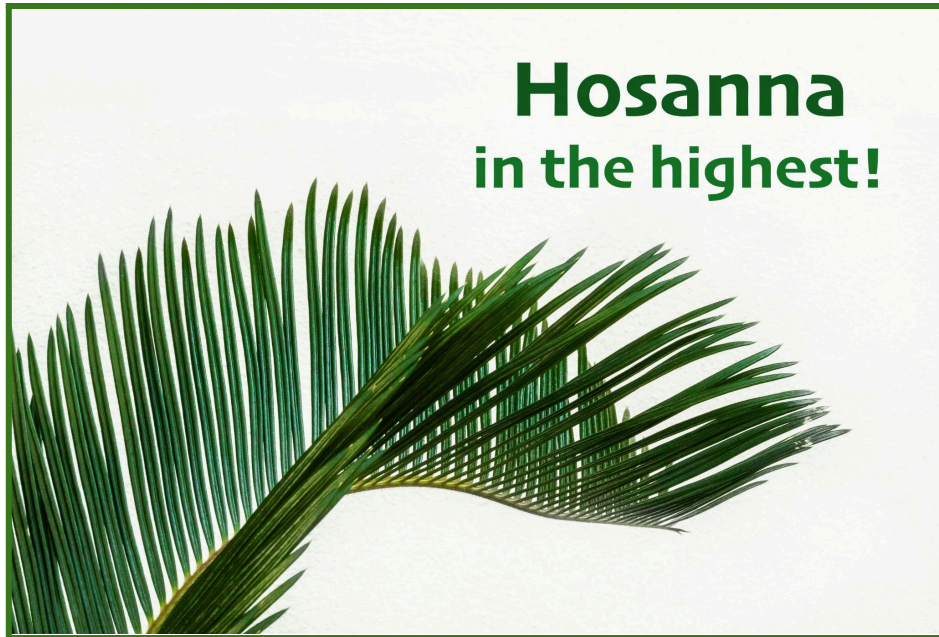


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PALM SUNDAY

March 29, 2026 8:30am & 10:00am, (no 5pm service)

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. We remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Weather permitting, **we will begin outside** and then process in with a donkey, remembering Jesus' entry. May God's Spirit help us to fully enter into this Holy Week and understand deeply the amazing love of God. Grab a palm cross and join in!

PRELUDE: *Prelude in Classic Style* by Gordon Young
Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist

(We begin outside and gather at the processional cross. If you're unable to stand for a few minutes, please join us inside the sanctuary.)

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (People read **bold** words.)
We follow Jesus into Jerusalem and enter this Holy Week.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna to the humble King!
This is the day that the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

With Palm branches and shouts of Hosanna, we worship You, O God of grace.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest heaven!
This is the day that the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

GATHERING HYMN: All Glory, Laud, and Honor #344 vv. 1-2
Refrain:
**All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer king,
to whom the lips of children made sweet ho-san-nas ring.**

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

**The company of angels are praising you on high;
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply.** (Refrain)

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray...)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Lisa Zylstra
(8:30/10am - Children may leave for Sunday school and return at Holy Communion.)

THE FIRST LESSON: Zechariah 9:9-10
Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE SECOND LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: All Glory Laud and Honor (Please stand.) #344 v. 3

**The multitude of pilgrims
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present.**

Refrain: **All glory, laud, and honor
to you, redeemer king,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet ho-san-nas ring.**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 19th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL: Luke 19:35-44

Then they brought the colt 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. Now as he was 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, 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." As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. Indeed, the days will come upon you when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you and hem you in on every side. They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God."

(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

ANTHEM: *Let the Rocks Cry Out!* by Lloyd Larson
Art and Music Minister Michelle Lum

Sanctuary Choir &

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE HYMN: That Priceless Grace

#591

**That priceless grace, that priceless grace,
that priceless grace, which gave me life:
Jesus' life is priceless grace.
That priceless grace is life for me.**

**That priceless blood, that priceless blood,
that priceless blood was shed for me:
Jesus' blood is priceless grace.
That priceless grace is life for me.**

**That painful death, that painful death,
that painful death took sins away:
Jesus' death is priceless grace.
That priceless grace is life for me.**

**That precious word, that precious word,
that precious word, which brought me light:
Jesus' word is priceless grace.
That priceless grace is life for me.**

THE MESSAGE:

Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Shout Hosanna*

Andy Degan

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE (2x) Take Oh, Take Me as I Am
Take, oh, take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

#814

OFFERTORY PRAYER, PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(All who believe Christ is present in this sacrament are welcome. Non-communing children and adults who choose not to receive, may come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms as a signal you would prefer a blessing. Also, juice is located

in the center of each tray, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request-please indicate this choice to a pastor.)

THE HYMNS DURING HOLY COMMUNION:

Lamb of God (People repeat each phrase after the leader.)

What Wondrous Love Is This

#666

What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What won-drous love is this, O my soul!
What won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I Am,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing his love for me,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity I'll sing on.

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

#335

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

Refrain: In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me. (Refrain.)

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. (Refrain.)

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

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

THE SENDING HYMN: We're Marching to Zion

#625 vs. 1-3

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord
and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.

Refrain: We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God:
but children of the heav'n-ly King, but children of the heav'n-ly King
may tell their joys abroad, may tell their joys abroad. (Refrain.)

The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heav'n-ly fields, before we reach the heav'n-ly fields,
or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets. (Refrain.)

SENDING WORDS

THE POSTLUDE: *Toccata in C* by Pachelbel Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday - March 29, 8:30am/10am (no 5pm)
(First Communion. Procession with Palms. Alice the Donkey. Pancake Breakfast)
Maundy Thursday - April 2, 6pm
(Stations of the Cross, Anointing, Holy Communion)
Good Friday - April 3, noon, 7pm
(Tenebrae. 7 Last Words of Christ. Holy Communion)
Easter/Resurrection Sunday - April 5, 6:30am, 8:30am, 10am
(Special Music - Bells, Trumpet, Choirs. Refreshments. Eggstravaganza, 11am)

ALTAR FLOWERS provided by the Overton family in honor of Henry's First Communion.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: TODAY! after 10am service. Hosted by Youth Director Paige & Youth Group. Donations go for The Western States Youth Gathering 2026. Sign-up!

FIRST COMMUNION: We celebrate with the following children who will be receiving their First Communion today: Caroline Brodrick, Charlotte Mayfield, Henry Overton, Kennedy Merchant and Owen Healey.

LENTEN COIN BOXES for Lutheran World Relief are due today! Please place them in the basket at the Welcome Table.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is during morning services (children ages 4-5th grade). Children leave after the Children's Message and return before Holy Communion. Questions - Children's Ministry Director Molly Healey - childrensministry@mygloriadei.org).

EASTER LILIES - Beautify the sanctuary for Easter by providing a lily in memory or honor of someone. Fill out a form at the Welcome Table and place it in an offering box.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA - Please donate candy filled plastic Easter eggs for the hunt! See basket at Welcome Table.

ART INSTALL - Help the art ministry with our install on Saturday, April 4 at 9am.

LUNCH AND LASER TAG FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS April 12th @ Laserland in Mission Viejo, noon. Call the church office for details.

CLOSET CLEAN-OUT CLOTHING EXCHANGE: April 12, 1pm-5pm, Bankson Hall. Bring clothes on hangers. Women's clothes, handbags, shoes, etc. men's clothes as well. Then shop around for FREE. See the flyer at the Welcome Table.

WOMEN'S TEA - Saturday, April 25, 2pm, Bankson Hall. Please see the Welcome Table! \$30. Catered, traditional tea.. (No cost for table hostesses and military families). Hats encouraged!

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - PETTING ZOO - Sunday, April 26, please join us to visit with all the animals out by the parking lot during the morning.

SARA GROVES CONCERT, Saturday, May 2, 7pm, Gloria Dei. Tickets available at the Welcome Table on a first-come, first-served basis. (\$25 suggested donation).

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE - The group has been formed (Frank Hettmann, chair) and has had one meeting. Next, they meet with the Assistant to the Bishop. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin search for an Associate Pastor.

MEMORIAL SERVICE for Barb McKeown will take place on Saturday, April 11, 11am.

OFFERING - Thank you for supporting Gloria Dei! Place check/money in donation boxes or give electronically: Venmo app - @GloriaDei-DanaPoint or Zelle - gloriadei@mygloriadei.org. You can also donate via credit/debit card through Vanco, our secure site: mygloriadei.org/donate.

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY! 8:30am: Coffee Prep: Bonny & Bob Gillespie
Communion: Barb Collins & Diane Kelly Lector: Sandy Furlong; Ushers: Henri Nurminen
Chuck & Welcome Table: Sandy Furlong 10am: Coffee Clean-up: High Schoolers Communion:
Laurene Holmes-Hylton & Roger Grefsrud Lector: Kari Hallowell Ushers: Donna & Jerry
Combe; Welcome Table: Brenda & Bob Gaumer

OPPORTUNITIES FOR - MARCH 29-April 4, 2026

Today: Palm Sunday - Worship & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); Pancake Breakfast (11:00am) **Monday:** South Coast Literacy (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); GIFT (6:30pm); AA Coed (7pm) **Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); Staff Meeting (11am); Al Anon (7pm) **Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Women's Bible Study (10am); Mission Hospital AA (6pm); 12 Step Couples (7:30pm) **Thursday:** AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Seniors & Friends AA (1pm); Al Anon (5:30pm); Maundy Thursday (6pm); AA Meeting (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:15); Chorale Rehearsal (8:15) **Friday:** Al Anon (10am); Good Friday Service (12pm); Laundry Love (2pm); 12 Step Men's Meeting (6:30); Good Friday Service (7pm) **Saturday:** AA Men (7am); Art and Lily Install (9am); Prsyer Shawl Meeting (9am); ACA Group (11:30am); Ukrainian Worship (1pm); Ukrainian School of OC (1:30pm)

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5pm Worship Leader Harrison Michael

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- ❖ Mother's Day - "Daisy a Day" (May 10, 2026)
- ❖ Confirmation Sunday (May 24, 2026)
- ❖ Baccalaureate Sunday (May 31)
- ❖ Geneology Class (May 31)
- ❖ Church Campout (June 12-14, 2026)
- ❖ Vacation Bible School (July 6-10, 2026)
- ❖ Western States Youth Gathering - High School (June 28-July 1)

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