

*Palm Sunday*  
*2024*  
*North Church of*  
*Portsmouth*

**North Church of Portsmouth**  
*An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

**March 24, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

***Palm Sunday***

*The Congregation is invited to gather outside on the bricks at 9:55 am*

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE OR PROCESSIONAL      All Glory, Laud and Honor      #265 vs 1,2,3

CENTERING PRAYER

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.  
And also with you.  
Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace

\*HYMN      Hosannah, Loud Hosannah      #267  
*(music and words in blue hymnal)*

GOD-WINKS

\*HYMN      Ride On! Ride On in Majesty      NC #215  
*(music and words in blue hymnal)*

SCRIPTURE      Mark 11: 1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this: 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.' " They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said, and

\*Indicates those who are able may stand

## SCRIPTURE (continued)

they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple, and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God**

## SERMON

The Promise of Holy Week

Rev. Jennifer Mazur

## MUSIC MEDITATION

TIME OF PRAYER—*All are invited to participate in a prayer practice using the labyrinth printed in the bulletin. Labyrinths are ancient spiritual tools that help us mark our journeys along the pathways of this life. In a labyrinth, there are no dead ends, there is no getting stuck, there is no losing your way. And so we are free to journey through it with a question in our minds, with a prayer in our hearts.*

*In just a moment, we'll hear a piece of music and you'll be invited to trace the labyrinth with your finger, following the path to the center, then finding your way back out again.*

*As you begin, what do you need to release in your life, to begin the journeys God calls you on?*

*When you find your way to the center, what do you need to receive in order to live into the covenants in your life?*

*As you trace the path back out again, what needs to return in your life, in order to live as the person God calls you to be?*

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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 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.**

SONG OF PRAYER

Gift of Love

H. Hopson

**A thread that wanders in and out  
It holds our love...lets through our doubt  
You welcome me a favored guest  
So deeply loved and richly blessed. 2X**

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY

The Palms

J-B Faure

*(Please join the choir with the words of the chorus)*

**Chorus: Join all and sing His name declare  
Let every voice resound with joyous acclamation  
Hosanna! Praise be the Lord!  
Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation.**

\*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God, you keep your promises to us and to all people. Help us to use these gifts to honor our covenants of mission, ministry and love. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN

Go to Dark Gethsemane

#272

*(music and words in blue hymnal)*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (remain seated)

Triumphant March

K. Rollins

\*Indicates those who are able may stand

# *North Church Welcomes You*

We are glad that you are worshiping here today.

If you seek a church home in Portsmouth, we hope that you will return to worship with us again. The tear off form on this bulletin filled out and placed in the offering plate or handed to an usher or the pastor, will help us to know you better as we serve God together.

*On this day and all days we keep Marondera Church, our Ukama partner in Zimbabwe in our prayers.*

## *Worship* **SCHEDULE**

**All Worship services  
begin at 10:00 am**

**Sunday, March 3  
Third Sunday in Lent**  
*The Sacrament of Communion  
will be Celebrated*

**Sunday, March 10  
Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**Sunday, March 17  
Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
*The Promises Written On Our Hearts*

**Sunday, March 24  
Palm Sunday**  
*The Promise of Holy Week*

**Sunday, March 31  
Easter Sunday**  
*Trust the Joy*

JOIN US FOR  
*Holy Week*

Palm Sunday, 10am March 24th, North Church Sanctuary  
Maundy Thursday: 7pm March 28th, North Church Sanctuary  
Easter Sunrise: 6:30am March 31st, in front of North Church  
Easter Celebration Worship: 10am March 31st, North Church Sanctuary



### **Theology on Tap**

Join us for an enriching Theology on Tap session delving into the profound significance of Holy Week. Together, we will explore the traditions and spiritual depth behind this sacred period in Christian faith. Let's gather on **March 26 at 7:00 pm** for insightful discussions, fellowship, and refreshments as we journey through the mysteries of Easter. All are welcome!



### Seafarer's Friend Ditty Bags - Preview



We will be collecting items to fill ditty bags for the Seafarer's Friend during the months of March and April. The goal is to fill 10 ditty bags. If you would like to get a head start on gathering some items, here are the things they need:

Razors	Shave cream/gel	Floss
Toothpaste	Toothbrush (1)	Travel sized Kleenex
Playing cards	Mending kits	Shoelaces
Deodorant	Shampoo (8 oz. size)	Travel-size first aid kit
Nail clippers	Soap/body wash (8 oz. size)	Small writing pad
Socks (2 pair per bag max)	Puzzle Books	Knit hat
1-2 pens or pencils	Feminine Hygiene Products	Chapstick

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# 265 All Glory, Laud and Honor

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud and hon - or to you, Re-deem - er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the King of Is - rael, and Da-vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com-pa - ny of an - gels are prais-ing you on high,  
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore you went;  
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
5 As you re - ceived their prais - es, ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*to Refrain*

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and bless - ed One!  
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply:  
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent:  
to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise:  
for you de - light in good - ness, O good and gra - cious King!

WORDS: Theodulph of Orleans (ca. 760-821); tr. John M. Neale (1818-1866), alt.  
MUSIC: Melchior Teschner (1584-1635)

ST. THEODULPH  
7.6.7.6.D.

## Ride On, Ride On in Majesty! 268

1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hear all the  
 2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly  
 3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The host of  
 4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Your last and  
 5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly

tribes ho - san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, pur -  
 pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs  
 an - gels in the sky look down with sad and  
 fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on his  
 pomp ride on to die, bow your meek head to

sue your road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.  
 now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
 won - dering eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 sap - phire throne a - waits his own a - noint - ed Son.  
 mor - tal pain, then take, O Christ, your power and reign.

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## Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,  
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang;  
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;  
for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heaven our King.

to Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,  
the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,  
O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.  
nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.  
and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

WORDS: Jennette Threlfall (1821-1880); para. Matthew 21:1-11  
MUSIC: *Gesangbuch der H. W. K. Hofkapelle*, 1784

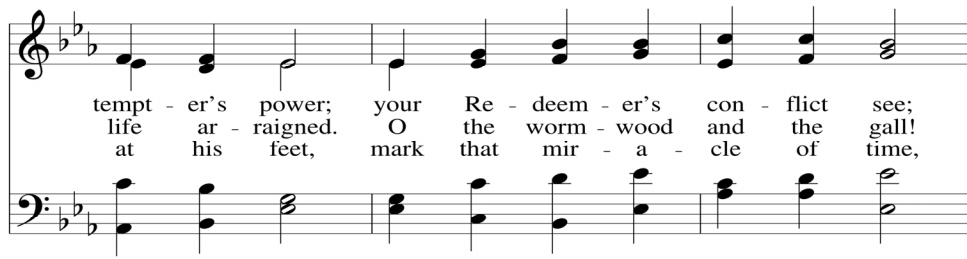
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# Go to Dark Gethsemane

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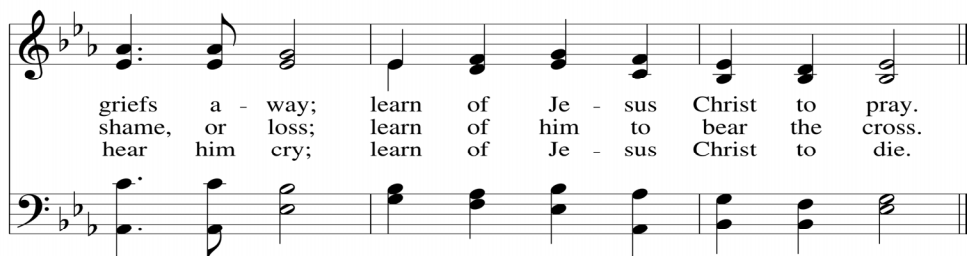
1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, you that feel the  
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of  
 3 Cal - vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing



tempt - er's power; your Re - deem - er's con - flict see;  
 life ar - rained. O the worm - wood and the gall!  
 at his feet, mark that mir - a - cle of time,



watch with him one bit - ter hour; turn not from his  
 O the pangs his soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - fering,  
 God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete: "It is fin - ished!"



griefs a - way; learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.  
 shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.  
 hear him cry; learn of Je - sus Christ to die.

WORDS: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt.  
 MUSIC: Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

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