

Palm Sunday

WORSHIP

WITH THE BWC
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS



ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING | a poem inspired by Matthew 21:1-11 by Rev. Wanda Duckett

OPENING HYMN | "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" UM Hymnal #278

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna,
the little children sang,
through pillared court & 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!

THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (NRSV)

Rev. Gerry Green

1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he
is good; his steadfast love endures
forever!

2 Let Israel say, "His steadfast love
endures forever."

19 Open to me the gates of
righteousness, that I may enter
through them and give thanks to
the LORD.

20 This is the gate of the LORD; the
righteous shall enter through it.

21 I thank you that you have
answered me and have become my
salvation.

22 The stone that the builders
rejected has become the chief
cornerstone.

23 This is the LORD's doing; it is
marvelous in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the LORD
has made; let us rejoice and be
glad in it.

25 Save us, we beseech you, O
LORD! O LORD, we beseech you,
give us success!

26 Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the LORD. We bless
you from the house of the LORD.

27 The LORD is God, and he has
given us light. Bind the festal
procession with branches, up to
the horns of the altar.

28 You are my God, and I will give
thanks to you; you are my God, I
will extol you.

29 O give thanks to the LORD, for
he is good, for his steadfast love
endures forever.

OPENING PRAYER | Rev. Ann Laprade

SCRIPTURE LESSON | Philippians 2:5-11 (New Living Translation) Rev. Johnsie Cogman

PROCLAMATION OF THE PASSION STORY

Matthew 26:14-30 (NLT) Rev. John Wunderlich
"What Wondrous Love Is This," v. 3

Matthew 26:31-56 (NRSV) Rev. J.W. Park
"What Wondrous Love Is This," v. 1

Matthew 26:57-75 (NRSV) Rev. Rebecca Iannicelli
"What Wondrous Love Is This," v. 2

Matthew 27:1-23, 26-30 (NRSV) Rev. Edgardo Rivera
"Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child"

Matthew 27:31-50 (NRSV) Rev. Ann Laprade
"Were You There," v. 1

Matthew 27:51-66 (NRSV) Rev. Gerry Green
"Were You There", v. 5

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS | 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.

3 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.

SOMETIMES I FEEL LIKE A MOTHERLESS CHILD | Songs of Zion #83

Sometimes I feel like a motherless child
Sometimes I feel like a motherless child

Sometimes I feel like a motherless child
A Long way from my home

WERE YOU THERE | UMH #288

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

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON | Rev. John Wunderlich

MUSIC | "Lord I Need You," Chris Dillard

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & OFFERING TO YOUR LOCAL CHURCH | Rev. Rebecca Iannicelli

THE LORD'S PRAYER | Rev. JW Park

DISMISSAL WITH A BLESSING | from Numbers 6:25

POSTLUDE | "Solemn Processional" by Robert A. Harris, Rev. Andre R. Briscoe, Jr., organist

MUSIC | We were blessed by the artistry of Rev. Andre R. Briscoe, Jr., organist; Mr. Chris Dillard, baritone; and Ms. Kehembe Eichelberger, mezzo-soprano, in the midst of very challenging times. We have provided links to the hymns and spirituals they sang in full. You have permission to use these as you wish with proper citation.