

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Responsive)

May the God of Holy Week be with you.

**And also with you.**

Join your hearts with the One whose heart  
breaks in pieces this week.

**We offer them for healing and hope.**

With songs too painful to sing, with sighs too deep to utter.

**We lift our mournful souls to God.**

When the hour (prayer continues) we offer our prayers to you:

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God who is gracious to us. All  
creation trusts in your promises. Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who will not desert us.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Your heart was broken (prayer continues) mystery called faith:

**Christ died, the world having washed its hands of him;**

**Christ rose, your hands breaking death's strong grip on him;**

**Christ will come, to take us by the hand and lead us to you.**

Here in this place (prayer continues)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy  
kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as  
we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\* HYMN 101 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* arr. Smith

\* *You are invited to stand if able.*

Welcome to  
**Riverside Presbyterian Church**

April 9 ~ Palm Sunday

Ask an usher for audio hearing units. ~ Please silence your cell phones.  
Childcare is available for children 1st grade and younger in the upstairs childcare room.



WELCOME

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE (Responsive)  
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

PRELUDE

*The Palms*

Faure

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

On this day of palms and celebration,  
Jesus continues his journey with God.

**We will go with him, for a while, until he turns towards Calvary.**

From the top of Olive Mountain,

Jesus prepares to travel through the valley of heartache and loss.

**We will follow Jesus, for a while, cradling hope in our hearts.**

In the streets of Jerusalem,

Jesus hears the cries of those who adore him.

**We will shout Jesus' name, for a while,  
until we cry out, "Crucify him!"**

\* HYMN 88

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**We confess, Passionate God, how often we scheme against you. In every moment, we look for chances to betray you, breaking your heart. We turn our backs on those who reach out to us for help. We hide our faces from those who are wasting away from hopelessness.**

**Be gracious to us, Compassionate God, and stay with us in these moments. Morning by morning, awaken us with your voice of mercy, and call us to humble ourselves in service to others.** *Silence is kept.*

\* SUNG RESPONSE 573 (Repeat after choir)

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

\* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ~ *Children are invited forward*

HYMN

*Seek Ye First vs 1*

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

LITURGY OF THE PALMS (Responsive)

LITURGIST: When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them,

ONE: "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. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately."

LITURGIST: This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

CHOIR: "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."

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

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

LITURGIST: When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying,

**ALL: "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."**

SCRIPTURE

Mark 14:12-21

SERMON

*Bread for the Journey: Betrayer's Bread*

\* HYMN 92

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

### WE RESPOND IN FAITH

MISSION UPDATE

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

arr. Raney

\* HYMN 592

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE JOYFUL FEAST OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

*Communion is served by Intinction. Please come forward by the aisle closest to the piano, move to a server, select a generous piece of bread, dip it in the juice and commune. Return to your seats using the other aisle.*

INVITATION

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS