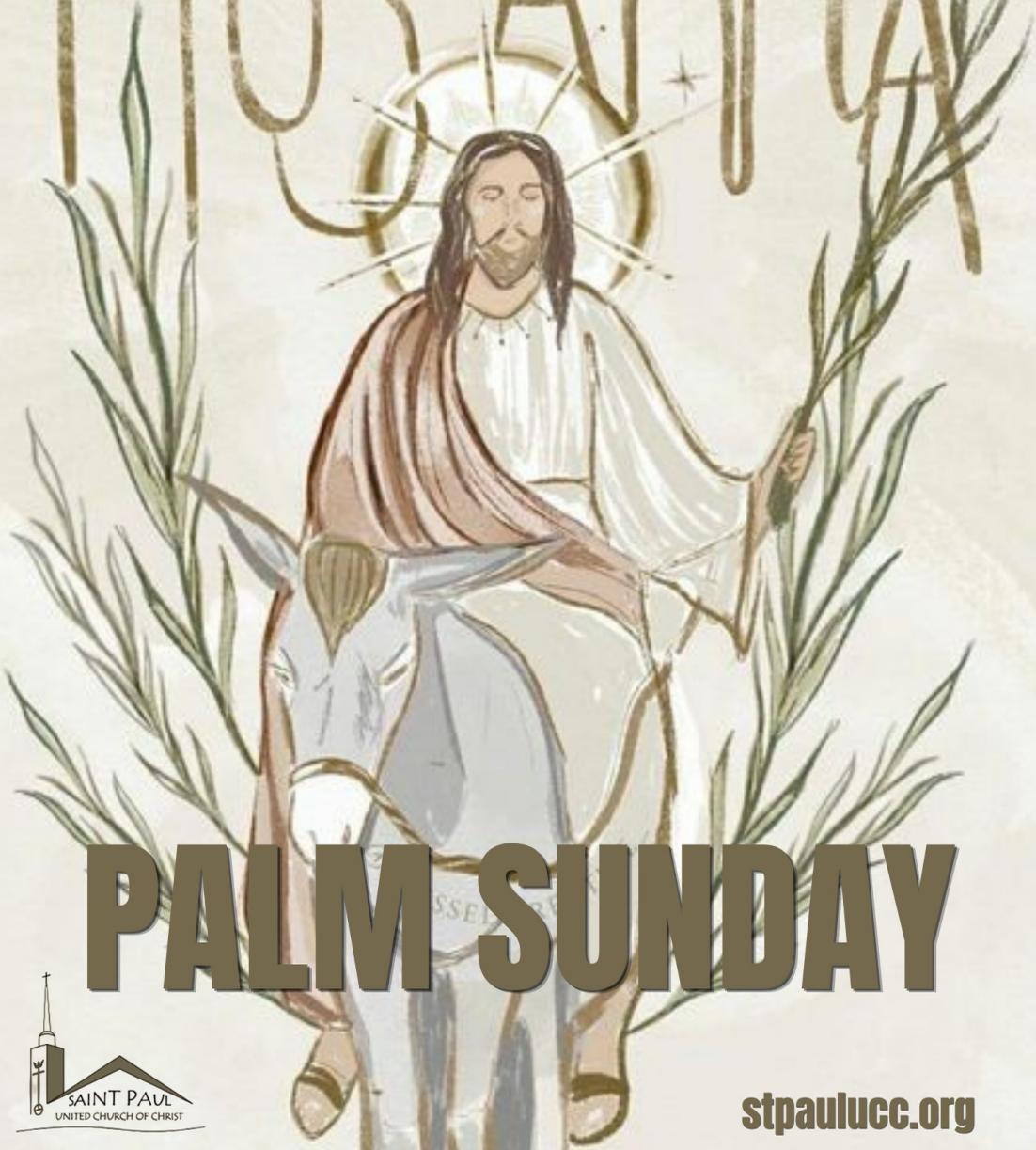


HOSANNA



PALM SUNDAY



stpaulucc.org



St. Paul UCC

Sunday, March 29, 2026 ~ 9:00 am
Palm Sunday



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

<i>Visiting Clergy</i>	Rev. Joan H. Mier
<i>Director of Music</i>	Dr. Tristan Frampton
<i>Organist</i>	Cynthia Johnson
<i>Liturgist</i>	Donna Davis

***TRIUMPHAL ENTRY HYMN** (all rise, in body or spirit, and sing) *see page 6*
All Glory, Laud and Honor

***PROCLAIMING "HOSANNAS"**

***BLESSING OF THE PALMS (ALL)**

Great Sovereign God, whose Son Jesus Christ entered through the gates of the Holy City as Messiah to suffer and die; let these palms be for us signs of his victory. Bless these palms, we pray, that as they enter into our homes, they may be a reminder that we are always to worship the One who we proclaim as our King of Kings, Lord of Lords, and Prince of Peace, and that we are to follow him all the way to eternal life with You. Amen

WELCOME AND ANNOUCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: "Hosannas" were proclaimed by children who celebrated the presence of Jesus of Nazareth in the Holy City! Shall we hear their voices today?

People: Yes! Let us hear their sweet voices! Let them lead us in proclaiming our own "Hosannas," honoring our Lord Jesus in this time of worship!

Leader: Our gracious Lord loved children and dismisses the angry words of the powerful to celebrate the voices of children who proclaim him to be the "Son of David."

People: "Out of the mouths of [babes]" Jesus proclaims, praise shall be offered to Him!

ALL: Let us lift our voices, today, with the children who stood next to Jesus, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" Hosanna! Amen.

***INVOCATION**

Hear us as we lift our voices in celebrating your beloved Son Jesus of Nazareth this most holy day, O' Lord our God. We feel excited about his triumphal entry into the Holy City, but our greatest joy is that we feel his presence within this church home and family, today. Help us to be the ones who stay close by his side, even when the tables turn and darkness ensues. For even in this celebration, we know that the Cross is before him. Let your Spirit, be our guiding force, as we walk with Jesus throughout this Passiontide. Amen

PASSING THE PEACE

COMMISSIONING SERVICE FOR THE ST. PAUL WITH YOU TEAM

Stephenie Bauza, Beverly Brightwell, Peggy Burke, Donna Davis,
JoAnn Elmore, Ruth Ann Erdmann, Jan Friedrich, Judy Koch, Debbie Lippert,
Mimi Llamas, Susan Relfe, Sandy Ritter, Lou Ryseff, Janet Spencer,
Sandy Wagner, Brett White

PRAYER FOR REFLECTION AND RECONCILIATION

Pastor: As we enter this moment with our Lord, let us remember that there were some who proclaimed "Hosannas" on the day he entered the Holy City, and later, after he was arrested, called out "Crucify Him!" They turned away from their Savior. Have you ever felt that—that you walked away or turned away from Christ, in body, mind, or spirit? Maybe, it is time for us to communicate with Jesus about such things that dwell upon our hearts. As I cannot put words into your mouth in regard to what you need to say to God, I can only welcome you into this sacred moment and then, afterward, I will offer the Words of Grace.

Silent Confession and Reconciliation

WORDS OF GRACE

How forgiving our God is to us! Even when we have deliberately turned our backs upon Jesus, then asked for forgiveness, God listens and God forgives. That, beloved, is grace beyond measure that has been offered to us, grace that we are challenged to offer to others in our own lives. Yet, let us deeply know how it feels to be forgiven, and let us honor our Lord by being more forgiving people. Let it be so. **Amen**

ANTHEM

Jesus Christ Triumphant
by F. Broadus Staley
Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURES

Psalm 118:1-2,19-29
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 21:1-17

Donna Davis
Donna Davis
Rev. Joan H. Mier

SERMON

“Hosanna to the Son of David”

Rev. Joan H. Mier

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 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.**

REFLECTION ON GIVING

As we proclaim “Hosannas” from our hearts, souls, and minds to the Lord Jesus, let us also extend our hands, offering love gifts in his holy name, celebrating him with every aspect of who we are called to be as people who follow in the footsteps of Christ. May it be so. Amen.

RECEIVING OF THE GIFTS AND OFFERTORY MUSIC

They Mocked Your Reign, O Dearest Lord
Tune: Kingsfold
arr. Lee Dengler

***DOXOLOGY (Tune: Old Hundreth)**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ in whom God’s grace we know
Praise Spirit, with us evermore
One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen**



***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (Unison)**

We offer these gifts, gracious God, in the name of the One who rode through the city gates, hearing the “Hosannas” of the faithful, and who days later carried the beam of the cross upon his back. We dedicate these gifts to His divine ministry, so that people may never forget the gift of sacrificial love our Lord Jesus gave for all people. Amen

***CLOSING HYMN**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

see page 7

***COMMISSIONING**

As you go forth in joy, carry humbleness in your hearts, as you walk closer with Jesus from the City Gates of the Holy City to the Cross on Golgotha. Be prayerful, talk to Him, let Him know of your great love for Him and meditate on what his sacrificial love means for your lives. Amen

***BENEDICTION**

The tender care of the Lord Jesus goes with you this day, feel his hand upon your shoulder, listen to the words he whispers, even now, when he says to you, “All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all shall be well.” Amen

POSTLUDE

Herzliebster Jesu
(Ah, Holy Jesus)
by Gordon Young



St. Paul UCC
HOLY WEEK
Schedule



APR 2 @ 7PM @ TRINITY UCC – MAUNDY THURSDAY

APR 3 @ 7PM – GOOD FRIDAY

APR 5 @ 9AM – EASTER



St. Paul UCC
115 W. B. St., Belleville, IL 62220
618-233-3303
stpaulucc.org



All Glory, Laud, and Honor

216

Theodulph of Orléans, 9th century
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1854; alt.

Mat. 21:8-9

1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,
2 O Prom-ised One of Is - rael, of Da-vid's roy - al line,
3 As you re-ceived their prais - es, re - ceive our prayers to - day,

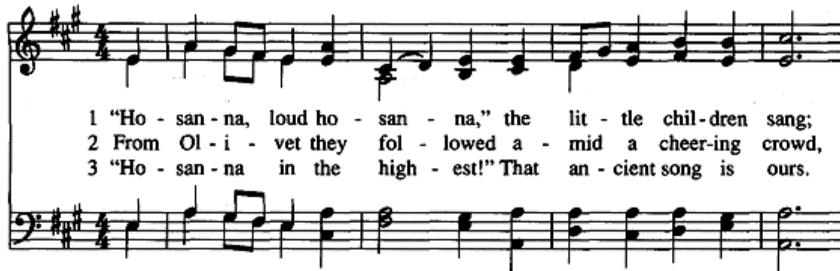
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
the one called "God's be - lov - ed," of flesh and yet di - vine,
whose jus - tice and whose mer - cy and sov-ereign-ty hold sway.

The peo-ple of the He - brews with palms a - dorned your way;
To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
All glo-ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,

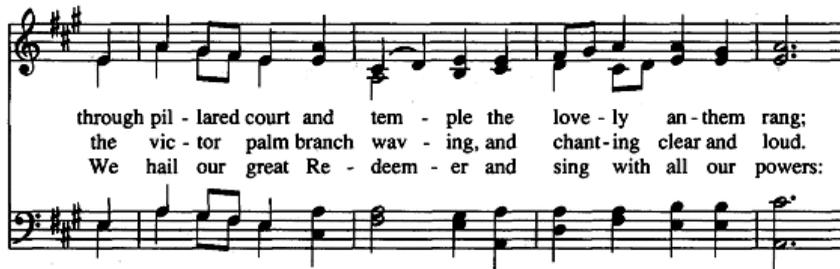
our praise and prayer and an - thems we of - fer you this day.
to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

213

*Jennette Threlfall, 1873; alt.**Mark 11:8-10; Matt. 21:15*


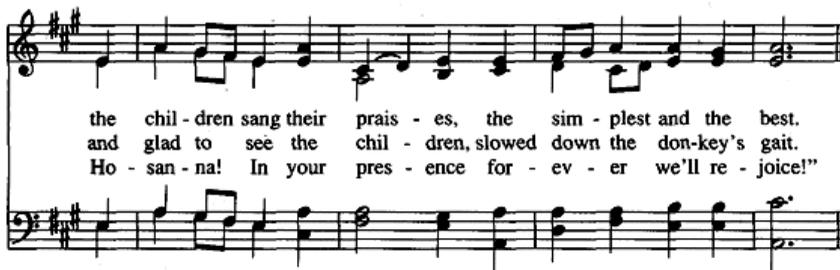
1 "Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na," the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed a - mid a cheer - ing crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song is ours.



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.
 We hail our great Re - deem - er and sing with all our powers:



To Je - sus, who had blessed them close fold - ed to his breast,
 The one whom an - gels wor - ship rode on in low - ly state,
 "Ho - san - na, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice.



the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 and glad to see the chil - dren, slowed down the don - key's gait.
 Ho - san - na! In your pres - ence for - ev - er we'll re - joice!"

Jennette Threlfall of England, who was disabled by two accidents, wrote hymns that inspired hope and courage in others. This text was published in her collection Sunshine and Shadow.

Tune: ELLACOMBE C.M.D.
 Gesangbuch der herzoglichen Württembergischen
 katholischen Hofkapelle, 1794



Weekly Offerings		3/20/2026
Operating	\$	9,487.00
Building Fund	\$	15.00
	\$	9,502.00
Giving YTD	\$	83,142.76
Weekly Budget	\$	6,974.00
Budget to Date	\$	76,714.00
Total Budget	\$	362,648.00

Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service		
March 15, 2026	106	+ Online Participants
March 16, 2025	90	+ Online Participants

This worship service is live streamed and recorded .
 Music is used with permission through Onelicense.net
 License #A-715913, CCLI #1795791, St. James Press
 License #17755, or public domain.

For Your Prayers

Carol Hotz & Fred Hotz
 Tim Ritter
 Tim Ritter Jr., son of Sandy & Tim Ritter
 Lou Ann Niemann
 Ralph Eckart, brother in-law of
 Marlene Mueller
 Mike Llamas, brother in law of Mimi Llamas
 Al Stahl
 Audrey Krummrich
 Laura Sadler
 Mike Foppe
 Alec Zaber
 Lindsay Eversmeyer, niece of Pam Nicholson
 Jane Bonaldi
 Ruth Klingel
 Sandy Ritter

**Please call the church for
 prayer requests:
 618-233-3303 stpaulucc.org**

Follow us on ...

