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March 29, 2026

11:00am

Tower Chimes

Janet Cook

Music to Gather:

**“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” arr. Wayne Kerr**  
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**Welcome**

**Call to Worship by Church of Scotland 1994**

One: Humble and riding on a donkey,

**All: we greet you;**

One: Acclaimed by crowds and caroled by children,

**All: we cheer you;**

One: moving from the peace of the countryside to the corridors of power,

**All: We salute you: Christ our Lord.**

One: You are giving the beast of burden a **new dignity;**

**All: you are giving majesty a new face;**

One: you are giving those who long for redemption **a new song to sing.** With them, with heart and voice, we shout:

**All: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**Hymn #215... "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty"**

## Ride On! Ride On in Majesty

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Henry H. Milman, 1827; adapt. Lavon Bayler, 1993

1. Ride on! Ride on in maj-es-ty!  
O Christ, with brave hu-mil-i-ty,  
On low-ly colt, your road pur-sue,  
as palms and cloaks are spread for you.
  
2. Ride on! Ride on in maj-es-ty!  
As crowds of peo-ple come to see  
And shout ho-san-nas, lift-ing high  
their praise for one a-bout to die.
  
3. Ride on! Ride on in maj-es-ty!  
Ride on in hum-ble dig-ni-ty;  
Be-hold the ones you came to save  
from sense-less life and end-less grave.
  
4. Ride on! Ride on in maj-es-ty!  
For you have set your peo-ple free  
And we, re-mem-bering all your pain,  
now meet a-gain to hail your reign.

Luke 19:36–38; Zech. 9:9

## Profession of Faith

One: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you are welcome here! This week shout Hosanna and leap with joy because of who Jesus is and what he has come to do!

**All: Holy Jesus, we gather together to watch your triumphant entry! We notice something is different. You are on a donkey, not a horse. You are riding in on a bed of cloaks and branches, not red carpets and roses. This is not what we expected, but it is exactly what we needed! We see your humble heart and join with the shouts of Hosanna to the son of David! Precious Jesus, we with us this week and help us to gain a deeper understanding of your precious gift of salvation. Amen.**

Response to prayer of confession 🎵 Hymn #211, V 2

**As you with Satan did contend,  
and did the victory win,  
O give us strength to persevere,  
in you to conquer sin.**

## Words of Reassurance

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

**All: “Hosanna in the highest heaven!”**

Response to Words of Assurance 🎵 Hymn #213, V 3

**“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song is ours.**

**We hail our great Redeemer and sing with all our powers:**

**“Hosanna, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice.**

**Hosanna! In your presence forever we'll rejoice!”**

Scriptures

Trudi Egan

Reading 1: Matthew 21:1-11 (page 796)

Reading 2: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (page 494-495)

Congregational Response 🎵 (aka prayer for grace)

***Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.***

***Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.***

***Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.***

***Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.***

Children's Moment

Sermon: "Brown" Rev. Becky Sausser

**Hymn #216... "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"**

*(Note: Ushers will collect "Prayer Cards" during this time. Prayer cards are in the pews.)*

Morning Prayer and 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.**

Theodulph of Orléans, 9th century  
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1854; alt.

1. All glo-ry, laud, and hon-or to you, O Christ, we sing,  
to whom the lips of chil-dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!  
The peo-ple of the He-breus with palms a-dorned your way;  
our praise and prayer and an-thems we of-fer you this day.
  
2. O Prom-ised One of Is-rael, of Da-vid's roy-al line,  
the one called "God's be-lov-ed," of flesh and yet di-vine,  
To you, be-fore your pas-sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
to you, now high ex-alt-ed, our mel-o-dy we raise.
  
3. As you re-ceived their prais-es, re-ceive our prayers to-day,  
whose jus-tice and whose mer-cy and sov-ereign-ty hold sway.  
All glo-ry, laud, and hon-or to you, O Christ, we sing,  
to whom the lips of chil-dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

Matt. 21:8-9

Prayer Response 🎵 Hymn #219 Verse 1

**Journey to Gethsemane,  
Go and feel the tempter's power;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see,  
Watch the anguish of this hour;  
Do not hide or turn away:  
Lean from Jesus how to pray.**

Chancel Choir "Hail and Hosanna"

Announcements

Jeff Rissell

Offering

Offertory "Think about His Love" Walt Harrah

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\* Doxology 🎵

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* Hymn "The Palms" Jean-Baptiste Faure

All 'round our way the palms and blossoms gay

Strewn on this day in festal preparation.  
Jesus appears to wash our sins away,  
See now the throngs to greet the King of kings.

Join all and sing, His name declare!  
Let ev'ry voice resound, unite in acclamation.  
Hosanna! Praise to the Lord!  
Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation.

His word goes forth to set the captives free,  
Once more they gain freedom from degradation,  
Saviour, Redeemer of Humanity,  
Bringing the light to all the world again.

Join all and sing, His name declare!  
Let ev'ry voice resound, unite in acclamation.  
Hosanna! Praise to the Lord!  
Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation.

Come with rejoicing, O Jerusalem,  
Raise now thy voice, sing the emancipation.  
For by His Love, the Christ of Bethlehem  
Brings faith and hope to all who worship Him.  
Join all and sing, His name declare!  
Let ev'ry voice resound, unite in acclamation.

Hosanna! Praise to the Lord!  
Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation.  
\* Commission and Blessing

**\* Threefold Amen**

*Amen, Amen, Amen*

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**No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.**

**God is still speaking, ...**