



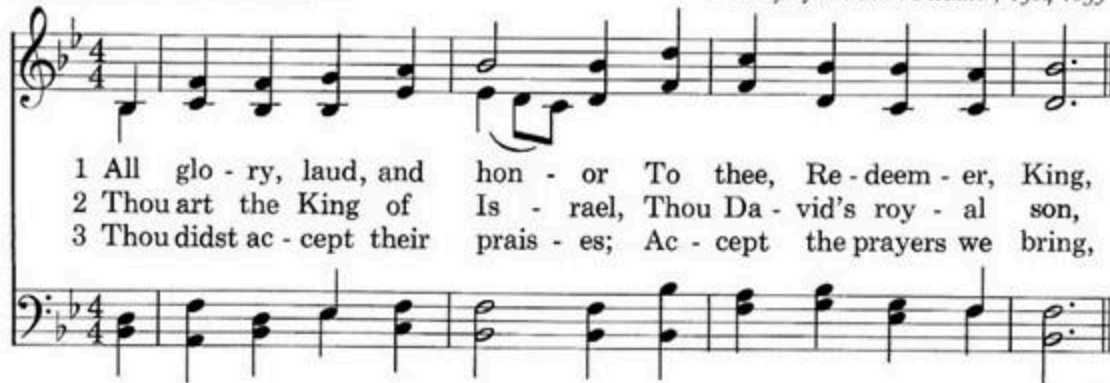
**The First Church of Monson, Congregational
United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming Church
Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 13, 2025**

*Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!*


All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Theodulph of Orleans, c.760-c.821
Tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

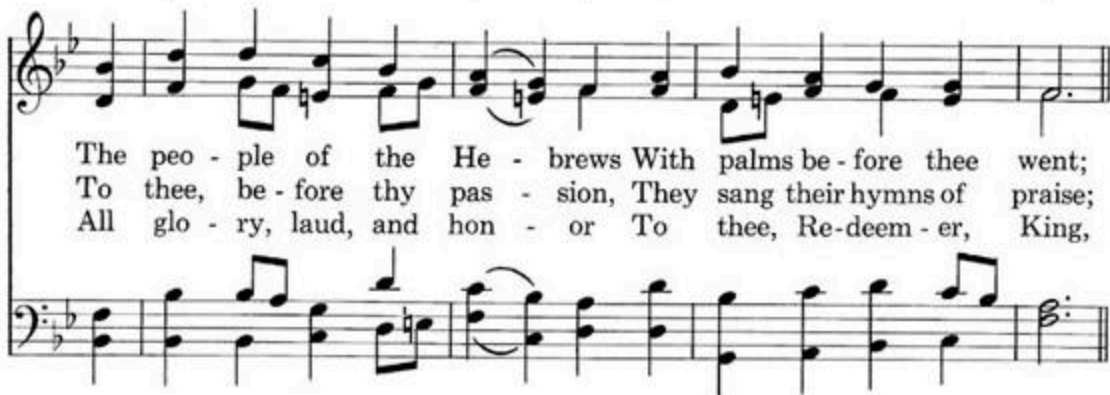
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Melody by Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635



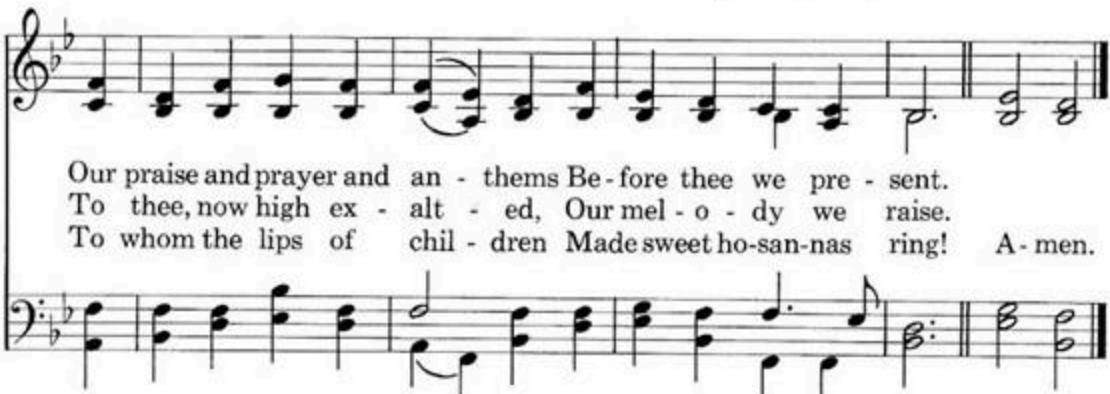
1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To thee, Re - deem - er, King,
2 Thou art the King of Is - rael, Thou Da - vid's roy - al son,
3 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; Ac - cept the prayers we bring,



To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
Who in the Lord's name com - est, The King and bless - ed One;
Who in all good de - light - est, Thou good and gra - cious King.



The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore thee went;
To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, They sang their hymns of praise;
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To thee, Re - deem - er, King,



Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore thee we pre - sent.
To thee, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring! A - men.

PASSION AND CROSS

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Praise and Worship (*starting at 9:50*)

Welcome

Blessing of the Palms

One: Come to the roadside, Jesus is coming!

All: *We have come to catch a glimpse of our King!*

One: Wave your branches, raise your voices!

All: *Prepare ye! Prepare ye the way of the Lord!*

One: Bless these palms, O God as we wave them and rejoice in Your presence. Remind us, as Jesus tried so desperately to do, that Yours is not a call to vengeance, but a call to peace. Let us follow the lead of children and move into this world.

Palm Parade

Hosanna

Hosanna! Hosanna!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna! Hosanna!
Hosanna in the highest!
Lord, we lift up Your name,
With hearts full of praise,
Be exalted, oh Lord, my God!
Hosanna in the highest.

Glory! Glory!
Glory to the King of Kings!
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Glory to the King of Kings!
Lord, we lift up Your name,
With hearts full of praise;
Be exalted, oh Lord, my God!
Glory to the King of Kings!

(Verses 1 and 3 Hosanna; Verses 2 and 4 Glory)

Passing of the Lord's Peace

***Call to Worship (responsive)**

One: From mountain tops to sand-filled beaches; from my balcony to your backyard we shout

All: *Hosanna, Jesus is coming!*

One: Along dusty roads, with a ragged band of travelers, He comes to Jerusalem;

All: *Hosanna, Jesus is coming!*

One: He could have come on the wings of angels, but instead He rides humbly on the back of a donkey;

All: *Hosanna, Jesus is coming!*

One: Wave your palms, lay your cloaks at His feet;

All: *Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!*

***Gloria Patri**

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.

***Unison Prayer**

Faithful Teacher, we gather together with joy and excitement, just as they did when You traveled the road on a humble donkey. Turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, where we will begin our journey with You in the days to come. As we enter into this holiest of weeks, keep our hearts and minds steadfast on Your

peace and praise on our lips as we walk this road together with You. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* (Page 1)

Old Testament Reading *Zachariah 9: 9-12*

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit. Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

Choral Anthem *On This Day When He Rode into Jerusalem*

Gospel Reading: *Luke 19: 28-44*

After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'"

Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They replied, "The Lord needs it." They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

“I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God’s coming to you.”

Sermon

“Jesus Wept”

Musical Response

Jesus Remember Me

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Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

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 kin-dom, the power, and the glory, forever; Amen.

***Hymn**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!

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Call to Offering

Rev. Dr. Holly Norwick

***Doxology**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***



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***Prayer of Dedication**

Rev. Dr. Holly Norwick

***Closing Hymn**

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty

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***Benediction**

***Departing Together** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above. Amen.*

Postlude

“The Royal Banners of the King Go Forth”

- Murray C. Bradshaw (1930-2018)

Please join us for fellowship immediately following worship!

Red - used on Palm Sunday
Symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit

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Jesus, Remember Me

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Jesus, Remember Me". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 3/4. The first system starts with a treble clef and a bass clef. The vocal line has lyrics: "Jesus, remember me when you come in to your kingdom." The piano accompaniment features chords Eb, Fm/Eb, Bb, and Eb. The second system starts with a treble clef and a bass clef. The vocal line has lyrics: "Je-sus, remember me when you come in-to your king dom." The piano accompaniment features chords Cm, Fm/Ab, Bb, and Eb. The score is written in a simple, accessible style with block chords and simple melodic lines.

Jesus, remember me when you come in to your kingdom.

Je-sus, remember me when you come in-to your king dom.

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang.
the vic - tory palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud.
for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heaven, our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
The Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

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WORDS: Henry H. Milman, 1827

WINCHESTER NEW

MUSIC: Georg Rebenlein's *Musicalisch Handbuch*, 1690; arr. William H. Havergal

L.M.



1. Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the tribes ho -
 2. Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly pomp ride
 3. Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! The wing - ed squad - rons
 4. Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly pomp ride

san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, pur - sue Thy
 on to die, O Christ, Thy tri - umphs now be -
 of the sky look down with sad and wond - 'ring
 on to die; bow Thy meek head to mor - tal

road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
 gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 eyes to see th'ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 pain, then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

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Serving You Today

Worship Leaders:

Ministers of the Congregation	All Members of First Church
Pastor	Rev. Dr. Holly Norwick
Director of Music Ministries	Kiel Krommer
Ushers/Greeters	Nick & Roseann Vinciguerra
Fellowship	Lisa Borlen
Lay Reader	Karen Frickenhaus

Officers:

Moderator	Cindy DeSellier
Clerk	Carol Mullen
Treasurer	Suzanne Kelley
Chair, Board of Deacons	Jeanne Dill
Chair, Board of Trustees	Suzanne Kelley

Staff:

Church Administrator	Lee Brahen
Sunday School Superintendent	Erin Greene Wallace
Custodian	Linda Whippie

Office Hours, Pastoral Care, and Contact Information

Church Office Hours

The church office is open Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. You can always leave a message on the church answering machine at 413-267-3312 when the office is not staffed, or contact the office by email at office@firstchurchmonson.org.

Pastor's Hours

Monday 8:30 - 4:30 *remotely*, and Tuesday - Thursday from 8:30 - 4:30 *in-office*. If you are unable to meet during any of those hours, Pastor Holly is happy to meet outside those times by appointment, and can be reached by email at pastor@firstchurchmonson.org, or by phone at (808) 371-4701. For urgent matters, please contact her at any time by calling (808) 371-4701.

IN OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS

Please complete a Prayer Request Form and place it in the offering plate if you wish to include a name in next Sunday's bulletin. Your loved one will remain on the prayer list for one month, after which you may resubmit a request if necessary.

For healing and support:

Carol Snyder

Chris

Martha Warren

Mary Linkenhoker

Ginny

Joanne

Cheryl Howland

Christine Wilson

Richard D'Aquila

Marlaina

Josh Cash

Joseph B.

Rudy Pyne

Oliver Holden

J. Harris

Wilhelmina Brahen

For comfort in grief:

The Family of Philip Wallander

The Family and Friends of Barry Muldrew

Deb Laviolette and family

For strength and comfort during war and disaster:

The people of Ukraine

The people of Israel and Gaza

The people of Palestine and Lebanon

The people of Syria

For all service people, wherever they may be:

Chelsea Carr

Malik Pugh, USMC

Michael Wales, USN

Stephen Dill, USN

Tim Olson, USN

This Week in the Life of the Congregation

April 13, Sunday	PALM SUNDAY 8:00-9:45 a.m. - Let's Eat Breakfast (F/K) 10:00 a.m. - Worship (S) 11:00 a.m. - Fellowship (F) 11:45-12:45 p.m. - Community Choir (SA)
April 14, Monday	3:00-4:30 p.m. - Girl Scouts (SA) 6:00-8:00 p.m. - Cub Scouts (SA)
April 15, Tuesday	5:15-6:15 p.m. - PiYo Class (SA)
April 16, Wednesday	6:00-8:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts (SA)
April 17, Thursday	MAUNDY THURSDAY 5:15-6:15 p.m. - PiYo Class (SA) 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Worship (S)
April 18, Friday	GOOD FRIDAY - Silver Street Chapel 5:30-7:00 p.m. - Candlelight Vigil 7:00 p.m. - Theatre Play
April 12, Saturday	7:00-8:30 a.m. - AA (L)
April 13, Sunday	EASTER SUNDAY 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Worship (S) 11:00 a.m. - Fellowship (F) 11:45-12:45 p.m. - Community Choir (SA)

C - Julie Sprague Chapel
F - Fellowship Hall
K - Kitchen
L - Library

P - Pastor's Study
S - Sanctuary
SA - Sunday School Auditorium
SS - Sunday School Classroom
SSC - Silver Street Chapel

Church News

Messenger Deadline - April 23, 2025
Please email Carol Mullen at carellen7@gmail.com

Fellowship Hosts Needed. Fellowship hosts are needed on April 27. If you are able to help out, please sign up in Fellowship Hall.

FCM Safety Team. Here at First Church, safety is a top priority. It is even part of our statement of faith: "We will provide a safe haven - physically, emotionally, and spiritually - for all those whom God sends us." As such, the Church Council is developing a safety team, and we are seeking folks interested in serving on this team. If you have a passion for the safety of others, please consider joining this new team, by contacting Cindy DeSellier, or another Church Council member. All are welcome to serve.

Free Concert. On Sunday, April 27, at 3 p.m., the Jazz Bones, under the direction of David Neill, will perform at First Church. The ensemble consists of four tenor trombones, one bass trombone, guitar, bass, and drums. The concert is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the First Church Music Committee and the Monson Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Hearts Willing Program. On Wednesday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m., members and friends are invited to hear Tammy McCaffrey of TT&J Honey speak about the lives of bees and their importance in our survival. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome to attend this informative and timely presentation.

Guidelines for Announcements during Worship Service. Church Council hopes to streamline the announcement process during the Sunday worship service. Announcements should be printed in the bulletin whenever possible. If you want to make an oral announcement, please follow these guidelines.

1. Give Pastor Holly a short, clearly written announcement for her to read.
2. Sit in the first row near the lectern if you wish to be recognized during announcement time.
3. Write out your announcement so that you can deliver it succinctly.

Carpet Cleaning. The Fellowship Hall and staircase carpets will be cleaned on Tuesday, April 22. After Easter Sunday, please remove small items to facilitate furniture removal.

All-Church Work Day. On Saturday, May 3, from 9 a.m. to noon, the trustees are sponsoring an All-Church Work Day. Please come to straighten and clean neglected areas of the church. Bring the cleaning supplies you need to do the jobs that you want to do. You can wash baseboards, dust library books, straighten the Wallace Room, vacuum pew cushions, etc. All workers are welcome!

Easter Flowers. If you wish, you may order Easter plants through the Church office. Plants will be delivered for the Easter worship service on April 20, 2025. To order, **please complete one form for each plant** and return it to the Church office by **this Sunday**. Checks should be made payable to **First Church of Monson**. Please be sure to put “Easter Flowers” on the memo line. Tax is included in the price.

Given by: _____

Phone: _____

___ Easter Lily (\$14.00 each)

___ Hyacinths (\$8.00 each)

___ Tulips (\$8.00 each)

Messages to be included in the bulletin (select one):

Given in Memory of _____

OR

Given in Celebration of _____

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Open Pantry

May Food Donation Challenge!



Spaghetti Sauce

And



Canned Fruit

Please bring these challenge items in
by Sunday, May 18th
and place them in the
baskets in the Narthex!

Welcome to First Church



Welcome! If this is your first or second Sunday with us, we are grateful that you've come to be with us this morning. It is our hope that you experience the love of Christ and God's presence during our worship. If you have any questions at all about where to go or what to do, our deacons, ushers, and church members are here to assist in making you feel right at home, so please do not hesitate to ask.

All members and guests are encouraged to wear name tags. Guests may obtain a temporary adhesive name tag from an usher.

The Sacrament of Communion is offered the first Sunday of the month. All are welcome to partake of the Lord's Supper. It is up to parents to decide whether their children are ready to receive this Sacrament.

Handicapped parking and a wheelchair ramp to the church and Fellowship Hall are on the High Street side of the building. Hearing assistive devices are available from the ushers.

Fellowship Hour begins after worship in Fellowship Hall (just follow the crowd). Please join us for refreshments and conversation.

Our *Let's Eat* breakfast is on the third Sunday of each month. Come enjoy a hearty breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. before worship. Donations are gratefully accepted but not required.

Learn more. If you would like to learn more about First Church, please call us at (413) 267-3312, email to office@firstchurchmonson.org, or visit our website at <http://www.firstchurchmonson.org>

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