



SOTC WORSHIP  
MARCH 29, 2026  
PALM SUNDAY

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**GATHERING**

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*The congregation assembles in the narthex to begin worship.*

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "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." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

"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."

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,

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

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

OPENING LITANY

*At the direction of Pastor Aleese, the congregation responds throughout the litany with: **Hosanna! Save us!***

PROCESSION

HOSANNA! HOSANNA!

Vs. 1 AND REFRAIN

*Musicians lead verse 1 with congregational responses. After singing the refrain once, the congregation continues to sing the refrain while processing. Process through the sanctuary, out the side door and back into the building through the front door.*

*Leader* *All*



1. Je - sus rode in - to Je - ru - sa - lem. Ho -  
2. Ev - ery - bod - y brought their hopes and dreams. Ho -

*Leader*



san - na! Ho - san - na! All the peo - ple sang their  
san - na! Ho - san - na! Life just is - n't al - ways

*All*



praise to him. Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na!  
what it seems. Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na!

*Leader* *All*



Came to town up - on a don - key's back; Ho - san - na! Ho -  
Need some - bod - y who can help us be Ho - san - na! Ho -

*Leader* *All*



san - na! Seemed so low - ly but he's Lord in fact. Ho -  
san - na! lib - er - at - ed from cap - tiv - i - ty. Ho -

Refrain §

san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Hear the peo - ple say Ho -  
san - na! Ho - san - na!  
san - na! Save us to - day. Ho - san - na! It's a  
faith - ful song. Ho - san - na! Sing it all night long! all night long! Ho -

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

————— **WORD** —————

STORYTELLING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*In preparation to receive God's Word, we light the Christ candle and pray for illumination from God's word. Take a moment for silent reflection.*

READINGS: PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11; PSALM 118:1-4, 15-29

*In response to the readings:*

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

HYMN

HOSANNA! HOSANNA!

Vs. 2 AND REFRAIN  
(see music on pg. 2 & 3)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Response to “Lord in your mercy” is “hear our prayer.”*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!  
**And also with you!**

*Congregation is invited to share a sign of peace with others.*

————— **MEAL** —————

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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 and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Together we receive God’s gift of love given to us in the sacrament of communion. All are welcome at the table, where Christ is our host.*

*Receive the bread with open hands, and receive either the wine (red liquid) or juice (clear liquid). If you do not desire to receive communion, you are welcome to come*

forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest as an indication to the server.

LAMB OF GOD

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

WE SANG OUR GLAD HOSANNAS



1. We sang our glad ho - san - nas and waved our branch - es  
(2. We) heard an an - gry Je - sus in Tem - ple courts de -  
(3. We) served him at the ta - ble with wine, un - leav - ened  
(4. We) saw a suf - fering Je - sus a - lone, with - out a



high, but some were si - lent, frown - ing, as Je - sus rode on by. They  
clare, "Be gone, you mon - ey chang - ers! This is a house of prayer." Though  
bread. "The one who will be - tray me now eats with me," he said. His  
friend, and heard the voic - es shout - ing a - buse un - til the end. We



sought a roy - al Sav - ior, but did not un - der - stand a  
man - y came for heal - ing and stayed to hear his word, still  
friends would not be - lieve him, but one by one that night, as  
wept as we stood watch - ing Love's light grow dim and die, and



king could rule by lov - ing in - stead of by com - mand. 2. We  
oth - ers, hos - tile, plot - ted and thus his death as - sured. 3. We  
sol - diers came to take him, they scur - ried out of sight. 4. We  
cried, "Why did this hap - pen? God, tell us, tell us



why!"

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God!**

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