

LITURGY OF THE WORD
MARCH 29, 2026 ☉ PALM/PASSION SUNDAY



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PIANO PRELUDE

Truro

– Psalmodia Evangélica

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew 21:1–11

One: When Jesus had come near Jerusalem... This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying:

Many: "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

One: The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them... The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting:

Many: "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven."

One: When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying:

Many: "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Glory, Laud and Honor

See insert

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Matthew 21:6–7

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

ending with *The Lord's Prayer*

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin'dom come...

* PASSING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you: **And also with you.**

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God of boundless mercy, on Sunday we come with palms, on Friday we come with apathy or malice, with smartphones and a noose.

Many: Grant us the courage and grace to face the ways our actions, or our lack of action, bring about your suffering in the lives of our neighbors, our enemies, and the earth itself... (silent prayer)

* ASSURANCE OF GRACE

* HYMN

My Song Is Love Unknown

See insert, vv. 1, 3 & 5

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 26: 1 – 16

Pew Bible, NT, p. 29

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Steve Reid

CHORAL OFFERTORY

Pride (In the Name of Love)

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* DOXOLOGY

Tune: Vienna

**Take my life, God, let it be consecrated faithfully.
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my will, your will be done! Make your will and mine be one.
Take my heart and, by your grace, make of it your dwelling place.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Feasting on the Word

One: God of all good gifts, we thank you for showing us how to care for each other. May these gifts lead to great feasting for those who have no banquets set before them.

Many: May these gifts build shelters and provide food. May they proclaim your desire that all your creation live in peace. Grant us grateful hearts, O God, in the name of the one who came to draw all people to himself, Jesus Christ, our savior and friend. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 27: 32 – 44

Pew Bible, NT, p. 32

SERMON

God Can Only Love

Pastor Benjamin

PIANO INTERLUDE

Rhosymedre

– John D. Edwards

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 27: 45 – 51

Pew Bible, NT, p. 33

CLOSING HYMN

Were You There

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*As you are ready, please leave the sanctuary in silence,
waiting to speak until you have left the sanctuary.*



WORSHIP LEADERS

Ushers Terri Harper (Lead)
Jimmy & Marlene Hooper
Piano J. Althea & Michael Ost
Liturgists Steve Reid & Tirza Dawn
Preacher Rev. Benjamin Broadbent
Worship Music Chancel Choir
Choir Director Andy DelMonte
Tech Team Eliana Curtis & Elia DelMonte
Flowers Kathy Matthies

STAFF TEAM

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teaching the message of Jesus to all ages and putting our faith into action.

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