

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“The Palm Sunday story calls us into an in-between space—into the fraught space between freedom and captivity, companionship and betrayal, outrageous joy and unspeakable sorrow, life and death. Somewhere between Bethany and Jerusalem a parade is forming that also, in a certain light, looks like a funeral cortège. We know what is coming, but we are not there yet. We are in between and we are asked to sing. It is uncomfortable, singing even as we weep. But it is the way of discipleship.” - Ron Adams

Palm/Passion Sunday | April 13, 2025 10 a.m.

Welcome!

We are delighted you have joined House of Hope for worship.

Our open and affirming, caring active community welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds.

House of Hope Mission Statement:

Building a loving community for all, House of Hope shares God's grace and presence through music, the arts, reflection, and action. Come join us as we walk through life together.

Our regular Sunday Worship time is 10 a.m., followed by refreshments, social hour, and educational opportunities. If you have any questions, our ushers will be glad to help you.

We invite you to join us for refreshments, including fair trade coffee, served in the **Kirk Parlour** following the service.

Sunday Morning Family Resources:

- **Sunday School:** Following the Children's Blessing, children may leave the service to engage in faith formation with adult leaders to the East Wing for Sunday School. Caregivers should pick their children up from the East Wing.
- **Worship:** Children may also engage their faith by remaining in the service.
- **Worship bags** are available in the Narthex with age-appropriate materials to help kids focus as they worship alongside their families. You can ask an usher to help you find the best bag for you!
- A **Wiggle Space** for children needing a little more scope to move is available in the sanctuary entrance way during the service. There are books and toys there for your use. Feel free to come in and out of the Sanctuary as needed.
- A variety of **children's Bibles** are located in the church pews.
- Our **Nursery** is open for infants – toddlers. A parent/guardian must sign children in and out of the nursery. Bring a photo ID with you.
- **Nursing:** At House of Hope, parents are welcome to nurse their children wherever they feel comfortable. Feel free to ask an usher if you would feel more comfortable in a more private area.
- **Need help?** Ask an usher or Children and Family Ministry staff any time!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING. In Isaiah 58, God issues a call and a challenge — to love one another more deeply by sharing what we have with those in need. One Great Hour of Sharing is our direct response to the ways in which God has called us to share. Today and next Sunday, we ask you to give generously to an offering that makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship, and for those who serve them through gifts of money and time. Please use the special envelopes in the pew rack, or the white envelopes indicating: OGHS. You can also donate online at Online: <https://bit.ly/HOHGiving> > Fund: OGHS or by texting HOH OGHS to 73256. Thank you.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

The Awakening

The Bells of Hope – Joe England, Cellist; Timothy Short, Director

Karen Lacey Buckwalter

Processional with Palms

+ Processional Hymn 88

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Aaron David Miller, Organist

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

**Holy One, we confess that we sing your praises in one breath
and curse one another in the next. We fail to follow you and to live into your ways.
We follow the ways of this world, the crowds of power, and feed the fears
of the powerful. We abandon faith in you to chase a passing glimpse
of worldly satisfaction and security. Forgive us for our foolishness.
Call us back into your ways of love, compassion, and hope.
Call us into living into your ways of healing and reparation and restoration.
In the name of Jesus Christ, who entered Jerusalem as one of us and died for us all,
we pray. (The prayer will continue with our silent confessions.)**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

+ Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here be - low; praise
God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fath - er, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson

Judy Brooks

Psalm 118:1-2,19-29 (OT, pp. 565-566 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Lift Up Your Heads

Jody W Lindh

St Cecilia and St Nicholas Choirs; Jessica Bandelin, Conductor; Timothy Short, Piano

Lift up your heads, O ye gates
Be lifted up, O ancient doors,
That the King of glory shall come in.
Hosanna to the Son, to the Son of David,
Hosanna David's Son
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord
Who is the King of Glory?
'Tis the Lord strong and mighty!

Children's Blessing (unison)

Here in worship, or going out, we promise to nurture your faith, support your gifts and listen to your voices among us. Remember: God is with you always, every day and everywhere.

Following the blessing, children are invited to either stay in the service with their guardians, or walk out with their guardians to the Narthex to be led to the East Wing for Sunday School.

Second Lesson

Luke 19:28-40 (NT, p. 83 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

Hosanna in the Highest

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 84

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBUN

+ Affirmation of Faith — Adapted from the *Confession of 1967*

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ

is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways.

It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd's life given for his sheep,

atonement by a priest; again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt,

vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil.

These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory

in the depths of God's love for humankind. They reveal the gravity, cost,

and sure achievement of God's reconciling work.

Prayers of the People 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.

Offering — There are four ways to give an offering:

- **In-Person.** Offering plates will be passed throughout the congregation at this time.
- **Website.** On the homepage, click "Support House of Hope", then click on "Make a Gift"
- **Mail.** Mail a check to 797 Summit Ave. Saint Paul, MN 55105
- **QR Code.** Please see insert.

Offertory Anthem

The Three Ravens

Thomas Ravenscroft

There were three ravens sat on a tree,
Down-a-down, hey down-a-down,
They were as black as they might be,
With a down, derry, down, down.

For down in yonder greene field,
A knight lies slain beneath his shield.

Now down there comes a fallow doe,
As great with child as she might go.

She lifted up his bloody head,
And kissed his wounds that were so red.

She buried him before the prime,
Was dead herself ere evensong time.

+ Offertory Response



O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day and sing the love a-maz-ing that
songs can - not re - pay; for we can on-ly won-der at ev - 'ry gift you send, at
bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end: we lift our hearts be-fore you and
wait u-pon your word, we hon - or and a-dore you, our great and might - y Lord.

+ Prayer of Dedication

+ Recessional Hymn 89

Hosanna, Loud, Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

+ Benediction

Postlude

Gigue

Dietrich Buxtehude

The Carillon will remain silent throughout Holy Week.

The Communion Table Flowers are given in loving memory of Carol L. Damberg.

The Pulpit Table Flowers are given in honor of Rev. Dr. Scott and Gail Kenefake.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT HOUSE OF HOPE

Maundy Thursday with The Lord's Supper, April 17

Elizabeth Chapel | 12 p.m.

Office of Tenebrae: Responsories by Healey Willan
Sanctuary | 7 p.m. No childcare available.

Good Friday, April 18

Elizabeth Chapel | 12 p.m.

Good Friday Vespers

*A Choral Vespers with Poetry of Mary Oliver and Susan Palo Cherwien,
a moving and reflective collection of poetry alongside anthems
by Lotti, Culloton, Gibbons, Walker, and more.*

The Motet Choir and Chamber Orchestra
Sanctuary | 7 p.m. No childcare available.

Easter Sunday, April 20

7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service, Elizabeth Chapel

9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Worship Services, Sanctuary
Festive worship with organ, brass, and The Motet Choir
Childcare available (9 & 11 a.m.)

Easter Egg Hunt 10:10 a.m.

Peace Candle. The single candle near the pulpit is our Peace Candle, lighted as a reminder of the ongoing need for our prayer for peace in the world.

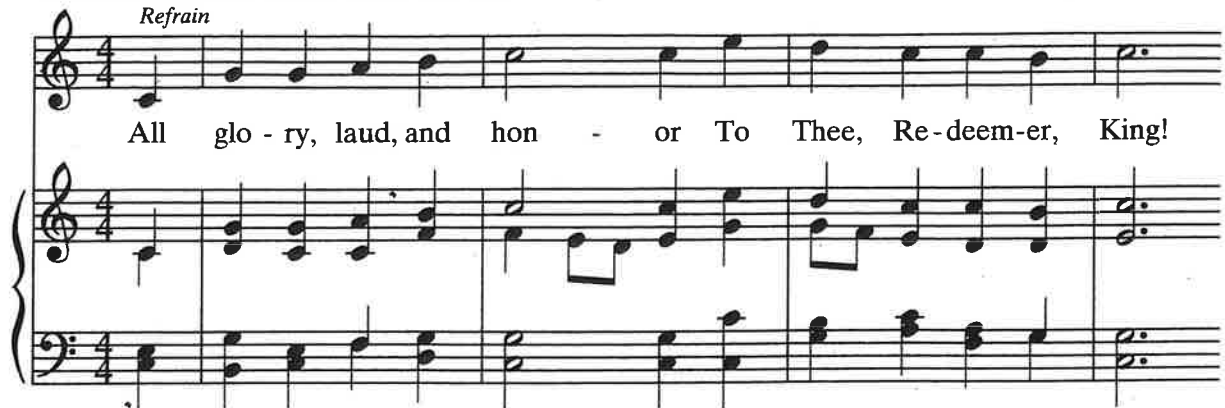
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All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN 7.6.7.6 D

Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820
Trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1859Melchior Teschner, 1614
Arr. William Henry Monk, 1861

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To Thee, Re-deem-er, King!

Fine

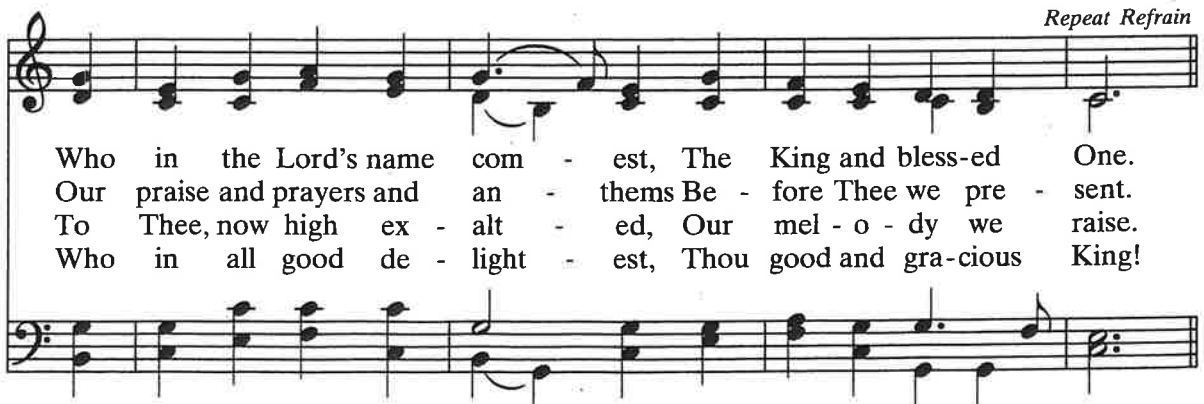


To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



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,

Repeat Refrain



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!



God, should take Our mor - tal form for mor-tals' sake.
 sharp He knew, For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
 cross and death, For us gave up His dy - ing breath.
 Spir - it here To guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
 we a - dore For - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

Galatians 6:14

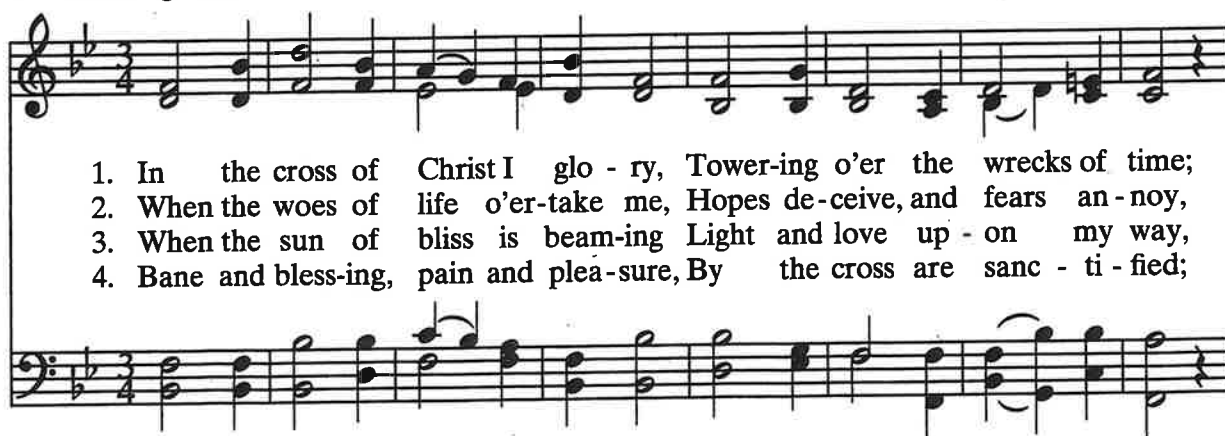
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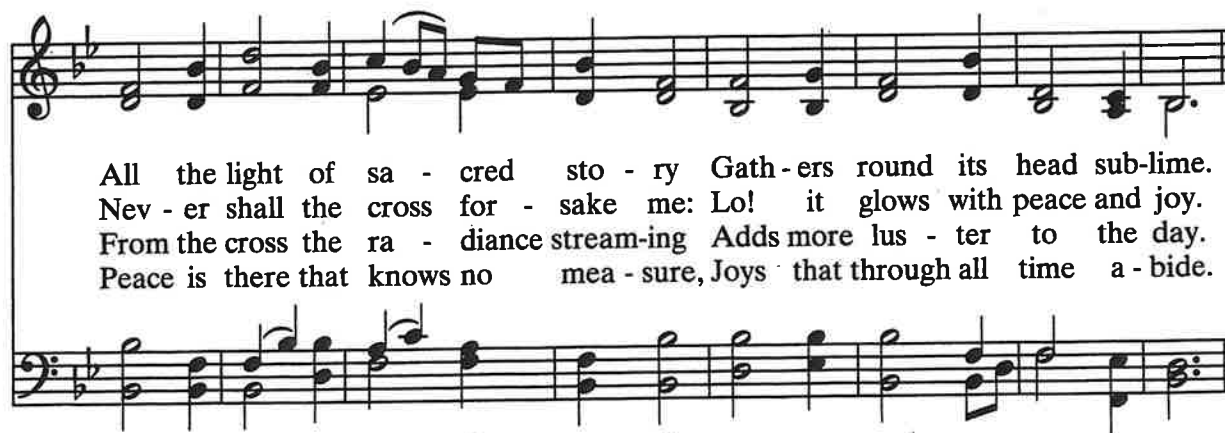
RATHBUN 8.7.8.7

John Bowring, 1825

Ithamar Conkey, 1849



1. In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tower-ing o'er the wrecks of time;
 2. When the woes of life o'er-take me, Hopes de-ceive, and fears an- noy,
 3. When the sun of bliss is beam-ing Light and love up - on my way,
 4. Bane and bless-ing, pain and plea-sure, By the cross are sanc - ti - fied;



All the light of sa - cred sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub-lime.
 Nev - er shall the cross for - sake me: Lo! it glows with peace and joy.
 From the cross the ra - diance stream-ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
 Peace is there that knows no mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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ELLACOMBE 7.6.7.6 D

Jennette Threlfall, 1873

*Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen
Katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784; alt. 1868*

1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'Mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The joy - ful an - them rang;
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, And chant - ing clear and loud;
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heaven our King.

To 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,
O may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice,

The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice.



News & Opportunities

April 13 – 20, 2025

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Jimmy Hoke: JimmyH@hohchurch.org

Nursery available at 8:45 a.m. in Room 8
Sunday School | 10:15 a.m. | Rooms 2 & 4

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at approximately 10:10 a.m.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Elsa Kendig: ElsaK@hohchurch.org

Youth Group – Sunday, April 13

Youth Room | 5-8 p.m.

Chipotle and a movie!

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Practice the Pause: The Good News of Neuroscience and Ancient Scripture

**Saturday, May 3 - Sunday, May 4
Assembly Room**

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