

COMMUNITY CHURCH LEISURE WORLD

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GROWING
Disciples in God's Love

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The Hope and Joy of Jesus

Our Vision: To Be Love to Leisure World

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March 24, 2024 – PALM SUNDAY

One Horse Power

Rev. Johan Dodge



ENTRANCE PROCESSIONAL – “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Opening Announcements — Rev. Johan Dodge

Good Morning and Welcome to Worship! Worship is often the first place that new people come into contact with this growing community of faith. And so if you are joining us for the first time, I say to you what is said every Sunday: You are welcome here. Here is a place where all are welcome. For such is the love of God for God's Very Good Creation.

[please stand as you are able]

OPENING WORDS – Rev. Johan Dodge

Blessed is the coming kindom.

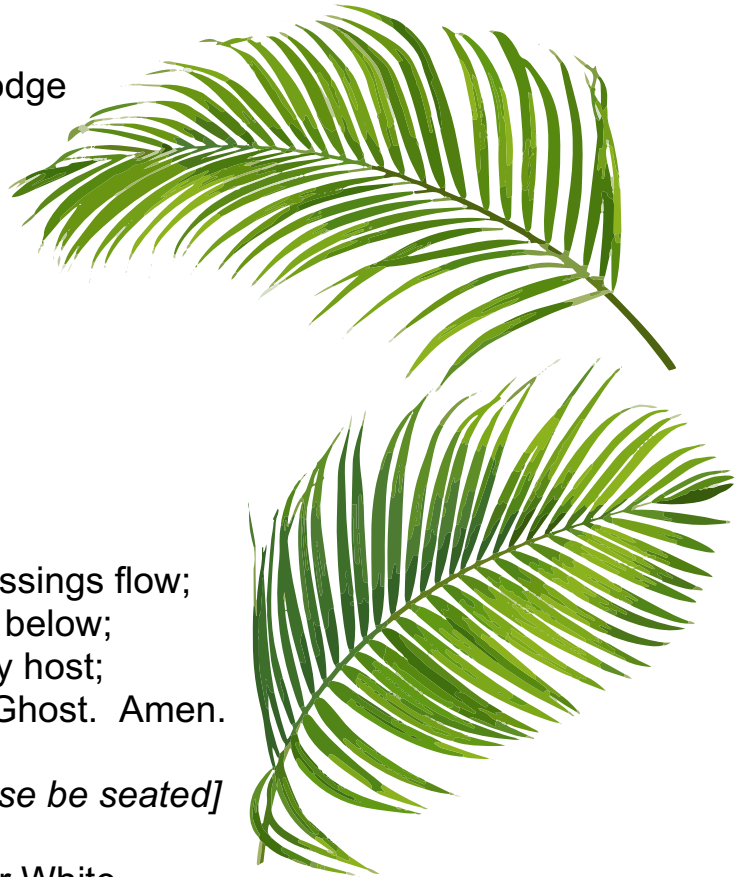
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CALL TO WORSHIP – “Doxology”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

[please be seated]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION – Taylor White

We confess that we have sinned, and although we would like to deny it, we have forsaken you. We are horrified by the suffering we cause — to you, ourselves, and the world you have created. Open the gates of your forgiveness and restore us in your love, for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS — Rev. Johan Dodge

The Lord God helps us; we will not be disgraced. The Lord God helps us; who can declare us guilty? Siblings in Christ, beyond the shadow of doubt, God is a God of Love and has shown us love in the life of Jesus. Let us receive God’s love and be God’s love for the world.

[please stand as you are able]

Hymn: “This Is a Day of New Beginnings”

[please be seated]

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION — Rev. Johan Dodge

Let us lift up our hearts in thanks to God and pray for the cares of the world, saying,

Holy God, your love for us and all the world is greater than we can imagine.

Holy God, you sent your son into the world to show us your great love for us. And to show us how to be in loving service to the world. Guide those holding positions of power, that their decisions give rise to the mutual flourishing of the world you so love.

Holy God, your love for us and all the world is greater than we can imagine.

Healing God, your son is betrayed and crucified in our violent world each day. Raise us to a new and rightly ordered world through the reconciling love of Christ, where all victims of violence, persecution, shame, or terror may stand together with you in peace.

Holy God, your love for us and all the world is greater than we can imagine.

Forsaken God, as your son suffered his cruel death on the cross, darkness covered the whole land. Enlighten us to care for your creation, awaken us from our denial and abuse, and help us to alleviate its suffering.

Holy God, your love for us and all the world is greater than we can imagine.

Grieving God, your son consoled others in life and in death. We pray for all who are distressed, broken, or sorrowful, that together with Christ in his suffering we may be healed and raised in you.

Save us, O Lord, for your mercy is great.

Eternal God, your son was lovingly cared for as he was laid to rest in a tomb. We remember before you those who have died and pray for those who will die today; enfold them in your love, that they may rest and rise with Christ forever in his light.

Holy God, your love for us and all the world is greater than we can imagine.

We ask all this in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

[please stand as you are able]

Hymn: “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

[please be seated]



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION – Taylor White

Come Holy Spirit, source of all life. As we hear again the story of the palms, let the same mind be in us that was in Christ, who was a servant that we might be free. Awaken our ears, open our hearts, and sustain the weary with your Word. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Taylor White

Mark 11:1-11

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and 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. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, ‘What are you doing, untying the colt?’ ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹Then 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.

Message: “One Horse Power” Rev. Johan Dodge



Questions for Reflection: Rev. Johan Dodge

The story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem is in direct contrast to the entry of Pilate who would have come with at least a Roman Centurion — 100 soldiers with war horses and chariots. We live in a world drawn to horsepower — go faster, go farther, go louder. What does it mean for you to live counter cultural to the world of horsepower? How does the love of God influence how you live each day? Where might you try to let love win a little more in your life?

Reflection: "Ride On, King Jesus" – John Fluker, *pianist*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING – Taylor White

Jesus gave himself for the life of the world. With humble hearts bowed in awe, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

[Ushers, please come forward]

Offertory: "Hosanna to the King Who Comes" – Jennifer Scoullar, *soprano*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING – Taylor White

Holy God, we give thanks for your saving love made known to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. Bless these gifts that they may bring life on earth as in heaven; in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

[please stand as you able]

Hymn: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

BLESSING: Rev. Johan Dodge

May the blessing of God, who surmounts evil, bears our pain, and lives in us forever, fill you with a zeal for justice and passion for peace, and may we go forth in peace to love and serve the world.

"Blessed Be the Tie that Binds"

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above. Amen.

*Music Team: Jennifer Scoullar, *soprano*
John Fluker, *pianist*

Dave Albulario, *tenor*
Hannah Yi, *pianist*

PRAYER REQUESTS

FOR PERSEVERANCE:

new Mara Williams – after successful cataract eye surgery (left), 2nd surgery (right) went well also.

new Doris Smith – Pacemaker surgery went well. Prayers for continued healing and recovery.

Notes and Announcements:

Coffee Fellowship: Altar Flowers are anonymously provided today. Refreshments are provided by Jeanette Williams. See the sign-up charts to provide refreshments or cover cost of altar flowers. Altar flowers are \$35. Sandy Walker coordinates arrangements.

Easter Lilies: Easter Lilies will once again adorn the church altar over Easter. Easter Lilies are available for purchase at \$15 each and may be picked up after Easter worship. Please fill out the “Holiday Flower Order” form with the notation of the loved one you are honoring/remembering and place the \$15 in the attached envelope. See Sandy Walker if you have any questions.

South Side Jazz Concert TODAY, March 24: You don’t want to miss this upbeat music from the “Golden Age.” Concert is in the Sanctuary at 3:00 PM TODAY. Light refreshments will follow the performance. Come for the music, stay for a cookie! A free will offering will be collected at the event. Invite a friend to join you.

Maundy Thursday: Special service of handwashing followed by a Mediterranean themed lunch. Gather in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM on Thursday, March 28.

Good Friday, 10:30 AM: In collaboration with Community Church, Redeemer Lutheran Church will host a Good Friday service on Friday, March 29, 10:30 AM at Redeemer Lutheran.

Good Friday, 12:00 noon: The LW Interfaith Council will host the annual Good Friday Service on Friday, March 29 at 12:00 noon in the Amphitheater (in case of rain, please park at the Amphitheater – bus service will be provided to alternate location at Community Church). Pastor Johan will present 2 of the 7 last words of Christ. Clergy from the Jewish and Buddhist congregations and other LW churches will also participate in the Service.

Easter Sunday Flower Cross: Please bring fresh cut flowers from your garden to Easter Service on Sunday, March 31 to adorn the large cross on the patio.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Transcribed and Adapted by David Albulario for Leisure World Community Church, Seal Beach, California

Words by
THEODULPH, BISHOP OF ORLEANS
tr. John Mason Neale

Music by
MELCHIOR TESCHNER

1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to You, Re - deem - er, King, To
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing You on high, All
3. To You, be - fore Your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise; To

whom the lips of child - ren made sweet ho - san - nas ring. You
hu - man - kind and all things cre - at - ed make re - ply. The
You, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise. You

are the King of Is - ra - el, and Da - vid's roy - al Son, Who
peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore You went; Our
did ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the praise we bring, Who

in the Lord's name comes to us, the King and Bless - ed One.
praise and pray'r and an - thems the be - fore you we pre - sent.
in all good de - light - est, our good and gra - cious King.

This Is A Day of New Beginnings

Transcribed and Adapted for Leisure World Community Church by David Albulario

Words by
BRIAN WREN

Music by
CARLTON RAYMOND YOUNG

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The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The tempo is marked as 140 beats per minute. The score is divided into five systems, each with a measure number (1, 7, 13, 19, 26) at the beginning. The lyrics are written below the vocal line, with some words underlined. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes in the bass line. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

1. This is a day of new be - gin - nings, Time to re - mem - ber
2. For by the life with and death of Je - sus, God's might - y Spir - it,
3. Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing, step from the past and

and move on, Time to be - lieve what love is bring - ing,
now as then, can make for us a world of dif - f'rence,
leave be - hind our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and griev - ing,

Lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone. 4. Christ is a - live, and
as faith and hope the are born a - gain. find.
Seek - ing new paths, and sure to

goes be - fore us, to show and share what love can do. This is a

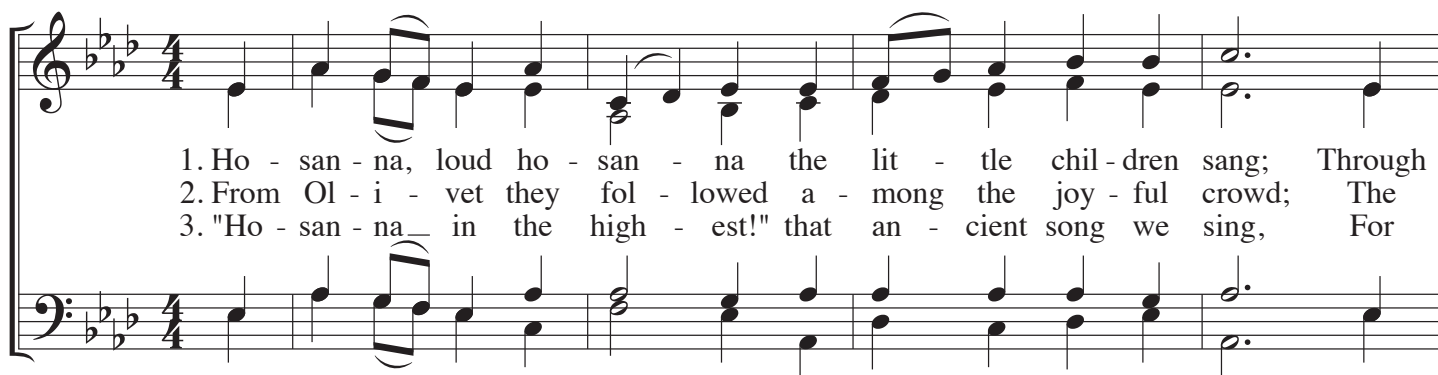
day of new be - gin - nings; Our God is mak - ing all things new.

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

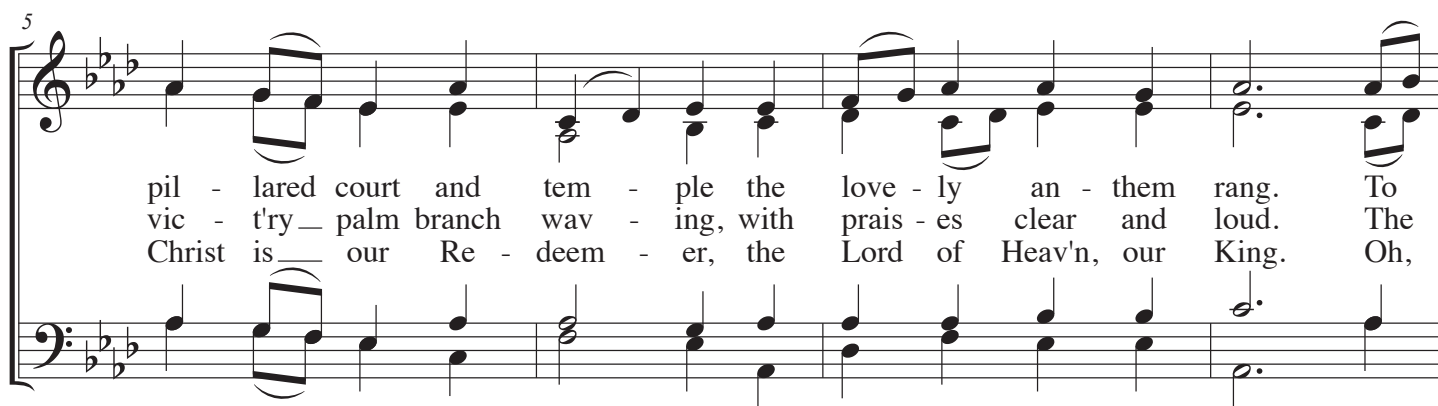
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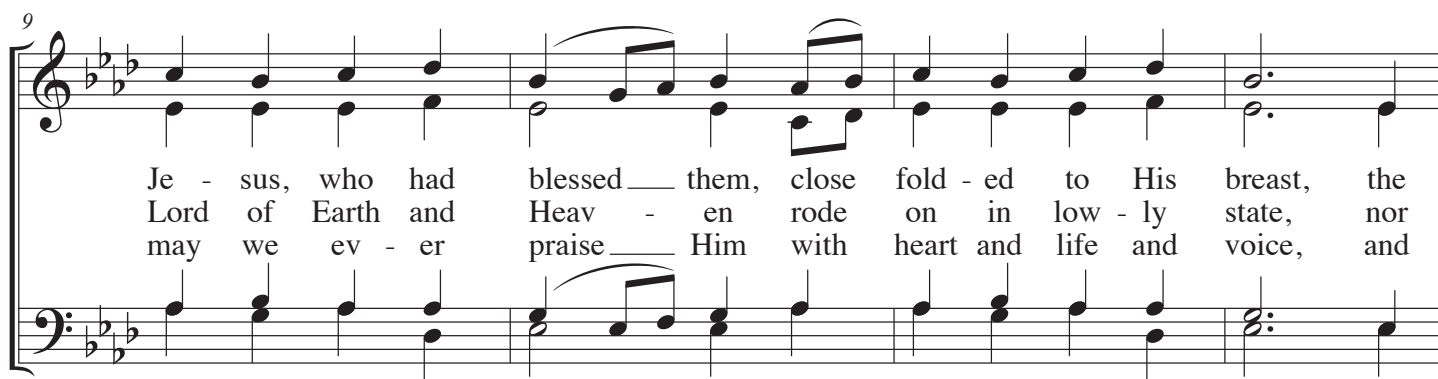
Traditional Tune
ELLACOMBE



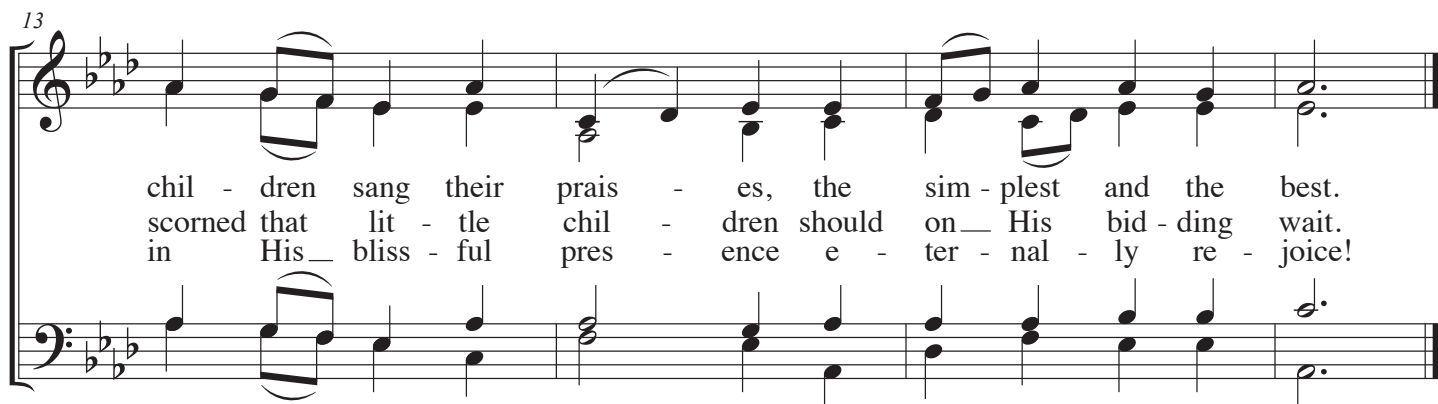
1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na the lit - tle chil - dren sang; Through
2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed a - mong the joy - ful crowd; The
3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" that an - cient song we sing, For



5
pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang. To
vic - t'ry palm branch wav - ing, with prais - es clear and loud. The
Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of Heav'n, our King. Oh,



9
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, nor
may we ev - er praise Him with heart and life and voice, and



13
chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on His bid - ding wait.
in His bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

Let There Be Peace on Earth

*Transcribed for Leisure World Community Church by David Albulario
with hope for peace and refuge for the people of Ukraine, the Middle East, and for all the World*

Music & Words by
SY MILLER and JILL JACKSON

Flowing rubato ♩ = 100





GROW PRAY STUDY

Notes from the Service

My Prayers this week:

Prayer Journal

Use these prayers in your time with God each day.

Household Prayer: Morning

Jesus, in your passion and resurrection, you show me there is no place you have not been and no place you fear to go. Morning by morning, you awaken me more deeply to this truth. Send me into the world this day with the courage and wisdom to be a faithful witness to your emerging reign of justice, mercy, and peace. Amen.

Household Prayer: Midday

God of salvation, In this holiest of weeks, help me to walk in your way of love and service, that I may overturn the world of oppression and hate that I encounter. Help me to know what is mine to do and what is not. And may my discernment be in community for the blessing of the community. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Although I have sought to serve you this day, I have failed to keep your love. You know my strengths and weaknesses more than I; reveal them to me that I may be healed this night and begin afresh tomorrow. Amen.

The Season of Easter

First Sunday of Easter — Eggs



Yes, Eggs are a traditional symbol for Easter. Our Orthodox siblings have been dyeing eggs for Easter for centuries. The eggs were dyed red to symbolize the blood of Jesus. The shell was the tomb and the cracked egg was the open tomb.

Second Sunday of Easter — Water



For our Jewish siblings, the mikvah — (gathering of waters) personifies both the womb and the grave and consequently, rebirth. It is regarded as a pure, unadulterated avenue of connection with God; and for that reason, it is a place where hope is reawakened and strengthened.

Third Sunday of Easter — Starfish



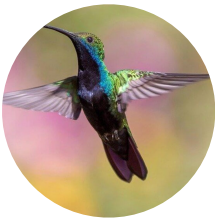
Starfish, like many of our animal siblings, have the ability to regenerate their limbs. Our Native American siblings venerated the starfish for their strength and immortality. The Haida Tribe even has a Starfish Clan.

Fourth Sunday of Easter — Butterfly



The life of the caterpillar as it goes into a cocoon and emerges as a butterfly is perhaps the most common symbol of regeneration, transformation and new life.

Fifth Sunday of Easter — Hummingbird



Just as the Butterfly is the most common symbol of new life, the Hummingbird is perhaps one of the least well known. The seemingly effortless hovering flight of the Hummingbird reminds us of divinity, rebirth, and adaptability as the hummingbird flies from flower to flower.

Sixth Sunday of Easter — Lillies — Mother's Day



White Lilies and other bulb flowers take us through the stages of transformation — bulb — buried, time in the dark of the soil, and the new life shooting forth from the bulb and producing flowers. The hymn of Promise captures this sentiment beautifully.

Seventh Sunday of Easter — Triskele



The Triskele — Triple Spiral — is a Celtic symbol used to represent the trinity and the circle of life. The three circles can represent the unity of body, mind, and soul or life, death, and new life. The cycle of life is perpetual — implying hope and the prospect of new beginnings.