

“Hosanna!”

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

Mark 11:9, NRSV

**United Church of Christ
Norwich, New York**



**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
Norwich, New York 13815**



An Open and Affirming Church

April 13, 2025

10:30 a.m

**Sixth Sunday of Lent Palm Sunday
Shared Service with
Broad Street United Methodist Church.**

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Please enjoy the music with those around you as you prepare for worship.

PRELUDE *Hosanna! Hosanna!* by Cathy Moglebust
Hand Bell Choir: Dave Burch, Lilit Danielyan, Maxine Gage,
Janet Johnson, John Kolb, Heavenly Mahaffey, Michael Moren,
Amy Rogers, DJ Smith, Ericka Tyler, Pete Williams.
Mary Williams, Director

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT RESPONSIVE MEDITATION

LENTEN SUNG RESPONSE

Just As I Am

#207 (verse 4)

UNISON PRAYER

Loving God, there are so many choices before us every day. Help us to distinguish between them. May we learn from the choices of Jesus and embody compassion, justice, and inclusion in all we say and do. In his name we pray. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

All Glory, Laud and Honor

#216 (verses 2 & 3)

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Large Print Bulletins are available from the ushers.

TIME OF SHARING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Ericka Tyler

SPECIAL MUSIC

Let the Rocks Cry Out

Words and music by Lloyd Larson

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ONE: May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Please greet one another in a manner most comfortable to you.

SUNG RESPONSE

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

#393 (verse 1)

Children in grades 3 - 8 are invited upstairs for Sunday school at this time.

SERMON *Do Not Be Afraid*

Rev. Ryan Henderson

SCRIPTURE John 12:9-19

Pew Bible NT p. 110

INTERLUDE *Nearer My God To Thee*

by Mark Hayes

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God of blessings, help us bestow upon others your gifts with glad and generous hearts. May we be good stewards of your mercies, just as your mercies have blessed us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS/CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PASTOR: 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

April 13, 2025

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

***CLOSING HYMN** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

#213 (verses 2 & 3)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

Arranged by Molly Ijames

Based on the tune: HOLY MANNA

by William Moore

Piano Duet: Mary Williams, David Burch

*The flowers are given by Norma Kinney:
Congratulations to Judy A Smith
on the birth of her first Great Grandson.*



Link to Online Giving
www.uccnorwichny.org/give

PARTICIPANTS TODAY

Ministers: All the People

Pastors:

Rev. Ryan Henderson, New York Conference, United Church of Christ

Rev. Carl Johnson, United Methodist Church

Director of Music Ministries: Mary Williams

Organist: David Burch

Director of Children's and Youth Ministries: Ericka Tyler

Livestream Staff: Chris McSweeney, Jessica Strough, Liam Hunter.

Breanna Rogers

Sunday Sexton: Mya Yantz

Nursery: Fiora Breese

Usher: Naomi Mahaffey

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Closed 12 - 1 for lunch)

Friday

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



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UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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NURSERY is available for children up to age 5, upstairs at the front of the church.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL NEXT WEEK.

THE PRELUDE is meant as a time of preparation for worship. Please enjoy the music with those around you. Keep in mind that even whispered conversations are picked up by the livestream microphones.

THE DEADLINE FOR MEMORIALS FOR the Easter bulletin is Tuesday this week- April 15. See the purple insert in this bulletin for details, or contact Cheri in the church office.

BUILDING SECURITY CHANGES: In consideration of the safety of our congregation and visitors, and after several months of deliberation, the Executive Council and Building Security Action Committee have decided to secure the church doors during church services. Starting Sunday, April 27, the doors will be open from 8:45 a.m. to 10:05 a.m. for entry to the service and opened again 11:00 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. for visitors to coffee hour and Bell Choir rehearsal. Key fobs are available for members and regular attenders; we are asking that anyone who does not have a key fob currently, contact Cheri at the office to request one. Fobs can be customized and programmed to allow access for the times desired.

DURING LENT WE ARE COLLECTING ITEMS FOR AUNT MARY'S HOUSE, a Norwich organization that will be providing assistance to pregnant women and mothers in crises. See the flier in this bulletin for details. A barrel is in the Founders Room for your donations.



HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday - April 17th - 6:00 p.m.

at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Sidney - We will meet in the fellowship hall for a meal that includes the Maundy Thursday liturgy.

Community Good Friday Service - April 18 - 7:00 p.m.

with the Christ Lutheran Church in our Nave
Nursery available.

April 20 - Easter Sunday - 10:00 a.m.

Celebration of the Resurrection, Nave
Welcoming new members.
No Sunday School. No Youth Group. No Coffee Hour.

UCC CALENDAR

Chenango Muslim Community meets upstairs daily at 9:30 p.m. & Fridays at 1:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 13 - Palm Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs
- 10:00 a.m. Worship starts at Broad St. UMC
- 10:30 a.m. (approximately) service moves to UCC
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour, Founders Room
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Group, upstairs
- 1:30 p.m. Chenango Change, Founders Room
- 7:00 p.m. M. Maholchic, Nave

MONDAY, APRIL 14

- 9:00 a.m. AARP Tax Preparation, Founders Rm., Kitchen
- 2:00 p.m. Tai Chi, Mayflower Room
- 4:30 p.m. Kitchen Renovation Meeting with contractor, Kitchen

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

- 1:00 p.m. Piecemakers Circle, Kitchen
- 3:30 p.m. Nominating Committee, Chapel
- 4:00 p.m. M. Maholchic, Nave
- 5:15 p.m. Free Meal at St. Bart's Catholic Church
(Doors open at 4:00 p.m.)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

- 9:00 a.m. AARP Tax Preparation, Founders Room, Kitchen
- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom
- 4:00 p.m. Laundry Love laundry assistance at Byrne Dairy
- 6:00 p.m. Democratic Committee, Founders Rm.
- 7:00 p.m. Choir, Nave

THURSDAY, APRIL 17 - Maundy Thursday

- 9:00 a.m. AARP Tax Preparation, Founders Room, Kitchen
- 4:00 p.m. M. Maholchic, Nave
- 5:00 p.m. Free meal at Emmanuel Episcopal Church
- 6:00 p.m. Helping Hands Give-away at YMCA
- 6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service and Supper at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Sidney

FRIDAY, APRIL 18 - Good Friday

- 7:00 p.m. Joint Good Friday Service with Christ Lutheran Church, Nave

SUNDAY, APRIL 20 - Easter Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs
- 10:00 a.m. Celebration of the Resurrection, Welcome New Members, Nave

John 12:9-19

⁹ When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ¹⁰ So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, ¹¹ since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

¹² The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—
the King of Israel!”

¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

¹⁵ “Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.
Look, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. ¹⁷ So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. ¹⁸ It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. ¹⁹ The Pharisees then said to one another, “You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!”

Just as I Am

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Charlotte Elliott, 1836; alt.

John 6:37; Eph. 2:14

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that your
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a
3 Just as I am, you will re - ceive, will wel - come,
4 Just as I am, your love un - known has bro - ken

blood was shed for me, And that you called in -
con - flict, many a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with -
par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; Be - cause your prom - ise
ev - ery bar - rier down; Now to be yours, and

vit - ing me, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
yours a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

This text appeared in Charlotte Elliott's Invalid's Hymn Book, published in England in 1836. Disabled at age thirty, she continued a career of writing and editing. This hymn has been translated into many languages.

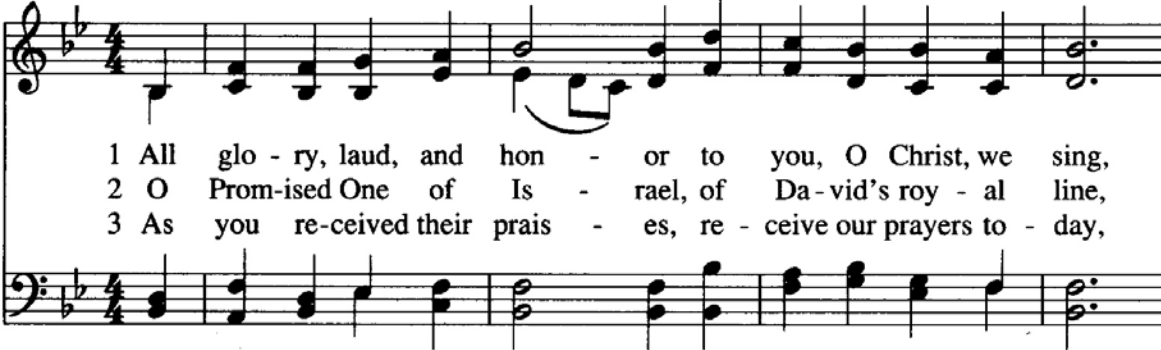
Tune: WOODWORTH L.M.
William B. Bradbury, 1849

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

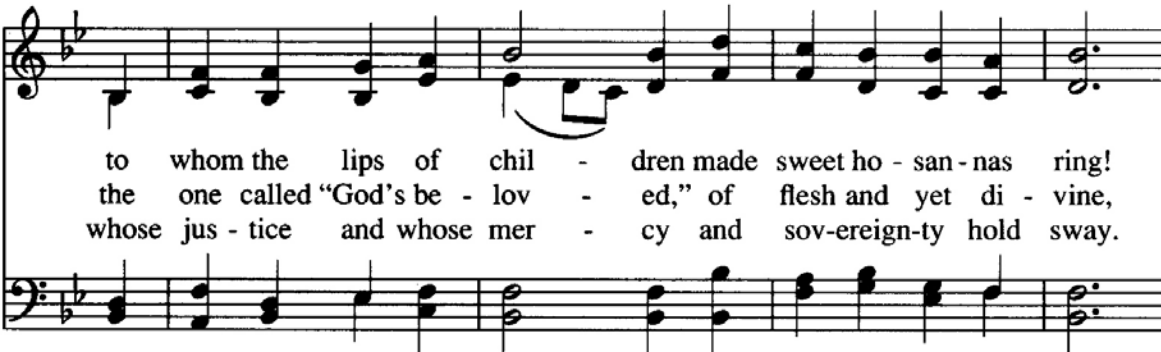
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Theodulph of Orléans, 9th century
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1854; alt.

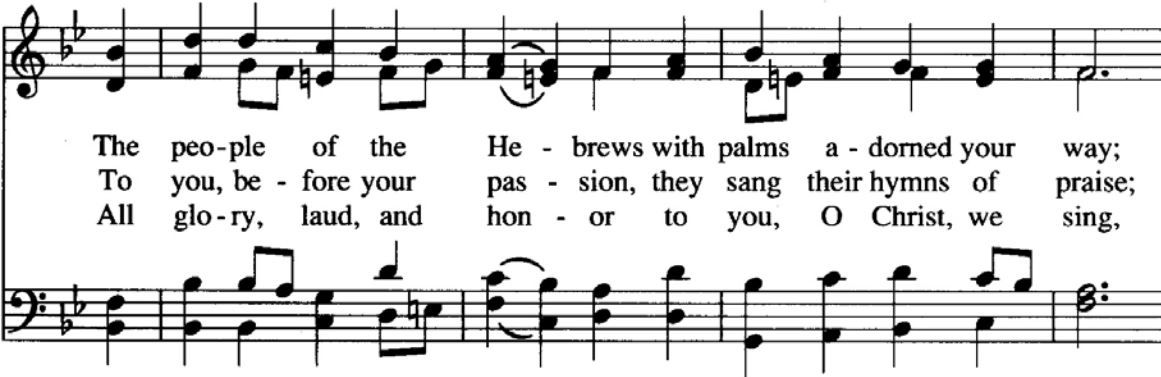
Matt. 21:8-9



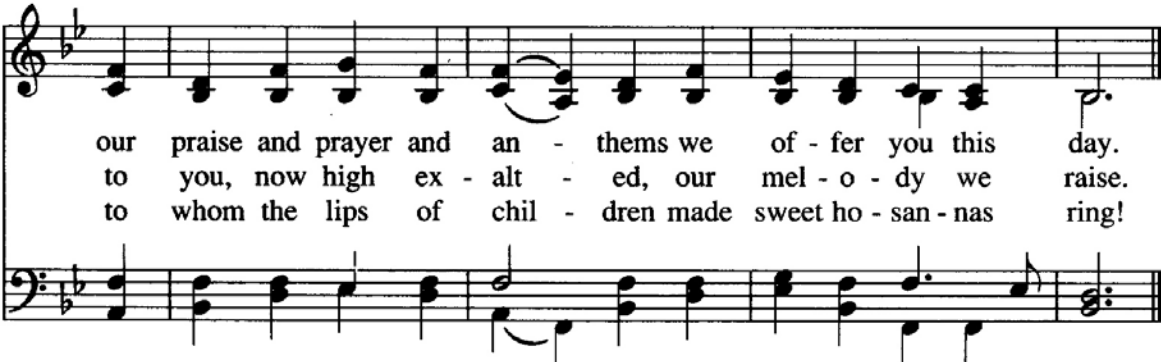
1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,
2 O Prom-ised One of Is - rael, of Da-vid's roy - al line,
3 As you re-ceived their prais - es, re - ceive our prayers to - day,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
the one called "God's be - lov - ed," of flesh and yet di - vine,
whose jus - tice and whose mer - cy and sov-ereign-ty hold sway.



The peo-ple of the He - brews with palms a - dorned your way;
To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,



our praise and prayer and an - thems we of - fer you this day.
to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

Brought to France by Charlemagne, Theodulph became bishop of Orléans but was later imprisoned by Charlemagne's successor. According to legend, he was released when the king, Louis the Pious, heard him sing this hymn from prison.

Tune: ST. THEODULPH 7.6.7.6.D.
(VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN)
Melchior Teschner, 1615
For another setting, see 217

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

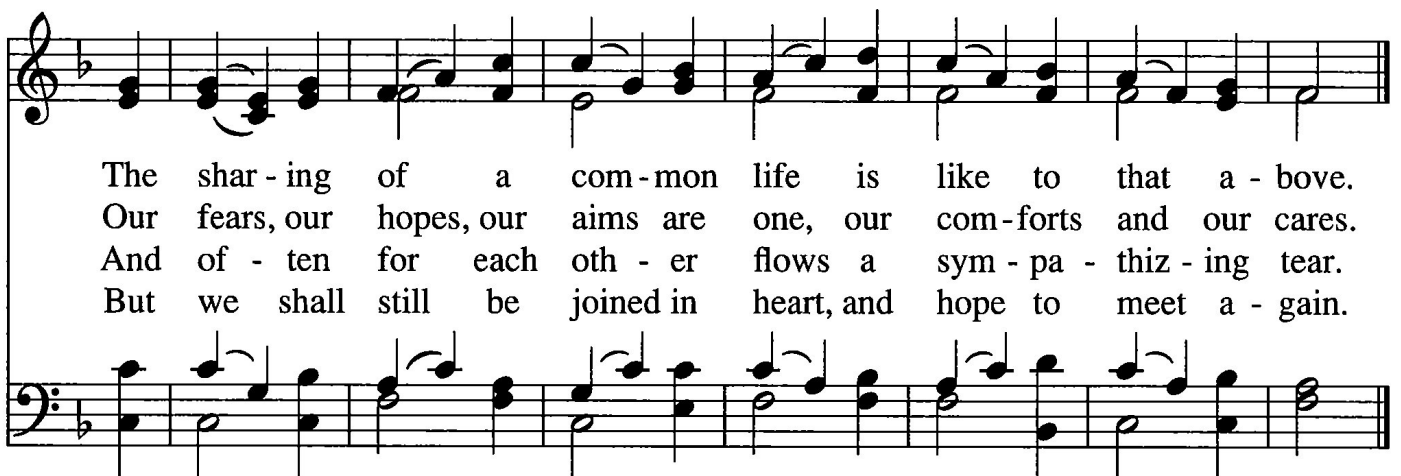
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John Fawcett, 1782; alt.

Gal. 3:28; 6:2; Col. 3:13-15



1 Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our God we come and pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share each oth - er's woes, each oth - er's bur - dens bear,
4 When we are called to part it gives us in - ward pain,



The shar - ing of a com - mon life is like to that a - bove.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
And of - ten for each oth - er flows a sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

An English Baptist minister, John Fawcett published a number of poetic works. His entire ministry was spent at a church near Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire, where he wrote most of his hymns to follow his sermons.

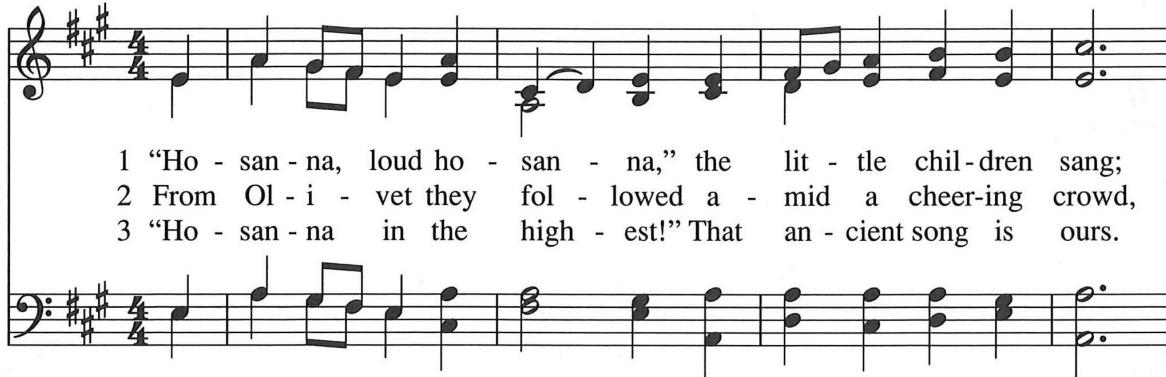
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Melody by Johann G. Nägeli (c. 1768-1836)
Adapt. Lowell Mason, 1845

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

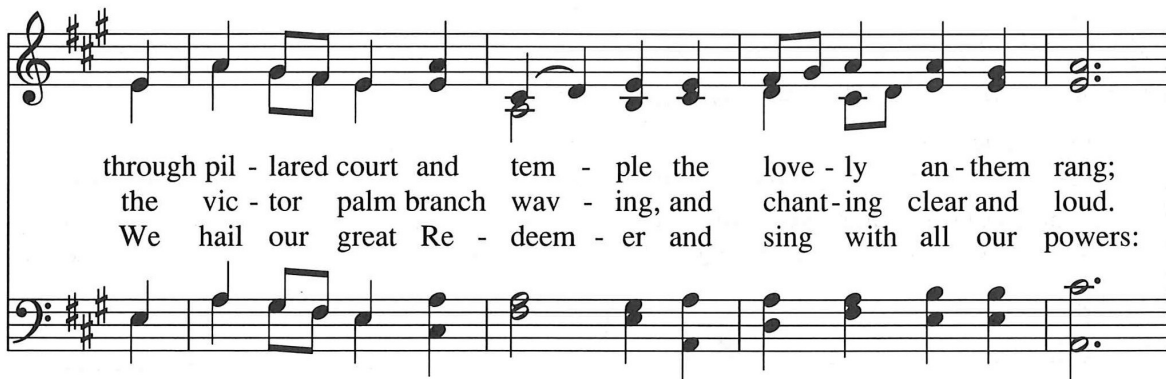
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Jennette Threlfall, 1873; alt.

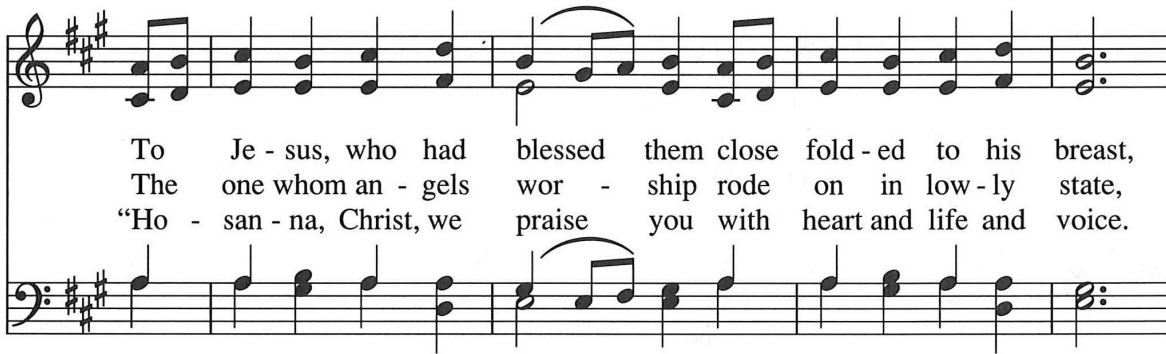
Mark 11:8-10; Matt. 21:15



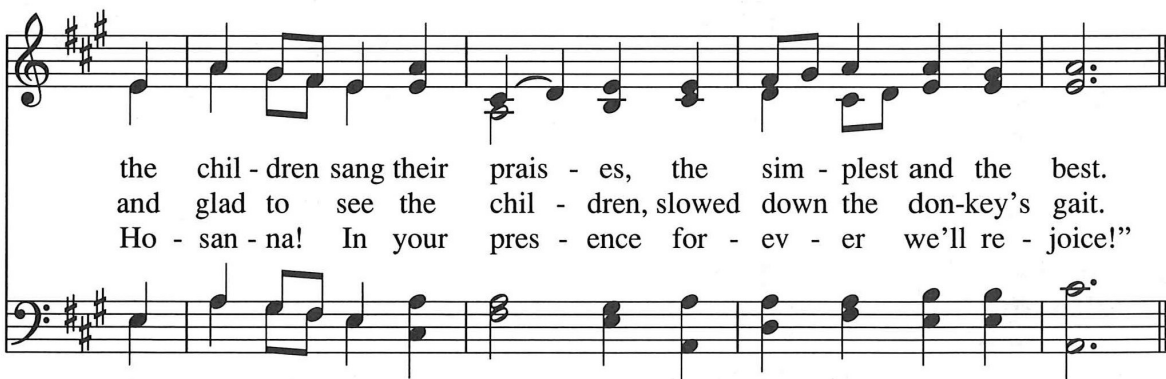
1 "Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na," the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed a - mid a cheer - ing crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song is ours.



through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang;
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud.
We hail our great Re - deem - er and sing with all our powers:



To Je - sus, who had blessed them close fold - ed to his breast,
The one whom an - gels wor - ship rode on in low - ly state,
"Ho - san - na, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice.



the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
and glad to see the chil - dren, slowed down the don - key's gait.
Ho - san - na! In your pres - ence for - ev - er we'll re - joice!"

Jennette Threlfall of England, who was disabled by two accidents, wrote hymns that inspired hope and courage in others. This text was published in her collection *Sunshine and Shadow*.

Tune: ELLACOMBE C.M.D.
Gesangbuch der herzoglichen Württembergischen
katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784