

Palm Sunday



historic faith. present love. future hope.

We Welcome One and All

In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

April 2, 2023

10:00am Service

St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

Founded 1660

www.strchurch.org

Palm Sunday

Psalm 118: 1-2,19-29; 31:9-16; Matt. 21:1-11, 26:14-27, 27:11-54; Phil. 2:5-11

"WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE..."

Gathering Music

Greeting and Ministry Announcements

Prelude

'Blessed is He

Allen

Michael Barr & D.J. Parson, trumpet

Blessed is he, blessed is he
Who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna to the King

The Lord is our God, his love endures forever
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good
The Lord is our God, his love endures forever
And he has done mighty things
Our God has done great and mighty things

Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth!

AMEN!

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it

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

Palm Sunday Processional

TRADITIONAL

'Sing Hosanna!'

The STRC Children's Choir

I will enter God's gates with thanksgiving in my heart
I will enter God's courts with praise

I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made!"
I will rejoice, for God has made me glad

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Sing hosanna to the King of kings
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Sing hosanna to the King

Prayer

Hymn #192 'All Glory, Laud, and Honor' ST. THEODULPH

Call to Confession | Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we have looked forward to the wrong things. We have failed to perceive what You are doing in our world and in our lives. Instead, we have only prepared for what benefits us, what satisfies us, and are often disappointed when things do not go our way. Forgive us for our short-sightedness. Call us into Your ways of deep listening with love, compassion, and mercy. As we shout "Hosanna!" may we truly understand what it means to ask you to Save Us, and to understand what it is to belong to Your Beloved Community, on earth as it is in heaven. In Jesus' name we pray all things...

Response

PLEADING SAVIOR

'For the Life that You Have Given'

For the life that You have given
For the love in Christ made known
With these fruits of time and labor
With these gifts that are Your own
Here we offer, Lord, our praises
Heart and mind and strength we bring
Give us grace to love and serve You
Living what we pray and sing

Words of Assurance and Hope

Children's Choir Anthem

Womack

'It's Jesus!'

Out of the city, they're cutting palm branches
Getting them ready to wave in the sky
Here in the city, they're clearing the way
For the blessed Messiah, the King to come by

Chorus:

It's Jesus! It's Jesus!
King of kings and Lord of lords
All heaven and earth proclaim
It's Jesus! It's Jesus!
Everlasting hallelujahs
Sing unto His name!

Everyone's pushing and shoving to see Him
Everyone wants to be touched by His hand
It's so amazing, so thrilling to see
All this excitement because of one man

Children's Message

"Annual Palm Cross Challenge"

*Hymn

'Hosanna! Hosanna!'

Townley

Jesus rode into Jerusalem

Hosanna, hosanna

All the people sang their praise to Him

Hosanna, hosanna

Came to town upon a donkey's back

Hosanna, hosanna

Seemed so lowly, but He's Lord, in fact

Hosanna, hosanna

Refrain:

**Hosanna! Hear the people sing
Hosanna! To Christ their King
Hosanna! It's a faithful song
Hosanna! Sing it all day long**

Everybody brought their hopes and dreams

Hosanna, hosanna

Life just isn't always what it seems

Hosanna, hosanna

Need somebody who can help us be

Hosanna hosanna

Liberated from captivity

Hosanna hosanna (refrain)

...TO HEAR GOD'S WORD..."

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon: "The Great Parade!" **-Rev. Fred Northup**

We give our gifts, tithes and offerings as an expression of gratitude for all of God's blessings. Online giving is available at www.strchurch.org/give

There is no Sunday School today so families can partake of communion together in worship

...AND RESPOND WITH GRATITUDE..."

Offering

'Hosanna'

Franklin

YouthSong

***The Apostles Creed #359**

A Celebration of Communion

The liturgy for communion is found in the back of the red hymnal. All who desire to receive the Lord's Supper are invited forward. Beginning with the back pews, come forward using the side aisles, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and return to your seat using the center aisle. Single serve cups are also available.

Communion Music

'Vespérale'

Bolling

Michael Barr, trumpet

We Gather Around the Table

Communion Prayer

Word's of Institution | Communion

***Thanksgiving After Communion**

***The Lord's Prayer #307**

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You are invited to stand and join hands to sing

***Benediction**

GIVING THANKS

Leading Worship Today:

Ministers:	All of us worshipping together
Preaching:	Rev. Fred Northup
Liturgist:	Pastor Ben Rowe and Pastor Jeff Neevel
Music:	Chanelle Schaffer, Michael Barr, D.J. Parson, Dion Parson, Steve Richman, Uriel Rogers, the Adult Choir, the Children's Choir, and YouthSong.
AV Team:	James Anderson, Dave Whitter, Andrea King

Special Thanks:

-To everyone who helped volunteer yesterday at the Step Street Run!

NEXT STEPS

1. **START HERE** — Fill out our online connect card at www.strchurch.org/im-new

2. **SIGN UP TO TAKE YOUR NEXT STEP** www.strchurch.org/next-steps

3. HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- **April 6, 7pm | Maundy Thursday Communion Service and Soup Supper**
Join us from 5:30-6:30pm for a soup supper before worship starts at 7pm
- **April 7, 7pm | Good Friday Service of Shadows**
- **April 9, 6am | Easter Sunrise Service at Lindquist Beach w/ Baptisms**
The church will provide coffee and we invite you to bring something simple to share. Also, make sure to bring your own chair and/or blanket to sit on for the service. The Easter sunrise offering this year will benefit the XYG Youth Mission trip to Colombia!
- **April 9, 10am | Easter Service at STRC** with the traditional blooming cross and annual Hallelujah chorus

4. STAY IN THE KNOW

- **STRC Summer Camp Registration Now Open!**
Go to www.strchurch.org/summer-camp to register today!
- **Summer Camp Applications for staff Now Open!**
Go to www.bit.ly/Summer-Camp-Staff to sign up to work at camp!
- **XYG Mission Trip fundraiser** www.strchurch.org/xygmission2023

5. NEXT SUNDAY

- **We are thrilled to welcome new members into the body of Christ through baptism at the 6am sunrise service:**
 - Charlie Marais Olson – daughter of Tyler & Shelby Olson
 - Jasper Ryan Euwema – son of Jeffrey Euwema & Shannon McCarthy
- **We also have the joy of welcoming new members to our church at the 10am service also:**
 - Katie Landry
 - Ray & Donna DeGroat
 - Tresta Richardson
 - Patty Vin



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