



LA JOLLA  
UNITED METHODIST

**The Last Week**  
**The Crucifixion of the Christ**

Sunday, March 24, 2024  
Palm/Passion Sunday  
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# WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Gathering Music

*Peaceful Piano #7*

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## Call to Worship

One: With songs of thanksgiving,

**All: we sing praise to God.**

One: With shouts of Hosanna,

**All: we welcome the presence of Christ.**

One: With prayers of blessing,

**All: we call out to the Spirit of God.**

One: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

## Introit

*Ride On, King Jesus*

Arr. Howard Helvey  
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## Welcome

### † Opening 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!” that 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!

## Blessing for Young Hearts

### Prayers of the People

*A Pastor will begin a time of prayer and name those for whom our congregation is praying.  
Online Worshipers may type prayer requests in the Live Chat, taking care for privacy.*

## Pastoral Prayer

## The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Prayer Response

*O How He Loves You and Me*

TFWS 2108

## WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

### Scripture

Mark 15:1-15

At daybreak, the chief priests—with the elders, legal experts, and the whole Sanhedrin—formed a plan. They bound Jesus, led him away, and turned him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

Jesus replied, “That’s what you say.” The chief priests were accusing him of many things.

Pilate asked him again, “Aren’t you going to answer? What about all these accusations?” But Jesus gave no more answers, so that Pilate marveled.

During the festival, Pilate released one prisoner to them, whomever they requested. A man named Barabbas was locked up with the rebels who had committed murder during an uprising. The crowd pushed forward and asked Pilate to release someone, as he regularly did. Pilate answered them, “Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?” He knew that the chief priests had handed him over because of jealousy. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas to them instead. Pilate replied, “Then what do you want me to do with the one you call king of the Jews?”

They shouted back, “Crucify him!”

Pilate said to them, “Why? What wrong has he done?”

They shouted even louder, “Crucify him!”

Pilate wanted to satisfy the crowd, so he released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus whipped, then handed him over to be crucified.

## Scriptural Response

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: **Thanks be to God! Amen**

## Anthem

*Hosanna to the Son of David*

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## WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

### Response to the Word

### Invitation to the Offering

### Offertory

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

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### † Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 95

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 Confession

**All: Holy One, humble us as we come to you in prayer. Uncover the masks that obscure our vision and keep us from facing our true selves. Hold us close in our weakness, that we may find the courage to lean on your grace and rest in your forgiveness. Bless us with humility, love, and mercy, that we may be merciful, humble, and loving to everyone we meet... even ourselves. Amen.**

One: God's face of love shines upon us. Christ's eyes of forgiveness gaze upon our souls with mercy and compassion. The Spirit's sustenance offers us grace and hope, that we may rise and walk forth in joy. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

### † Closing Hymn

*Were You There*

UMH 288

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

#### Refrain

Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Refrain

Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree ?

3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Refrain

Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

4. Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Refrain

Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Refrain

Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

### † **Benediction**

**Liturgical elements from *Discipleship Ministries (UMC)* and *The Abingdon Worship Annual*.**

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