk



***LITANY** (people’s response in **bold**)

One: O God, we are like the people of Jerusalem so long ago.

Many: **We are hungry for a hero.**

One: We crave some glimpse of greatness.

We are starving for the spectacular.

One: We are gathered here like those who watched
 the passion-parade in Jerusalem,
 craning our necks to catch a glimpse of our Messiah,
 even though we are certain to be surprised;

Many: **and give us courage to follow
 where the one on the donkey might lead us.**

One: Amen.

—*Touch Holiness*, ed. Tirabassi and Eddy, Pilgrim Press

***RESPONSE 214 (REFRAIN)**

“Mantos y Ramos”

tune: Hosanna

words: Avila

Refrain

From ev - ery cor - ner a thou - sand voic - es sing
 praise to the One who comes in the name of God.
 Our ac - cla - ma - tion breaks forth in shouts of praise, our tri -
 um - phant song of joy: "Ho - san - na, ho -
 san - na to Christ! Ho - -
 san - na, ho - san - na to Christ!"

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"

So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, 38 saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

CHANCEL STEPS

We invite children of all ages to a time of sharing on the chancel steps.

Following this time, young children may choose to go to the nursery.

At the 11:00 a.m. worship we also offer Shepherds, a preschool play time in the Red Room (lower level).

ANTHEM 8:30 AM "Lean on Me" Withers/Glee
Youth Choir

11:00 AM "Just Outside Jerusalem" Patterson
Chancel Choir

SERMON "Comic Processions" Katherine Hawker

***HYMN** "Ride On, Ride On" tune: St. Theodolph
words: Bell/Maule

Ride on, ride on, the time is right:
Ride on, ride on, while well a - ware
Ride on, ride on, God's love de mands,

The road - side crowds scream with de - light;
that those who shout and wave and stare
Jus - tice and peace lie in your hands.

Palm branch - es mark the pil - grim way
are mor - tals who, with com - mon breath,
E - vil and an - gel voic - es rhyme:

where beg - gars squat and child - ren play.
can crave for life and lust for death.
This is the man, and this the time.

Palm Sunday

For the Jewish people, Passover was more than a religious observance. It was the time of year when they celebrated liberation from Egyptian bondage.

During Jesus' time, they also used this opportunity to express their longing for political freedom from Rome. Jews who claimed to be "messiahs" had so often caused riots during Passover that the Romans brought extra troops into Jerusalem during the Passover season. The Roman soldiers did not hesitate to shed blood to keep the peace.

On the Sunday before Passover, Jesus came out of the wilderness on the eastern side of the Mount of Olives (just as the prophecy said the Messiah would come).

People spread cloaks and branches on the road before him. The crowd began shouting, "Hosanna," a slogan of the ultra-nationalistic Zealots, which meant, "Please save us! Give us freedom!"

The people also waved palm branches, a symbol that had once been placed on Jewish coins when the Jewish nation was free. Thus the palm branches were not only a symbol of peace and love. They were also a symbol of Jewish nationalism, an expression of the people's desire for political freedom.

The tears Jesus shed as the people cried out their political "Hosannas" were tears of grief. Jesus may have foreseen the terrible devastation of Jerusalem that was to come.

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OUR LORD’S PRAYER (sung during procession/giving)

David Haas

REFRAIN

Our Fa-ther who art in heav-en, oh hal-low-ed be thy
 name. Our Moth-er who art in heav-en, oh
 hal-low-ed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. (refrain)

Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive, as we forgive
those who trespass against us. (refrain)

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours forever. (refrain)

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

One: Where Christ walks,
Many: **We will follow.**

One: Where Christ stumbles,
Many: **We will stop.**

One: Where Christ cries,
Many: **We will listen.**

One: Where Christ suffers,
Many: **We will hurt.**

One: When Christ dies,
Many: **We will bow our heads in sorrow.**

One: When Christ rises again in glory,
Many: **We will share his endless joy.**

One: There is no other way.
Many: **His is the only way.**

—“Stages on the Way”, Iona Community
Wild Goose Worship Group



In India women are working together in a mushroom cultivation project that requires little space and can be done inside the house. A single woman can cultivate mushrooms and can earn an income without much strain. Because of a grant from One Great Hour of Sharing, the Unemployed Young People's Association (UYPA) are also learning this new skill.

The women who have received the training and are growing mushrooms can now earn money that they use to provide for their

Our mission moment for March is One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). This is a UCC special offering that supports work in eighty countries, providing sources of clean water and food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, emergency relief, and advocacy and resettlement for refugees. Please write checks to EUCC with OGHS in the memo line. Thanks!

Sharing our Gifts

During our Procession to the Table (8:30am) and Celebration of Giving (11:00am), we are invited to consider our offerings. The easiest way to make a financial offering is to drop check or money, marked clearly for EUCC or for special offerings, in the basket during worship. You can also set up electronic giving, which saves paper—and you never need your checkbook. Please contact the church office for more information.

One: Let us pray:

Many: **Gracious God, we ask your blessing upon Florence as she leaves our community to follow your spirit in new directions. Watch over her, protect her, and assure her of your abiding presence in every situation. We now send her forth with our blessing and with our prayer for yours. Amen.**

www.ucc.org, adapted

*HYMN 223

"What Wondrous Love"

tune: Christopher
words: Anonymous



What won-drous love is this, O my soul O my soul! What
To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won-drous love is this, O my soul! _____ What
God and to the Lamb, I will sing; _____ To
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on! _____ And



won-drous love is this! that Christ should come in bliss to
God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am, while
when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and



bear the heav-y cross for my soul, for my soul, to
mil-lions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing; while
through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



bear the heav-y cross for my soul! _____
mil-lions join the theme, I will sing. _____
through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on. _____

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Bulletin recycling: Though we invite you to take your bulletin home to review the prayers and opportunities throughout the week, if you choose to leave your bulletin after the 8:30am service place it in the blue box and we will use it again!



Holy Week and Easter

MAUNDY THURSDAY—APRIL 1, 2010

SEDER DINNER—6:00PM AT THE 212 BUILDING

- SIGN UP TODAY! Participants are asked to bring a dish to share (Seder recipes available!). The Haggadah (story) we share is family friendly (with puppets!).

COMMUNION & FOOTWASHING- 6:30PM IN THE SANCTUARY

- Sts Clare and Francis ECC invites us to join for Maundy Thursday worship.

HOLY FRIDAY—APRIL 2, 2010

WORSHIP AT 7:00PM IN THE SANCTUARY

- A time to acknowledge and grieve our losses. Even here, we sing, “Goodness is stronger than evil, love is stronger than hate.” This service is shared jointly with Sts. Clare and Francis.

HOLY SATURDAY—APRIL 3, 2010

WORSHIP AT 7:30PM IN THE SANCTUARY

- Sts Clare and Francis invite us to join their Easter Vigil witness that begins at sundown.

EASTER SUNDAY—APRIL 4, 2010

WORSHIP AT 8:30AM AND 11:00AM

- Celebrating our story with the parable of The Easter Egg (Jan Brett’s newest book), fabulous music, and abundant flowers!

EDUCATION (AND BREAKFAST) AT 9:45AM

- Pancake Breakfast – Youth are serving breakfast beginning at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall
- “Is Jesus Alive?” - Address by Dr. Stephen Patterson, Professor of New Testament at Eden Seminary
- Celebration for Children – “Where Is Jesus?”



Greetings All!! It's That Time of Year... Trivia Night is almost here!!!

Friday, April 17
EUCG Fellowship Hall
Doors open @ 6:30pm
Questions fly @ 7:00pm
\$100 per table

Bring Friends!!
Bring your own Feast!!

Sign up TODAY in the Narthex!!!!

Quilters to Meet April 7

The EUCG quilters will meet on Wednesday evening, April 7, from 7 – 9 p.m. in Fellowship Hall to work on some more prayer quilts for the congregation. You need not be expert at sewing to join us! We'll be doing simple things like hemming and cutting fabric. You are also most welcome to bring your own sewing, knitting, etc. to work on while we visit. Feel free to come and go at whatever times work for you. For more information, contact Gail Saxton at 314-821-7917 or

EUCG Mom's Group to meet April 16th

The next meeting of the Moms' Group will be Friday, April 16 from 9:30-11am. The topic is communication through “Love Languages”. If you need childcare, please call Dee Ban in advance at 965-1191

THIS WEEK AT EUCG

Sunday, March 28th

8:30am—Worship
9:45am—Church School
9:45am—Steve Patterson Adult Ed (Sanctuary)
9:45am—Coffee Fellowship/
Florence Neuhoff Celebration!!!!
11:00am—Worship
12:00pm—Youth in Worship Band Practice (Choir Room)

TBD—Youth in Service

Monday, March 29th

12:15pm—Staff Meeting

Tuesday, March 30th

9:00am—Bauer/Ford Music Rehearsal
10:00am—Orchard House Bible Study
12:15pm—Al-Anon Meeting (Adult Lounge)
7:00pm—Phase 1 Building Committee Meeting (Adult Lounge)

Wednesday, March 31st

6:00pm—Sts C&F Reconciliation Service (Sanctuary)

Thursday, April 1st

8:00am—AARP Tax Preparation (Fireside Room)
9:00am—WG Moms' Connection
6:00pm—Seder Dinner (212 Bldg)
6:30pm—Communion/
Footwashing (Sanctuary)
7:30pm—Chancel Choir

Friday, April 2nd

7:30pm—Holy Friday Service

Saturday, April 3rd

7:30pm—Sts. C&F Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 4th

8:30am—Worship
9:30am—Pancake Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
9:45am—Is Jesus Alive? By Steve Patterson
9:45am—Children's Easter Celebration (Begin in Green Rm//Pick-up from 212 Bldg)
11:00am—Worship

Sunday Morning

Shared Ministry Opportunities — Signups are in the Narthex

Ministry		Today	Next Week
Liturgists	Read the Morning Scripture and Prayers	Earl Brown (8am & 11am)	David Miers (11am)
Shepherds	Help Carolyn play with our preschoolers	TBD	TBD
Crib Room Assistants	Help Carole play with our babies (two shifts)	Kate Barbier	Marie Keath
Ushers	Greet worshipers and (at 11:00am) collect offering	Bob and Gigi Hill Bob Risk and Ray Mulligan Bob and Bobbie Pahmeier	Sandy Bowe David Faulkner Geno and Lola Contestabile Earl Brown Stacey Morris
Coffee Hour	Provide finger foods and greet community between services	Nancy Reiter	OPEN
Money Counters	Count the weekly offerings and enter into database	Nick Gilham and Jeremy Meyer	Norma Leuthauser Sandy Bowe
Welcome Table	Greet visitors and members		

Pastoral Team

Katherine Hawker,
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Donita Bauer,
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Worship, Lil Lau

Endeavoring to maintain the unity of the Holy Spirit in the bond of peace, we are open to and affirming of each child of God, recognizing that we are called to be as one reconciled Body with members of every race, gender identity, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, class, age and physical or mental health and ability.

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