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Sunday, March 24, 2024

10:00AM

Palm Sunday

**WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude**

Ride On, King Jesus  
Combined Chancel and Gospel Choirs

arr. Howard Helvey

*Welcome to all – especially to our guests.*

*Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad, located in each of the pews.*

*Hymns labeled GTG are in the Glory to God Hymnal (purple)*

*Hymns labeled AAHH are in the African American Heritage Hymnal (beige)*

*Children are excused to Sunday School after the Passing of the Peace.*

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship** (Mark 11:9, Psalm 136:1, Psalm 118:25,26, Zechariah 9:9)

With crowds from ancient times we cry,

**Hosanna! Save us!**

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

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

**We bless you in the house of the Lord!**

Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he.

**Humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

Let us worship the living God!

**Gospel Praise**

Hosanna to the King

**Minute for Mission**

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, as we enter this Holy Week of Lent, solemnly gathered at your house of prayer, we turn our hearts toward Jerusalem. We want to walk the way with Jesus, to be present each step from the Mount of Olives to the cross to the empty tomb. And yet we fall away. Forgive our stubborn resistance to Christ's work and witness. Inspire us by your Spirit to follow in his way, until we enter with him into the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

### Declaration of God's Forgiveness

The one who rode into Jerusalem to cheering crowds knew that the cross awaited. In this way, we might know the great love of God for us. Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, has defeated sin forever.

**Hear and believe this good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

### Passing of the Peace/A Time for Celebration

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

*(Exchange signs of Christ's peace and forgiveness with others. We greet one another as neighbors in Christ. You may say "Peace be with you," or respond, "And also with you.")*

**\*Response GTG #792**      There Is a Balm in Gilead

**There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;  
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul. (Refrain)  
Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,  
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.  
(Refrain)**

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

### Prayer for Illumination

## Philippians 2: 5-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

# John 12:12-19

## Message

**WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

## Affirmation of Faith (Confession of 1967, Inclusive Language)

**The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgement on the inhumanity that makes human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.**

**\*Hymn GTG #196**

## All Glory, Laud, and Honor

## Call to Offering

## Invitation to Offering

*The offering plates will be passed this morning.*

## Offertory Anthem

Christ, to Thee Be Glory  
Chancel Choir

## Heinrich Schütz

**\*Doxology GTG #606** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow  
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.

## **Prayer of Dedication**

## **Prayers of the People**

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.

## **WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*Hymn AAHH #563** I Want Jesus To Walk With Me

## **\*Benediction**

**Postlude** Toccata on 'Rathbun' David Cherwien

*The organ postlude is offered as an instrumental prayer. You are invited to remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly, remembering those who are still worshipping.*

## **Worship Leaders:**

The Rev. Dakota Whitaker, Pastor/Head of Staff  
Dalos Grobe, Chancel Choir Director/Organist  
Victor Boyd, Gospel Choir Director  
Tammy Brown, Liturgist

\* Please stand as you are able.

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# All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

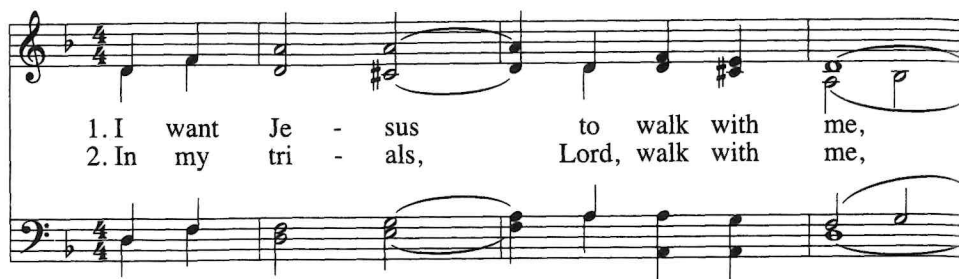
1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

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!

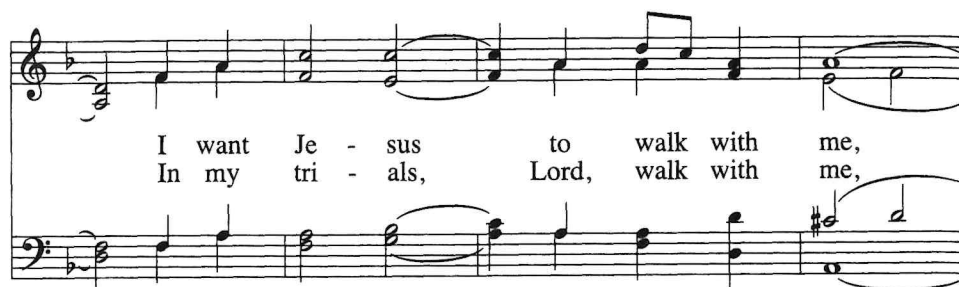
*to Refrain*

# 563 I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME

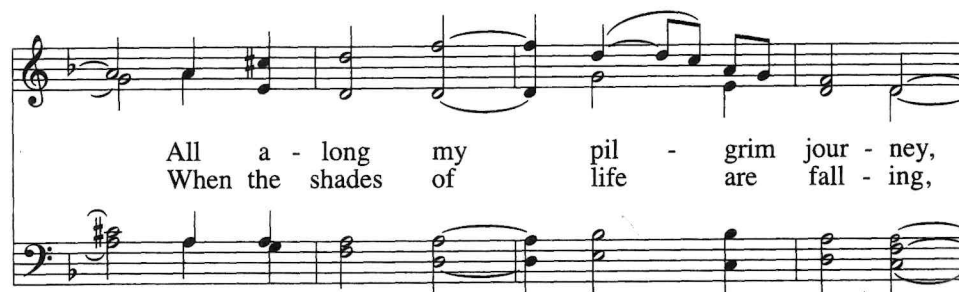
*Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light..."*  
John 12:35



1. I want Je - sus to walk with me,  
2. In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me,



I want Je - sus to walk with me,  
In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me,



All a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
When the shades of life are fall - ing,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.