

The image features two crosses made of light-colored palm fronds. One cross is positioned vertically on the right side, and the other is tilted diagonally on the left side. They are set against a background of a coarse, tan burlap fabric with several long, green palm fronds scattered across it. In the top left corner, there is an orange rectangular box with a white border containing text. At the bottom, a dark green horizontal band contains the word 'Hosanna' in a large, elegant script font, with the words 'in the highest' in a smaller, plain font below it.

9:15 & 11:15 a.m.  
Palm/Passion Sunday

*Hosanna*  
in the highest

Worship Celebration: April 14, 2019

9:15 &amp; 11:15 a.m.

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

Palm/Passion Sunday (Year C)

Welcome to Epworth and our celebration of Palm/Passion Sunday, as we begin this week called Holy Week. Together we will trace Jesus' last days, by experiencing the Palms, the Last Supper, and the final journey to Golgotha. Today we will also focus on the final statement of the Lord's Prayer before the Amen, "For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever." What a fitting statement on this day when we experience Jesus' triumphal ride into Jerusalem. Thank you so much for joining us, and may your Holy Week journey be blessed!

### ☞ WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY ☞

#### Gathering Music

HOSANNA

PRAISE! TEAM

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You; we turn to You.  
 Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You; we long for You.  
 'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day.  
 In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.

*Hosanna, hosanna, You are the God who saves us, worthy of all our praises.*

*Hosanna, hosanna, come have Your way among us.*

*We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.*

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You; we turn to You.  
 In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new, You make us new.  
 'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day.  
 In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away. {Refrain}

'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day.  
 In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away. {Refrain 2x}

TAG: Hosanna, hosanna. Hosanna, hosanna. <sup>1</sup>

### WE NEED 4 MIKES AT BACK FOR YOUTH TO USE FOR Gospel play

Welcome to our Holy Week Journey

Vicky

### ☞ THE PALMS ☞

YOUTH

*The branches of the palm tree served as symbols of royalty and victory in the days of King Solomon. Jesus' followers used them as symbols of hope for their King Jesus and His Kingdom. "So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Jesus crying, 'Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.'" Join in the celebration!!!*

#### Palms Lesson

Luke 19:28-40

Youth Group

After Jesus 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, 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."

### \*The Triumphal Entry Hymn

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

UMH 278

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.
2. From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,  
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.  
the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,  
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.
3. "Hosanna in the highest!" the ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.  
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

### \*Dedication of the Palms

Todd

*(Congregation are invited to hold their palms up for blessing)*

God of hope, in Jesus You came to visit and redeem your people. The people spread their garments and palm branches along the way and proclaimed him King.

- § Let these palms we dedicate be a sign of our commitment to proclaim Jesus Messiah, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, through our faithful living as your disciples.

☞ Holy Week ☛

Anthem *Lift the Palms* Chancel Choir  
Words by Pamela Martin; Music by Anna Laura Page

Joys and Concerns and Morning Prayer **Vicky**

The Lord's Prayer Carolyn Robinson, soprano

Sermon *The kingdom, and the power, and the glory* Rev. Todd Shultz

Sermon Response *SHOUT TO THE LORD* Chancel Choir

My Jesus, my savior, Lord, there is none like You.  
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.  
My Comfort, my Shelter, Tower of refuge and strength.  
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

*Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing  
Power and majesty, praise to the King!  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,  
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand;  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You! (repeat all – Chorus 2X)*

Tag: Nothing compares to the promise I have in,  
nothing compares to the promise I have in,  
nothing compares to the promise I have in You!<sup>2</sup>

Invitation to Offering *Please sign the blue Connections Pad and pass it down the row.* **Todd**  
*Offerings are given through cash and check, on-line giving, Texting at 302-488-0038  
and by using our Giving Kiosk in the main lobby. There are Giving Cards in the pews to place in the plate, if you wish.  
Bless your heart for supporting our ministries!*

Offertory *PRAY* PRAISE TEAM  
We call upon Your Name, humble ourselves and pray.  
Move in our hearts, move in our land.  
Ev'ry nation, tribe and tongue will proclaim Your Kingdom come.

*We pray, pray, open the windows of Heaven on us.  
Today, we pray, pour out Your Spirit, Your wonders on earth.*

We come on bended knees; we bring an offering. Lead us in Your way everlasting.  
Ev'ry heart of ev'ryone will pray, "Your will be done." {Chorus 2x}

Pray, pray; humble ourselves, we humble ourselves,  
and pray, pray; humble ourselves, we humble ourselves.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Your Name.  
Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.  
And lead us not into temptation, deliver us from evil,  
for Thine is the Kingdom, the pow'r and the glory, forever and ever. {Refrain 2x} <sup>3</sup>

## ✠THE PASSION OF OUR LORD✠

*Lenten Carol ...* Stephen Walters

Chancel Choir

**Sung:** Do you see how he rides through the city gates as a king, with his head held high?  
Do you see in his face any sign or trace that he knows he will soon have to die?  
Surely he would have known in his special way that they sought him to crucify;  
Yet he rides unafraid through the sun and shade as "Hosanna! the people cry.

Do you see how he goes to Gethsemane as the night winds begin to blow?  
Do you see him on his knees near the olive trees as he prays for God's true will to know?  
There are none who would blame him for staying free of a death so painful and slow;  
Yet he knows he must see to his destiny, to his Calvary he must go.

### Pilate Questions Jesus

Bill Martin

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

### Barabbas or Jesus?

Cathy Benson

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.

Gloria Woodson

While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said,

Congregation: "Crucify him!"

Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more,

Congregation: "Crucify him!"

Choir: {Sung}

Do you see how he stands in the judgement hall as a captive with head bowed low?

Do you see how he fails to reply when assailed with blunt questions whose answers he knows?  
Could it possibly be that his lot was cast to have failed as Savior and King?  
Yet we see in his eyes not the least surprise when they say he must face death's sting.

### Pilate Hands Jesus over to Be Crucified

Laurie Kuebler

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

**Choir:** {*Sung*} Do you see how they take him outside of town to the hill to be crucified?

Can you stand there and hear ev'ry taunt and jeer? Do you see how he painfully dies?

### **\*Congregational Hymn**      *To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord*

UMH 285

1. To mock your reign, O dearest Lord, they made a crown of thorns;  
set you with taunts along that road from which no one returns.  
They could not know, as we do now, how glorious is that crown;  
that thorns would flower upon your brow, your sorrows heal our own.
2. In mock acclaim, O gracious Lord, they snatched a purple cloak;  
your passion turned, for all they cared, into a soldier's joke.  
They could not know, as we do now, that though we merit blame,  
you will your robe of mercy throw around our naked shame.
3. A sceptered reed, O patient Lord, they thrust into your hand,  
and acted out their grim charade to its appointed end.  
They could not know, as we do now, though empires rise and fall,  
your kingdom shall not cease to grow till love embraces all.

### The Crucifixion of Jesus

Mike Tyler

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Kathryn Burgwin

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God

deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

### The Death of Jesus

Michael Ryan

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

Mike Reynolds

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Choir: {Sung}

Yet if all that he said when he walked this earth would be treasured and held as wise,  
There is no way to doubt that the truth will out:  
Even now he prepares, even now he prepares,  
Even now he prepares to rise!

### \*Sending Forth

*What Wondrous Love Is This* (vs. 1, 2, & 4)

UMH 292

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.
2. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of life  
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, to lay aside his crown for my soul.
4. 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 and joyful be,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on.

☞ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ☞

### \*Benediction

*Invitation to leave in silence*

Todd

Bulletins for the month of April are sponsored by Russ Mullen.

Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and:

- In loving memory of Kenny's mom, Dottie Mahan, by Kenny Mahan & Glen Pruitt;
- In loving memory of her husband, Ed, and her father by Barb and Burr Henriksen.

The special Peace Candle on the Chancel shines to remind us of God's desire for peace throughout our world and our call to be God's peacemakers.

Stephen Ministers, wearing blue name badges, will be at each service if anyone in the Epworth family wants to talk about any life challenges.

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Assisting with today's service as

**Greeter(s):** Fay Henry  
**Acolyte** Bianca Camiolo  
**Sound:** Sharon Wert, Josh Megee, Arne Jerfsten, Karen Kaufman  
**Ushers:** Head Usher: Russ Mullen  
Ushers: Russ Mullen, Chet Sprague, Harvey Waltersdorf, Jim Larson  
9:15 a.m. Reber Whitner, Stephanie Manos, Karen Smail, Maureen Ewadinger, Jo Pokorny, David Pioli  
11:15 a.m. Harvey Waltersdorf, Chet Sprague, Jim Larsen

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