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*Italicized Bold print* invites congregational response in unison.

\*Means you are **invited to stand** if able and comfortable.

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WE GATHER TOGETHER

**Prelude**

Harlan Otter

**Words to Ponder:**

Exaltation and joy. Passover sacrifice and betrayal. Death and life. Such is the terrain of Holy Week. Such are the waters that sweep us through the holy mystery of our faith—the waters that reveal the joy and the cost of discipleship.

**Children's Procession**

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

UMH#278

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Missions Moment**

Days For Girls

Valorie Kowitz

**Introit**

"Make Way, Make Way"

Singing Choir

-by Graham Kendrick

**\*Call to Worship**

Our king has come riding on a donkey.

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Our savior has come to waving palms and cheers of praise.

**Shout alleluia!**

Jesus has come to show us the greatness of God's love.

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.** (B. J. Beu)

Martha McMahan

**\*Opening Prayer**

God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be with us in the joys and sorrows of life. We turn to you this day, knowing that we will not be put to shame. Be at our side when the crowd shouts "Hosanna!" as Jesus rode into Jerusalem. Be with us also when the crowd turns, as those who loved him fell away. Their story is our story. Be with us in the telling, that we may walk with Jesus once more on the long journey of Holy Week. Amen. (B. J. Beu)

**\*Hymn of Praise**

"Hosanna, Hosanna"

TFWS#2109

**\*Passing of the Peace Of Christ**

Pastor Ed

**Children's Message**

Pastor Ed

WE HEAR THE WORD

**Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

Martha McMahan

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. By your grace, help us, for trouble is never far away. We can't see or think clearly. Our bodies waste away from grief and sorrow. Our strength fails us. Our misery is more than we can bear. Yet even in the depth of our despair, Lord, we place our trust in you. You are our God, our very help in times of trouble. Let your face shine upon us and save us in your unfailing and steadfast love! Amen.

**Words of Assurance**

Pastor Ed

**Hymn of Response**

"Sunday's Palms are Wednesday's Ashes"

TFWS#2138

**Scripture Reading**

Psalm 118:1-2 & 19-29

Martha McMahan

**A Song of Victory**

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

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel say,

"His steadfast love endures forever."

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

<sup>20</sup>This is the gate of the LORD;

the righteous shall enter through it.

<sup>21</sup>I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>25</sup>Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!

O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

<sup>26</sup>Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.<sup>[b]</sup>

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup>The LORD is God, and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.<sup>[c]</sup>

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

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

*(Musical Interlude)*

**\*Gospel Reading**

Luke 19:28-40

Martha McMahan

**Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem**

<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."

**Reflecting on God's Message** "How Do We Get to Know What God is Like?" Pastor Ed

**Prayers of the People** Pastor Ed

**Invitation of the Offering** Pastor Ed

**Offertory anthem** "Out of the Shadows (reprise)" Singing Choir  
By John Purifoy

**Offering Prayer** Pastor Ed

Jesus came as our king, to share your blessings with the world. The one who was greatest among us became the least for us and our salvation. Our servant king humbled himself to sustain our weary souls. Receive the gifts we bring before you this day, that the whole world may know the glory and power of your kingdom. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

**\*Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH # 95

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

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

**\*Sending Hymn** "All Glory Laud and Honor" (v1,2&5) UMH#280

**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.  
Do not let us fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Benediction (responsive)**

On the back of a donkey,  
**Jesus came to bless us.**  
With love in his heart,  
**Jesus came to save us.**  
From the power of death,  
**Jesus came to free us.**  
Go with the blessings of God's anointed.

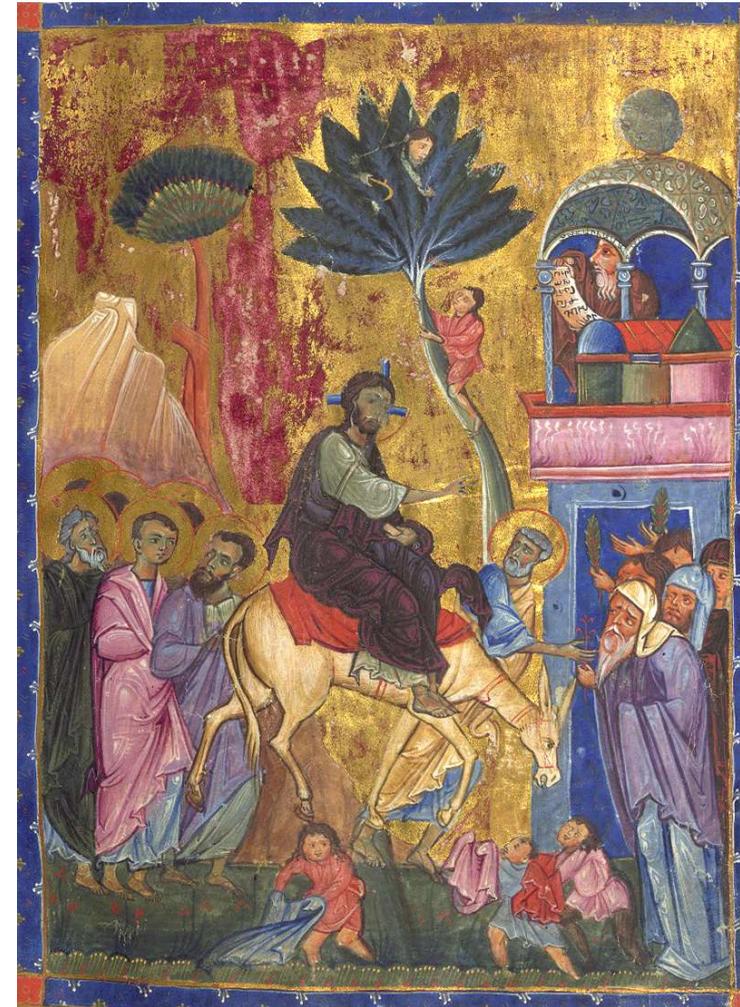
**Postlude** Harlan Otter

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\*Toros Roslin, active 13th century. Entry into Jerusalem

## **Sixth Sunday in Lent | 4.10.2022 | 9:30 am**

*You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song,  
and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our LORD Jesus Christ.  
Part of our mission is to be a place for all people. All are welcome here!  
Whatever your gender identity, age, race, religious background, economic status,  
sexual orientation or condition of ableness, we greet you as a beloved child of God.*