



# First Baptist Church

**Worship Service for Sunday, March 24th, 2024**

Palm Sunday

*Welcome! Young children are welcome in the service or in our staffed nursery.*

*The collection is taken at the doorways as you enter the sanctuary.*

*\*Please stand as you are able whether you are participating at home or in the sanctuary.*

## **We Gather as God's People**

**Silent Prayer:** Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Xavier Russell-MacLean

Opportunities for Life and Service

Cheryl Johnston

Morning Chimes

Oluseye Popoola

Call to Worship

Christine Cantor & Kaleb Senger

\*The Introit

“Hosanna!”

*By Carl Tuttle*

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest! *(Repeat)***  
**Lord we lift up your name with hearts full of praise;**  
**Be exalted, oh Lord our God! Hosanna in the highest!**

**Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings! *(Repeat)***  
**Lord we lift up your name with hearts full of praise;**  
**Be exalted, O Lord our God! Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Welcome in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Welcoming One Another

## **We Approach God**

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\*Hymn of Praise

"All Glory, Laud, and Honour"

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*The children are invited forward and will remain at the front until the hymn of approach.*

**All glory, laud, and honour to you, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.  
You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son,  
Now in the Lord's name coming, the King and Blessed One.**

**The company of angels is praising you on high;  
And we with all creation in chorus make reply.  
The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.**

**To you before your passion they sang their hymns of praise;  
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.  
You did accept their praises—accept the praise we bring, Who in all good  
delighting, O good and gracious King!**

Children's Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Gift of Music

**"Blessed be the One"**  
*(Words included at the end of the bulletin)*

Sanctuary Choir

## **We Listen to God**

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\*Hymn of Approach      “Ride On! Ride On, in Majesty!”      *by Henry Hart Milman*

**Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.  
O Saviour meek, pursue your road,  
With palms and scattered garments strowed.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
O Christ, your triumphs now begin o’er captive death and conquered sin.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty! The angel armies of the sky  
Look down with sad and wond’ring eyes to see th’approaching sacrifice.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty! Your last and fiercest strife is nigh.  
The Father on his sapphire throne awaits his own anointed Son.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
Bow your meek head to mortal pain, then take, O God, your pow'r and reign.**

Scripture Reader

Adzo Baku

Epistle Lesson: Philippians 2:3-11

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Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 118

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

**All: Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."**

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

**All: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**All: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.

**All: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

**All: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.**

\*Gloria Patri

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**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

\*Gospel Lesson: Mark 12:38-44

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Joel Russell-MacLean

## **We Respond to God**

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\*Hymn of Response

“Simple Kingdom”

*(Torwalt, Cody Carnes, Duncan)*

**Your kingdom is simple, as simple as love.  
You welcomed the children, you stopped for the one.  
We want to see people the way Jesus does.  
Your kingdom is simple, Lord, teach it to us.**

**Your kingdom is humble, as humble as death.  
Its king is a saviour, who gave his last breath.  
So may we die daily, our pride laid to rest.  
His kingdom is humble and the broken are blessed.**

**Hallelujah! Hallowed be your name.  
May we live and breathe your praise.  
And, hallelujah! Let all creation say:  
“Oh, the King of Heaven reigns”**

**Your kingdom is coming, your kingdom is here,  
Alive in our waiting, our work and our tears.  
So come to us quickly - forever our prayer -  
Your Kingdom is coming, Lord Jesus come near.**

**Your kingdom is backwards, Lord, teach us to serve.  
What you call a treasure, this world calls a curse.  
The small become great and, the last become first.  
As it is in your kingdom, let it be with your church**

**Hallelujah! Hallowed be your name.  
May we live and breathe your praise.  
And, hallelujah! Let all creation say:  
“Oh, the King of Heaven reigns”**

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Our Gifts and Offerings

## **We Depart to Serve God**

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\*Hymn for Departing

“Man of Sorrows”

**Sent of heaven, God's own Son, to purchase and redeem,  
And reconcile the very ones, who nailed him to the tree.**

**Oh that rugged cross, my salvation, where your love poured out over me.  
Now my soul cries out, Hallelujah! praise and honour unto thee.**

\*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

Oluseye Popoola

“A Time For Friends”

Everyone is invited to the lower hall for refreshments following the service.

Parents:

Please go to meet your children in Godly Play and Nursery as they can only be dismissed into your care.



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