



# First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

April 13, 2025

## PRELUDE - Hani

**Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness**

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## PROCESSIONAL HYMN #159 *Lift High the Cross* (v. 1)

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.  
The hosts of God in unity combine.

*Refrain*

## **Lift High The Cross (Crucifer)**

George William Kitchin | Michael Robert Newbolt | Sydney Hugo Nicholson

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## WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Today, we join Jesus in the final ascent to Jerusalem, knowing the depths we will descend on our journey through Holy Week.

**All: Open the gates of righteousness, that we may come worship God!**

Leader: We join the disciples in declaring that Jesus, riding on a donkey, is our Ruler, the One who will bring peace and salvation for all.

**All: Open the gates of peace, that we may come worship God!**

Leader: We join with the bystanders who questioned and wondered who this Jesus really is, who feared the consequences of angering the powers that be.

**All: Open the gates of truth, that we may come worship God!**

Leader: The journey through Holy Week brings us face-to-face with the stark reality of sin and God's faithfulness to save.

**All: Open the gates of salvation, that we may come worship God whose steadfast love never fails!**

*(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)*

**OPENING HYMN #278** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna,  
the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple  
the lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them  
close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises,  
the simplest and the best.

2. From Olivet they followed  
mid an exultant crowd,  
the victor palm branch waving,  
and chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of earth and heaven  
rode on in lowly state,  
nor scorned that little children  
should on his bidding wait.

3. "Hosanna in the highest!"  
that ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer,  
the Lord of heaven our King.  
O may we ever praise him  
with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence  
eternally rejoice!

**Hosanna Loud Hosannas (Ellacombe)**  
Jennette Threlfall  
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**SPECIAL MUSIC - Hallelujah Homies****I Wanna Bear Fruit**

Megan Tibbits | Nuo Liu | Dusty Moon

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**TIME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

## JOYS AND CONCERNS / PASTORAL PRAYER / 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and glory forever. Amen.

## OFFERING

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## OFFERTORY MUSIC – Jonathan

Amazing Grace  
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## DOXOLOGY

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.

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow (Old 100th)  
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## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of Peace, who reigns in unexpected ways, we gather before you in this season of Lent, bringing our gifts as an offering of our hearts. Just as the crowd welcomed Jesus with shouts of praise, we offer our lives in service to your kingdom. Use these gifts to bring hope, healing, and love to a world longing for your peace. Guide us to give generously with joyful hearts, knowing that in our giving, we proclaim your reign of grace. Bless these offerings and all who give in the name of Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*(Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Luke 19:28-40)*

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 19:28-40 (NRSV)

28 After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

29 When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, 30 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. 31 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" 32 So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. 33 As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" 34 They said, "The Lord needs it." 35 Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. 36 As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. 37 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, 38 saying,

"Blessed is the king  
who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!"

39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." 40 He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

*Response*

The Word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem – Chancel Choir****On The Road To Jerusalem**

Joseph Martin

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**SERMON – Rev. Jacob Lee**

*Blessed Is The King*

**CLOSING HYMN #277 Tell Me the Stories of Jesus (v. 1, 3)**

1. Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;  
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:  
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,  
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

3. Into the city I'd follow the children's band,  
waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;  
one of his heralds, yes, I would sing  
loudest hosannas, "Jesus is King!"

**Tell Me The Stories Of Jesus (Stories Of Jesus)**  
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### **POSTLUDE - Hani**

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Tom Birchwood  
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