

A vibrant, painterly illustration of a palm tree, viewed from a low angle looking up. The fronds are long and pointed, radiating from a central trunk, with a mix of green and yellow-green hues. The background is a bright blue sky with soft, white clouds. The text 'Hosanna in the highest!' is written in a white, cursive script across the lower-left portion of the image.

*Hosanna  
in the highest!*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Palm/Passion Sunday

13 April 2025

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**WORDS OF PREPARATION:** *"Let us imitate those who have gone out to meet Jesus, not scattering olive branches or garments or palms in his path, but spreading ourselves before him as best we can, with humility of soul and upright purpose."*

Andrew of Crete (c. 660-740)

*"The parade into Jerusalem, with all the hype and hope, leads directly to the cross."*

Amy-Jill Levine, *Entering the Passion of Jesus*

**GREETING**

Rick Mixon

**CHORAL INTROIT**

*Sing Out Hosanna!*

Patrick M. Liebergen

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**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lincoln Reed & Amanda Shutko

*The King Is Coming* by John van de Laar

One: The King is coming.

Two: Our God arrives, clothed in frail human flesh, riding a meek donkey's foal.

One: This is not the first time You have come to us, O God.

Two: The history of human affairs is the history of Your arrival among us,

All: As Creator,  
Purpose-Giver,  
Liberator,  
Prophet's voice and  
Priest's desire.

One: The story of each of our lives is the story of Your coming to us,

All: as Comforter,  
Friend,  
Example,  
Challenger,  
Abundant-Life-Provider,  
and so we praise you.

Two: Open our eyes to Your Presence, Holy One.

One: Come to us again, Christ Jesus.

All: Hosanna – Save us again, we pray  
and be glorified among us,  
for You are our God and we worship you.

## PRELUDE

*Fanfare*

William Mathias  
(1934-1992, Welsh)

## RESPONSIVE OPENING PRAYER

Xan Morgan & Rick Mixon

One: Loving God, we give thanks for the joy of simple people and devout pilgrims as they followed our Jesus into Jerusalem.

Two: We give thanks that at least for one hour in his mortal life, Jesus was given a little of the praise he deserved.

All: **We are thankful for those who cheered him, even if they did not understand the heartache that he was already beginning to suffer.**

One: We are grateful for each of those waving tree branches and for every excited and joyful shout of "Hosanna!"

Two: We thank you for the awesome love of Christ, which resolutely took him from Palm Sunday into the growing dangers of Holy Week.

All: **Loving God, we cannot plumb the depths that lay ahead of Jesus, but we do know it was for us, and for that we are eternally thankful. Amen.**

\*HYMN 280 (stanzas. 1, 3, 5)      *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*      ST. THEODULPH

(\*Please stand in body or spirit)

(All are welcome to join the procession. The Children will join Xan at the back of the sanctuary as we finish hymn.)

## HOLY WEEK JOURNEY

Luke 19:28-40 and Luke 22:14-23:56

SCENE 1, PART 1: Entry into Jerusalem – Luke 19:28-40

\*HYMN (see insert)      He Came Riding on a Donkey      *DONKEY SONG*  
stanza 1 Rick      stanzas 2-3 congregation

SCENE 1, PART 2: Entry into Jerusalem – Luke 19:28-40 (continued)

## ANTHEM

*Jesus Came in Triumph Riding*

- Lloyd Larson

Jesus came in triumph riding as the crowd around Him cheered.

Waving palms, they ran to greet Him, shouting praises as He neared.

Sing Hosanna! Sing Hosanna! Welcome Christ, our glorious King!

Children filled the air with singing, sweet Hosannas they did raise.  
From the lips of babes and infants, God ordained the sweetest praise.  
Sing Hosanna! Sing Hosanna! Welcome Christ, our glorious King!

Enter now our hearts, dear Jesus, reign in triumph every day.  
May our lives be praises to You as we follow in Your way.  
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SCENE 2: Jesus cleanses the temple – Luke 19:45-47

SCENE 3: Prepare the Passover – Luke 22:7-14

SCENE 4: The Last Supper – Luke 22:14-23

[Kids (through 1<sup>st</sup> grade) will leave for Church School]

## REFLECTING ON OUR NEED FOR GOD

DJ Reed

Responsive Prayer of Reflection    *Calls for Allegiance* by John van de Laar

One: Jesus Christ, whose greatest moments of triumph happen  
on the back of a donkey's foal and nailed to a bloody cross,

**All: we gather to prepare the way for You in our lives and in our world.**

One: There are so many people and things that call for our allegiance,  
so many kings seeking to rule over us.

**All: But, you ride into our experience as another kind of King,  
a serving, humble and challenging King who calls us not to slavery,  
but friendship.**

One: There are so many things that seek our energy and resources for their  
own sakes, so many Kingdoms seeking our souls for their own glory.

**All: But, you ride into our experience heralding another kind of Kingdom,  
a Kingdom where the least are the greatest, where the meek inherit  
the earth and where children are the best example of citizenship,  
a Kingdom which seeks to bring life, not drain it.**

One: There are so many things that draw our attention, so many realities that  
seek our faith and assent.

**All: But, you ride into our experience revealing another kind of reality,  
a reality where death does not have the last word, a reality where pride,  
selfishness and evil are defeated by love and self-giving, a reality which**

does not parade itself for all to see, but fills every moment, every situation and everything with life, while waiting for us to discover it.

And so, we cry, from our hearts, "Hosanna, Save us. Blessed is the One who comes in the Name of God." Amen.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

DJ Reed

SCENE 5: Warning of things to come – Luke 22:31-34

\*HYMN 290 (stanzas 1-3)      *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

*REDHEAD 76*

SCENE 6: Praying in the garden – Luke 22:39-46

SCENE 7: Arrest – Luke 22:47-53

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rick Mixon

Congregational response:

Reader: Your will be done

All: on earth as it is in heaven.

## INVITATION TO GIVING

Now we return to God a portion of that with which we have been blessed. In this moment and in this act, we pledge ourselves anew to responsible stewardship of our financial resources, our time, our talent and of the good earth we inhabit by God's grace.

## OFFERING OF GIFTS

*The Blood of Jesus*

- Mark Knickelbein

We wash our hands to rid the stain, and scrub our guilty hearts in vain.  
Our tears and jeers are hurled His way; We spit with spite and rage and say:  
"Now crucify, and hear our plea! The blood of Jesus on us be."

We whip our Savior deep with scars to punish ev'ry crime of ours.  
We shake our fists and fight and swear and add to all that Christ would bear.  
We raise Him up and clearly see the blood of Jesus on us be.

The price He paid we surely know, forgiveness God will now bestow.  
We join His table without fear; we touch His blood and body here.  
Our crimes are gone, and we are free. The blood of Jesus on us be.



\*DOXOLOGY      *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*      OLD 100TH

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

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SCENE 8: Peter's denial – Luke 22:54-62

## SCENE 9: Trial – Luke 22:63–23:25

\*HYMN 298      *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*      HAMBURG

## SCENE 10: Crucifixion – Luke 23:26-42

## SCENE 11: Jesus' death – Luke 23:44-49

## SCENE 12: Burial – Luke 23:50-56

\*HYMN (see insert)      *Here Hangs a Man Discarded*      *PASSION CHORALE*

## SCENE 13: Looking to the Resurrection

**\*BLESSING**

POSTLUDE	<i>Ritornello on "Herzliebster Jesus"</i> (Ah, Holy Jesus)	Aaron David Miller (b.1972, American)
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*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God  
in honor of my brother Mark's April birthday.*

~ Kathleen Ford ~

We pray for **Bob Reynolds, Rob Snyder, Roberta Hause, Mervyn Juchartz, Esther Floyd, Betty Gerstler, Juliane Mayotte, David Gregg, Jon VanderVliet, Chuck Suits, Lynda Berg, Becky Lepley, Marilyn Marsh, Pidg Karolyi, Dakota Lawson, Bill Nummy, Helga Mortensen, Lindsay Grace, Greg DuBois, Cindy Okarski, Keith Maurer, Beth Granberry, Grange Burnside, and Fay Key.**

**We're glad you're here!** Please take a moment to fill out the Connection Card in your bulletin and place it in an offering plate when it comes by later in the service. You can indicate any prayer requests you have and let us know if you'd like a name tag and/or our bi-weekly communication about the life of the church.

You may place your offering in one of the plates when they are passed. Or make your offering online using this QR code or via PayPal (@fbca2) and place a Connection Card indicating so in the offering plate.



**Church service hearing aids** are available at the back of the sanctuary

**Join us after worship downstairs for a Baby Celebration during fellowship time,** as we offer our prayers and blessing to Jamie and Ian Mills and the big sisters for the upcoming arrival of their baby.

**Children's Ministry.** All children are welcome in worship; Worshipful Play Bags are available as you enter the sanctuary. Nursery care is available for children (infant through 3 years). Children through 1st grade leave for Children's Ministry following Time as Children. Children's Choir (PreK-5th grade) meets from 11:30-noon. You may pick up your children at 11:30 from their Church School classrooms, at 12:00 from the choir room, or at 12:30 from the Playroom upstairs.

**Youth Group (grades 6-12)** meets Sunday mornings during the Formation hour (11:30am-12:30pm) in the Youth Room directly below the sanctuary. We have fun together, eat snacks, talk about our lives and explore some exciting stories from the Bible and their real-life justice implications. Feel free to contact Jillian with any questions at [Jillian@fbca2.org](mailto:Jillian@fbca2.org).

**Adult Formation Classes.** LJ Brazier leads a Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark looking at several sections and themes. LJ will bring some interpretive perspectives. Bring yours. The group meets in the lounge at 11:30a.

### **Holy Week Schedule:**

**Soup Supper & Foot Washing on Maundy Thursday, April 17 at 5:30p.** We continue our journey through Holy Week with this intergenerational worship experience. We will share a simple soup supper together with an invitation to have your feet washed afterwards as we embody the story of Jesus' last meal with his friends. The Children's Choir will be singing and our friends from Northside Community Church will join us. If you are able to provide a pot of soup for the meal, please let Xan ([xan@fbca2.org](mailto:xan@fbca2.org)) know. Thank you in advance!

**Community Good Friday Service.** We have a longstanding tradition of joining with sister churches First United Methodist and First Congregational to offer the community a midday Good Friday service. Join us at 12:00 noon on Friday, April 18 at First Congregational Church. Pastor Rick will be preaching at this service. You can park here at FBC and walk over.

**Good Friday Tenebrae Service.** Join us at First Baptist for our Good Friday service of shadows at 8:00p, as we sit together in the growing darkness to hear again the story of Jesus' Passion in word, song, and silence, and ponder its meaning for our lives.

**Easter Sunday Service.** This week of reflecting on the life and ministry of Jesus will culminate next Sunday in a glorious celebration of the Resurrection. As the hymn proclaims, "That Easter day with joy was bright..." Please join us as we gather in recognition of the risen Christ and all that means for our own life and ministry. The children will celebrate with an Easter egg hunt in the playground immediately following worship. This would be an excellent time to invite a friend, colleague, family member or stranger to join you and the First Baptist community in worship of the Living Word!

**Annual Program Meeting.** Please plan to attend First Baptist's Annual Program Meeting on April 27, 2025 after worship (11:15a). Along with celebrating our work together, we will examine the impact of our previous pastors in an effort to determine particular leadership qualities we want in our future pastor(s). We will also approve and commission our Pastor Search Committee and new incoming board members and officers. Hard copies of the board members, officers, and Search Committee to be elected at the annual meeting are available at the Ministry Station at church. If you prefer to join by zoom, get the link at [fbca2.org/connect](https://fbca2.org/connect).

Let's enjoy lunch together as we approach the future in faith and hope and love. Children and youth will join us for lunch after their usual programming. The Board of Care & Community will supply chicken, rolls, and beverages. The rest is pot-luck style, so if your last name starts with A-D, please bring a green salad or other vegetables; E-M bring a potato, rice or pasta dish; and N-Z bring fruit or dessert.

**Wednesday Bible Study.** Pastor Rick leads the study which often includes good snacks, and always coffee and fellowship as we receive the gift of God's living word. We will be looking at Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 150; Revelation 1:4-8; and John 19-31.

**The Gathering** is our campus ministry on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30pm. It's a safe, open space where undergraduate and graduate students can



explore and express their questions and their doubts, learn from others, and be supported in their personal faith and growth. If you're interested in being a part of this ministry, contact Pastor Rick Mixon. If you can help with a meal for the group, contact Janice Stumpf, sign up at [fbca2.org/connect](http://fbca2.org/connect), or make a financial gift by check to the church or via PayPal (@fbca2).

**The FBCA2 Ladies' Book Club** will meet on Tuesday, April 15th at 6:30pm at Paula Burton's home. We will discuss *Brave the Wild River: The Untold Story of Two Women Who Mapped the Botany of the Grand Canyon*, by Melissa L. Sevigny. The book describes the contributions of two University of Michigan botanists. Work on your taxes early and plan to join us! Please contact Janice Stumpf or Mary Gregg if you have any questions.

**Our AD LIBITUM Concert Series** presents a harpsichord concert "Goldberg Variations: Aria and Variations, BWV 988" performed by Shin-Ae Chun on Friday, May 9 at noon. Written for two-manual harpsichord in 1741 by J.S. Bach, the Goldberg Variations are full of new ideas over the same harmonic progressions and have been loved by many people. This concert is the third concert of the Baroque Art of Variation and Embellishment Series and will conclude the season of the AD LIBITUM Concert Series. It is a free concert and is open to all. Mark your calendar and invite your friends and neighbors!

**Land Acknowledgement.** We acknowledge that we are gathered on the ancestral homeland of the Anishinabae people of the Three Fires Confederacy - the Ojibwe, Ottawa & Potawatomi - and the Wyandot, and that this unceded land is still sacred to them.

Seek, serve, and grow with us! More information about these opportunities at [fbca2.org/connect](http://fbca2.org/connect) or use the QR code to the right.



**ITT Update:** Our **Future** group continues to plan for our June 1 intergenerational event. The theme is the River of Life that has brought us this far. Imagine a river of life that leads to a beautiful, fertile delta or riverbank. Be thinking about what you would want to grow in this place. Or what do you hope for the future of FBC. Help us plant the garden, during second hour, with your hopes and dreams. The ITT group is working on the compiling all of the thoughtful and insightful contributions made by the Present groups and adding it to the church profile. Thanks to all of you who continue to stay engaged in this process. We truly need you and your prayers as we Transform through Transition!

### Calendar

April 15	Ladies Book Club @6:30p
April 16	Bible Study @1:00p The Gathering @5:30p
April 17	Maundy Thursday Soup Supper @5:30p Choir Rehearsal @ 7:00p
April 18	Community Good Friday Service @12 noon (at First Congregational Church) Service of Tenebrae @8:00p
April 27	Annual Program Meeting @11:15a
May 9	Ad Libitum Concert at 12 Noon

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