

Knox Presbyterian Church of LA

Palm Sunday

**Words to Ponder:** *But everyone who lined the streets had a different reason for waving those palms. Some were political activists; they'd heard Jesus had supernatural power, and they wanted him to use it to free Israel from Roman rule. Others had loved ones who were sick or dying. They waved branches, hoping for physical healing. Some were onlookers merely looking for something to do, while others were genuine followers who wished Jesus would establish himself as an earthly king. Jesus was the only one in the parade who knew why he was going to Jerusalem—to die. He had a mission, while everyone else had an agenda.*

—Bill Hybels, Willow Creek Community Church

**Blessing and Procession of the Palms** **The Congregation**  
**“Ride on King Jesus”**

**Gathering Music** **“Lead me to Calvary”** **Music Ministry**

**Words of Welcome | +Passing the Peace** **Rev. Ann Hayman**

**Call to Worship** **Kalvin Ogbuefi, Liturgist**

Hosanna!

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord

**Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

**+Opening Hymn** **“All Glory, Laud and Honor”** **PH #88**

**Call to Confession** **Kalvin Ogbuefi**

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Have mercy on us, O God, for we are broken vessels. You call us to follow you, but we deny, abandon and betray. You call us to pursue justice and righteousness, but we stick to the status quo. You invite us into the hope of your Spirit, but we make despair our daily bread. You lead us to the cross, but in our discomfort, we try to skip to the empty tomb. Transform us, O God. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon all our brokenness, that your grace may fill in the cracks of our broken places and make us whole. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance** **Kalvin Ogbuefi**

**Children’s Message** **“I Love a Good Parade”** **Rev. Ann Hayman**



**+Benediction**

**Rev. Ann Hayman**

Friends, when you leave this place, you will go into places that know hopelessness and encounter people who are not strangers to despair. Go forth and walk with them.

**We will accompany one another into the darkness as Christ accompanies us, trusting in the power of God to bring good news out of desolation and life out of death on a cross.**

And as you go, may the grace of Christ, the love of God, and the binding power of the Holy Spirit, encircle you all this Holy Weeklong until we meet again in the dark of morning at the entrance to a tomb. Amen.

**Postlude**

**“God Be With You”**

**Michael Turner, Piano**