



First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

March 29, 2026

PRELUDE - Hani

Andantino in A flat Major
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN #159 *Lift High the Cross* (v. 4)

Refrain

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

4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory!

Refrain

Lift High The Cross (Crucifer)

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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lenten travelers, the journey to the cross begins with a procession into Jerusalem, a demonstration of Jesus' saving power.

All: We come to call on Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!

Leader: The crowds line the path and shout "Hosanna! Save us!" as Jesus rides in, not on a mighty war horse, but on the backs of a donkey and a colt.

All: We come to call on Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!

Leader: The city murmurs, wondering who this person is who demonstrates power through humility, strength without tyranny.

All: We come to witness Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!

Leader: Lenten travelers, will you come on the journey to Jerusalem, following a Messiah who saves us to live after the pattern of the kingdom of God, not the kingdoms of this world?

All: We come to follow Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!

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PROCESSIONAL *Hosanna Hosanna* Children/Youth/Teachers*Verse*

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest

Chorus

Lord we lift up Your name, with our hearts full of praise
Be exalted, O Lord, our God
Hosanna in the highest

Verse

Glory, glory, glory to the King of Kings
Glory, glory, glory to the King of Kings

Chorus

Lord we lift up Your name, with our hearts full of praise
Be exalted, O Lord, our God
Glory to the King of Kings

Verse

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest

Chorus (repeat 2x)

Lord we lift up Your name, with our hearts full of praise
Be exalted, O Lord, our God
Hosanna in the highest

Close

Be exalted, O Lord, our God
Hosanna in the highest

Hosanna

Carl Tuttle

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REFLECTION *What is Palm Sunday?* Pastor Angela

OPENING HYMN #278 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* (v. 1, 3)

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.

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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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 - Rev. Jacob S. Lee

The Holy City
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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

Humble Savior, you ride into our lives not with force, but with invitation—calling us to follow, to risk, and to trust. As we bring these gifts, we confess we don't always understand where the road leads. But like those who laid down cloaks and waved palms, we offer what we have with hope in our hearts and praise on our lips. Use these offerings to proclaim your kingdom—where love confronts fear, and peace dares to speak in the shadow of power. Save us, Lord. Use us. Amen.

(Matthew 21:1-11)

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

Draw Nigh to Jerusalem

David Williams

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SERMON – Rev. Jacob Lee

Who Do We Say Jesus Is – Now?

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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BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL Children/Youth/Teachers

POSTLUDE – Hani

Hosanna in the Highest

Tom Birchwood

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