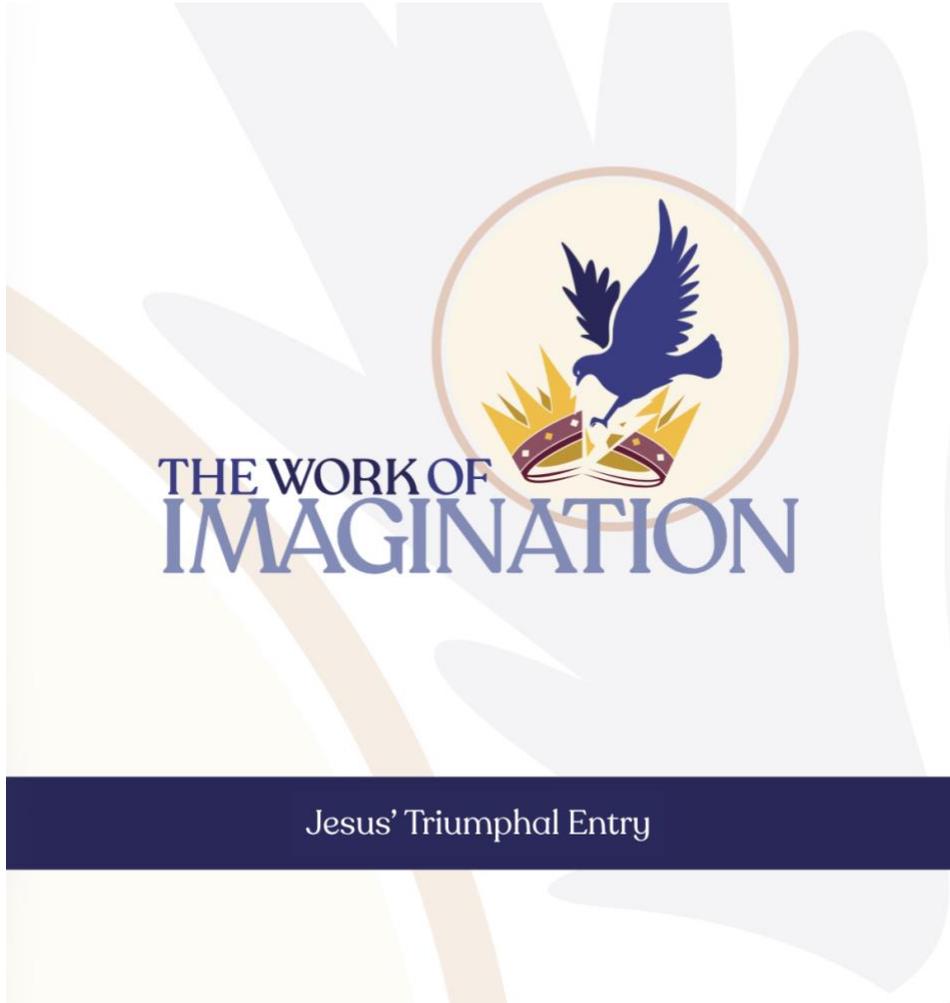


PARK CENTRAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Jesus' Triumphal Entry

*Palm Sunday*

**PALM SUNDAY**  
MARCH 29, 2026 10:30 AM

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**Chiming of the Hour**

*The ringing of the bell invites us to quiet our hearts & minds as we gather for worship.*

**Words of Welcome & Announcements**

*Welcome to worship at Park Central Presbyterian Church!  
May you experience God's grace and love within the worship service.*

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**PRELUDE**

Promenade (from *Pictures From An Exhibition*)  
Sandra Murphy, *piano*

Modeste P. Moussorgsky

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come into God's presence,  
you who imagine and you who seek,  
you who disrupt and you who repair.

**By the Spirit, we gather in hope.**

Come into God's saving grace,  
you who shout, "Hosanna,"  
you who pray, "save us,"  
you who wave branches to welcome Christ.

**In Christ, we gather in celebration.**

Come into God's presence,  
singing for joy and for justice;  
bringing prayer and worship, your most faithful acts of resistance.

**To God be the glory! We gather to praise!**

**\*HYMN 197** Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of palms and passion,  
You call your people  
to speak out against oppression,  
to speak up for love,  
and to speak words of hope rather than fear.  
We confess that we are silent too often.  
We worry that we will say the wrong thing,  
so we say nothing at all.  
We fear the possible consequences if we speak up,  
so we keep our convictions to ourselves.  
We worry that our voices will not be heard,  
so we stay silent.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Spark faith and courage in us that  
we may speak of truth, justice, and love. Amen.

## SILENT PRAYER

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### \*BE THOU MY VISION

SLANE

*Great God of Heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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, the power, and the glory  
forever. Amen.

# WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

## THE FIRST LESSON

Matthew 21:1-11

<sup>1</sup> When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

<sup>5</sup> “Tell this to Zion,  
Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup> they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of Jesus and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>10</sup> When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?”

<sup>11</sup> The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN 707 Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

HALL

## THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 21:12-17

<sup>12</sup> Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. <sup>13</sup> He said to them, “It is written,

*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

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‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’  
but you are making it a den of robbers.’

<sup>14</sup> The blind and the lame came to Jesus in the temple, and he cured them. <sup>15</sup> But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did and heard the children crying out in the temple and saying, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they became angry <sup>16</sup> and said to him, “Do you hear what these are saying?” Jesus said to them, “Yes; have you never read,

‘Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies  
you have prepared praise for yourself?’”

<sup>17</sup> Jesus left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Rev. Sarah McTyre

## SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

## MUSICAL MEDITATION

Ride On, King Jesus!

Megan Hook, *soprano*  
Traditional Spiritual, arr. Hall Johnson

*Ride on, King Jesus! No man can-a hinder me.  
For He is King of kings, He is Lord of lords,  
Jesus Christ, the first and last, No man works like Him.  
King Jesus rides a milk-white horse, No man works like Him.  
The river of Jordan He did cross, No man works like Him.  
For He is King of kings, Lord of lords,  
Oh, Jesus Christ, the first and last,  
Oh! King Jesus rides in the middle of the air,  
Oh! He calls the saints from everywhere.  
Ah! Ride on, King Jesus! No man can-a hinder me.  
He is the King, He is the Lord.  
Jesus Christ, the first and last. No man works like Him.  
Ride on, Jesus!*

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

## INVITATION TO ENGAGEMENT

*You may place donations to the church in the offering plate as you exit. You may also send in a check or click Donate on the church website.*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

*The Invitation*

*The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving*

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your fears, your hopes, your dreams.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to our generous, imaginative God.

**We joyfully give our thanks and praise.**

It is a joyful occasion when we come to give thanks...

... we praise your name and join the unending hymn:



Knowing you have equipped us with all we need....

... and we proclaim the mystery of our faith:



Holy, imaginative God...  
... strength for the work that lies ahead.  
**Amen.**

*Sharing of the Bread and Cup*

*Prayer after Communion*

**Gracious God,**  
**we thank you for these tangible gifts of bread and cup**  
**that feed our bodies and nourish our souls.**  
**May these blessings of grace be shared, not hoarded.**  
**Though we have been fed today at the table,**  
**may we still walk away hungry for justice,**  
**working for freedom and fullness for all of your creation. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 213** In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBUN

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE & HERZLIEBSTER JESU, arr. John Carter

*Please join us in the Gathering Hall following worship  
for snacks, coffee, and fellowship.*

*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Cal Hansen

“This is the work of imagination: to envision a world remade by mercy, to trust that healing is possible even in the shadow of empire, and to practice love that outlasts despair. Lent calls us into this holy labor—not as a solitary act, but as a communal path toward transformation.”

We worship a God who exists beyond the bounds of language. We are part of a creation that is vibrant in its diversity. We hope that the language used in today’s worship reflects those inclusive and expansive ideals. Some traditional prayers and hymns may contain gendered terms for God; please feel free to substitute more expansive terms.

As a member of the PC(USA)’s Matthew 25 movement, Park Central works toward building congregational vitality and dismantling structural racism. We are answering Christ's call to become even more a church of action, where God's love, justice, and mercy shine forth and are contagious.

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