

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

PALM SUNDAY

First Presbyterian Church
Tallahassee, Florida
March 29, 2026, 11:00 AM



GATHERING

Please gather at the foot of the stairs in front of the sanctuary. After the Proclamation, the congregation will follow the choir into the sanctuary.

*Call to Worship

Rev. Glenn Hodges

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever!
Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures for ever."

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Asterisks invite you to rise in body or spirit. Congregational responses are in **bold type.*

Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God, and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

*Proclamation of Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11)

*Processional Hymn 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Christ our Redeemer, try as we might, we do not follow your example. We do not empty ourselves, we do not humble ourselves, we are not obedient. You simply ask us to care about this world you created, but we fail to do even that. Forgive us. You have given us the greatest, clearest example of love. Heal us, and help us to follow.

*Assurance of Pardon

Even in the face of hatred and violence,

We know that Christ loves us.

Even when enduring death,

Christ cares for us; Christ forgives us.

Thanks be to the God of mercy.

*Sung Response Hymn 575

Lord, Have Mercy upon Us

KYRIE ELEISON (Pardini)

*The Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Glenn Hodges

WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Carla Connors

Hebrew Scripture

Isaiah 50:4-9a

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 214

You Are My Refuge, Faithful God

MORNING SONG

Epistle

Philippians 2:5-11

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn 215

What Wondrous Love is This

WONDROUS LOVE

Gospel

Matthew 27:11-54

Mary Kutter
Walter Moore
Rev. Glenn Hodges

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Prayers of the People

...Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kindom 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 kindom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

EUCCHARIST

Call To Offering

Presentation of Gifts, Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

Just Beyond the Palms

Joseph Martin & David Angerman

*All glory, laud, and honor, to Thee, Redeemer King.
We lift our songs as one. Our loud hosannas ring.
Come walk the way of palms with me.
Follow the One who comes to set His people free.
Behold your King!
The city gates are open wide.
Great sons of praise are lifted to the Lord on high.
Behold your King! Hosanna to the King of glory.
Is this Messiah? Where is His crown?
Is this the One? The question resounds!*

*Is this the Savior? Where is His robe?
Is this the King that was foretold?
Come, see this miracle unfold!
Ride on, ride on in majesty.
Walk on, walk on, and climb the hill to Calvary.
Behold your King!
Lift up your heads, Jerusalem.
See now the Lion goes to die a Lamb!
Behold the Lamb! Behold your King!
Behold the Lamb of God!*

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*Hymn 514

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

SCHMUKE DICH

*Blessing and Charge

May the steadfast love of God, the abundant grace of Jesus Christ,
and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus:
If any wish to be my disciples let them take up the cross and follow me. **Amen.**

Voluntary

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, Op. 122 No. 5

Johannes Brahms

IN WORSHIP TODAY

Kingdom” or “Kindom” in the Lord’s Prayer? Kingdoms were the dominant community structure when our Scriptures were written. Some find it meaningful to think about other Biblical metaphors to convey the ethos of care and genuine kin-ships about which Jesus taught and preached. Please pray as you choose.

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations — We offer prayers for healing for Sue Safford, Sabrina Wright, Juana Maria Diaz Perez (mother of Ruben Diaz), Bob Rackleff, Rich Peyton, Brant Copeland, Martha Kutter, Joyce Crawford, Bev Breedlove, Tara Reynolds, Sandra Sherrard, Martha Snowden and Wayne Friedemann. **We offer prayers for strength and mercy** for Evanna (sister of Wayne Friedemann), Patricia McCoy Delancey, and Thaddeus Gillon. **We pray for the staff and volunteers** of Second Harvest of the Big Bend and all our mission partners. **We pray for victims of gun violence** in our community and our country. **We pray for the Presbyterian Reformed Church** in Cuba, Pastor Izett Samá Hernández, and Pastor Alison Infante. **We pray for peace** in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, and around the world. **We also pray for those in military service**, including Brian Guisao, Ross Yeilding, David DelRossi, and Owen Elzie.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children are welcome in this service as full members of God’s family. Parents and children are invited to use whatever is useful in the basket by the door to the Narthex. Childcare for children under the age of kindergarten is in the Education Building. Please note that during worship the Education Building is locked. Please enter through the breezeway door.

Restrooms are located in this building through the door at the end of each ground floor aisle of the sanctuary.

An induction loop system is available in the sanctuary. To use the system, switch your compatible hearing aid to the T–telephone mode or request a wireless headset from an usher.

Large Print Versions of the *Glory to God* hymnal and worship bulletin are available from ushers.

Visitors: We are glad you are here this morning! If you have questions about our congregation or membership, please let us know by using the friendship registers or speaking to one of the greeters so we can connect you with the right people. We welcome new members after worship on the second Sunday of each month.

Holy Week Schedule: Friday, April 3, 6 PM — Good Friday Service; Sunday, April 5, 9:30 AM — Easter breakfast and egg hunt; 11:00 AM — Worship.

CHECK IN



Let us know you came
to Worship today!



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All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

- 1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
- 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
- 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

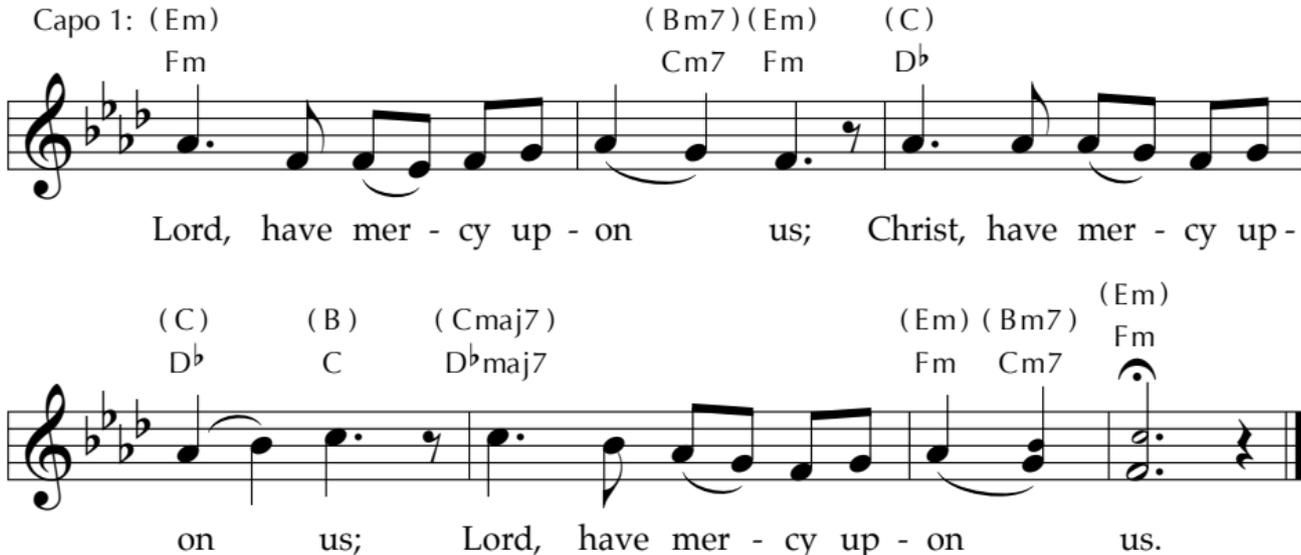
who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

Lord, Have Mercy upon Us 575

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm7)(Em) (C)

Fm Cm7 Fm D^b



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer - cy up -

(C) (B) (Cmaj7) (Em) (Bm7) (Em)
D^b C D^bmaj7 Fm Cm7 Fm

on us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: J. Christopher Pardini, 2005

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KYRIE ELEISON (Pardini)

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(Psalm 31)

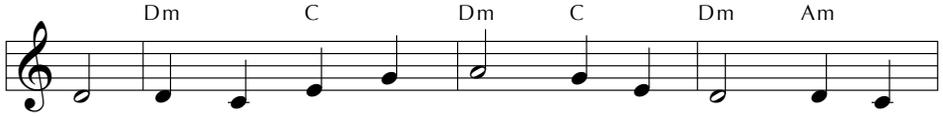
1 You are my ref - uge, faith - ful God; you
 2 De - liv - er me from hid - den snares, from
 3 Be - gra - cious, God, in my dis - tress, and
 4 I am a wretch - ed sight to see: a
 5 And yet I trust in you, O God; your

shel - ter me from shame. I put my spir - it
 sor - row, pain, and strife. When trou - bles seem to
 dry my bit - ter tears. My life is spent in
 bro - ken, emp - ty thing, with on - ly ter - ror
 cov - e - nant still stands. Re - deem me, in your

in your hands and call up - on your name.
 smoth - er me, take heed, and save my life!
 mis - er - y; I sigh a - way my years.
 all a - round, and death - ly whis - per - ing,
 faith - ful love: my life is in your hands.

What John Calvin said about Psalm 31:5 can be applied to this paraphrase of the psalm as a whole: it is one of the places in scripture "most suitable for correcting distrust." That verse was on Jesus' dying lips (Luke 23:46), and this psalm is appointed for Passion/Palm Sunday.

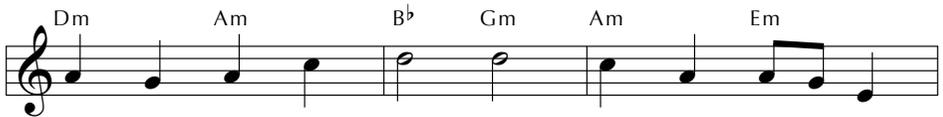
What Wondrous Love Is This 215



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing
 3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What
 down, when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to
 on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of
 I was sink - ing down be - neath God's righ - teous
 God and to the Lamb who is the great I
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful



bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my
 AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
 be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!
 soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!
 sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
 on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

With its ballad-like repetitions before and after each stanza's central narrative lines, this meditative text needs performance in order to be effective. Its haunting melody proves the means of convincing us that the only adequate response to "wondrous love" is to "sing on."

514 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

1 Soul, a - dorn your-self with glad - ness; leave the gloom-y haunts of
 2 Sun, who all my life does bright-en; light, who does my soul en -
 3 Je - sus, source of last-ing plea - sure, tru - est friend and dear-est

sad - ness. Come in - to the day-light's splen - dor; there with
 light - en; joy, your won - drous gift be - stow - ing; fount, from
 trea - sure, peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing, joy in -

joy your prais-es ren - der. Bless the one whose grace un - bound-ed
 which all good is flow - ing; at your feet I cry, my Mak - er,
 to all life ex - pand-ing; hum - bly now, I bow be - fore you,

this a - maz - ing ban-quet found - ed; Christ, though heaven-ly,
 let me be a fit par - tak - er of this bless - ed
 love in - car - nate, I a - dore you; wor - thi - ly let

Although the celebration of the Lord's Supper is a solemn occasion, it is not a sad or somber one, but one evoking a deep joy. That tone also characterizes this chorale setting created for the original German text and notable for its support of the numerous two-syllable rhymes.

LORD'S SUPPER

high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
food from heav - en, for our good, your glo - ry giv - en.
me re - ceive you and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'LORD'S SUPPER'. It consists of two staves: a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.