



March 28, 2021
Palm Sunday

Welcome to New Hope Online Worship

Let us worship together, even while we are apart

Our pre-recorded service can be viewed on our website at <http://newhopeagoura.org>

Links have been provided for today's bible readings

Introduction to Worship

This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closet friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability; agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

Welcome and Introduction

Opening Song

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor "

ELW Hymnal #344

Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Children's Message

Pastor Scott Fielder

Song:

"Hosanna"

by Brooke Fraser

Reading: [Philippians 2:5-11](#) *click link for reading*

Linda Barry

Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to God even to the point of death. Following Christ's example, we do not seek personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us in Christ's death.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Gospel Acclamation

(ELW p. 171b)

Gospel Reading: [Mark 11:1-11](#) *click link for reading*

The passion story in Mark's gospel presents Jesus as one who dies abandoned by all. He shows himself to be the true Son of God by giving his life for those who have forsaken him.

Sermon Message

"The Palm Sunday Decision"

Rev. Craig R. Beeker

Song:

"How Beautiful"

by Twila Paris

Prayers of the People

"Hear us O God. Your mercy is great."

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction and Dismissal

Closing Song

"Lift High the Cross"

ELW Hymnal #660



Participants in Today's Worship

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