

PRELUDE

Two Settings of "Valet will ich dir geben"

BWV 736

J. S. Bach

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Georg Kaufmann

WELCOME

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Jane Cave

One: Ride on, King Jesus!

All: Ride with passion and compassion!

One: Ride in triumph and joy.

All: Ride with humility and gentleness.

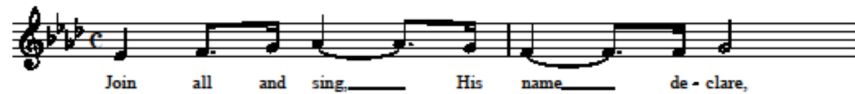
One: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

All: Hosanna in the highest heaven!

†HYMN

The Palms

Jean Faure



Choir: Let every voice resound with acclamation:



†OPENING PRAYER

Jesus, you have brought us to this turning point in the Lenten journey with us many times in the past. Guide our steps again as we try to maintain our balance on the tightwire of praise and passion. Inspire our worship with your loving presence. Work in our lives, that your saving Spirit may bless us and equip us to bless others. Amen.

INVITATION TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

ANTHEM

The Simplest and the Best
The First Church Choir

arr. Alfred Fedak

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

PALM SUNDAY READING

[Mark 11:1-11](#) (NT p. 57)

†RESPONSE (HYMN 515)

Give Me a Clean Heart

DOUROUX

Give me a clean heart so I may serve thee. Lord, fix my heart so that I may be used by thee. For I'm not worthy of all these blessings. Give me a clean heart and I'll follow thee.

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SERMON

Hosanna's Hard Edge

Rev. Fredd

HYMN 191

[Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!](#)

CANONBURY

PASTORAL 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.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Oh! For a Closer Walk with God

C. V. Stanford

The First Church Choir

†DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We thank you, Christ Jesus, for your steadfastness and your faithfulness. We are grateful for your example of love and humble leadership. Bless the gifts we return to you, that they may guide others to follow you and walk in the way of truth. Amen.

†HYMN 196

[Go to Dark Gethsemane](#)

REDHEAD

PASSION SUNDAY READING [Mark 14:1-11](#) (NT p. 62)

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *Amazing Love* SAGINA
The First Church Choir

POSTLUDE *Carillon* Louis Vierne



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† *Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.*

Rev. Fredd Ward, Senior Pastor
Jim Boratko, Director of Worship Arts
Jennifer deSimas, Director of Faith Formation and the John P. Webster Library

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments following the service!