

**Cross Roads UMC Worship Guide**  
**April 10, 2022 @ 10 AM**  
**PALM SUNDAY**

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**Gathering Music: *Old Church Choir***

**Welcome**

**A Song of Praise: *Hosanna [Praise Is Rising]***

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You  
We turn to You

Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You  
We long for You

Pre-Chorus: 'Cause when we see You we find  
strength  
To face the day  
In Your presence all our fears are washed away  
Washed away

**Chorus: Hosanna. Hosanna**  
**You are the God who saves us**  
**Worthy of all our praises [Repeat]**

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You  
We turn to You  
In Your kingdom broken lives are made new  
You make us new

Repeat Pre-Chorus and then Chorus 2 times

**Call to Worship:**

Humble and riding on a donkey,  
**we greet you;**  
Acclaimed by crowds and caroled by children,  
**we cheer you;**  
moving from the peace of the countryside  
to the corridors of power,  
**We salute you: Christ our Lord.**  
You are giving the beast of burden  
**a new dignity;**  
you are giving majesty  
**a new face;**  
you are giving those who long for redemption  
**A new song to sing.**  
With them, with heart and voice, we shout:  
**Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes**  
**in the name of the Lord!**

**Opening Prayer (one voice):**

Merciful God, as we enter Holy week, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, and to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Stir up within us the gift of faith that we may not only praise him with our lips, but may follow him in the way of the cross. AMEN.

**A Time for Children with Debbie Wallin**

**A Song of Centering**

***Hosanna, Loud Hosanna, UMH #278***

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.

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.

"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!

**Prayers of the People with 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.

**A Time of Giving with  
Special Music by Karen Parrett**

**Doxology**

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.

**A Song of Preparation**

***Filled with Excitement, UMH #279***

Filled with excitement, all the happy throng  
Spread cloaks and branches on the city streets.  
There In the distance they begin to see,  
Riding on a donkey, comes the Son of God.

**Chorus: From every corner a thousand voices  
sing praises to him who comes  
In the name of God.**

**With one great shout of acclamation loud  
triumphant song breaks forth:  
Hosanna, Hosanna to the King!  
Hosanna, Hosanna to the King!**

As In the entrance to Jerusalem,  
we sing hosannas to the Christ, our King,  
to the living Savior who still calls today,  
asking us to follow him with love and faith.

[Chorus]

**Scripture: Luke 19:28-40 [NRSV]**

<sup>28</sup> After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> 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. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup> They said, “The Lord needs it.” <sup>35</sup> Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> 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, <sup>38</sup> saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” <sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” <sup>40</sup> He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

**Message: Jesus and a Donkey**

**A Song of Invitation**

***Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross, UMH #301***

Jesus, keep me near the cross;  
there a precious fountain,  
free to all, a healing stream,  
flows from Calvary's mountain.

**Chorus: In the cross, in the cross,  
be my glory ever,  
till my raptured soul shall find  
rest beyond the river.**

Near the cross, a trembling soul,  
love and mercy found me;  
there the bright and morning star  
sheds its beams around me. [Chorus]

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,  
bring its scenes before me;  
help me walk from day to day  
with its shadow o'er me. [Chorus]

Near the cross I'll watch and wait,  
hoping, trusting ever,  
till I reach the golden strand  
just beyond the river. [Chorus]

**The Blessing with *The Benediction*:**

The Lord bless you and keep you  
make His face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord turn His face toward you  
and give you peace. Amen.

**Postlude**