

Order of Worship

“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

As you enter worship, please hang your donated coats on the ends of the pews. Coats will be donated to the Denver Inner City Parish.

Welcome & Time of Greeting Anne Jernberg

Welcome to worship at Calvary! We are glad you are here.

Guests are invited to complete a visitor card and place it in the offering plate later in the service. Cards are located in the pew racks.

If this is your first time worshipping with us, please raise your hand when we stand to greet one another so that we may offer you a gift—a loaf of bread, which reminds us all that Jesus is the “bread of life” that nourishes our life in community together.

Chiming of the Hour

Call to Worship Mason Brown, Nadou Lawson, Cristina Insler

Leader: Jesus is coming!

**People: From the mountainside, from the seaside,
from the homes of the rich and the company of the poor,
from the bedside of those who are sick,**

Leader: Jesus is coming!

**People: Along dusty roads, with a ragged band of travelers,
Jesus comes to Jerusalem, Jesus comes to worship.**

All: Will we greet him with Hosannas?

Mark 11:9-10

Leader: Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

All: Hosanna!

Person 1: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

All: Hosanna!

Person 2: Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

All: Hosanna!

Person 3: Hosanna in the highest heaven!

All: Hosanna!

+Sounding of the Shofar Brenda Goodman

Please stand when you hear the sound of the shofar.

+Processional Hymn *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*
As we sing, please wave your palm high.

+Song *Great Is the Lord*

Anthem *Antiphonal Hosanna* G. Alan Smith
Carolers & Choristers

Word for God's Children Maddie Hulst

Psalter Reading *Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29* Barbara Carter

+Song *Forever*

Extinguishing of the Light Joe Campbell

As we journey to the cross with Jesus throughout Lent, we extinguish one candle each Sunday as we draw nearer to his death on Good Friday. Acknowledging the coming darkness, we confess our own participation in that darkness as people who sometimes fail to be the Light of Christ to the world.

Prayer of Confession Nanci Campbell

Leader: You ride in with humble glory,

**People: and we wave our palm branches,
shouting and dancing our prayer of Hosanna.**

Leader: We join our voices and hearts with the crowd,

People: hoping that you will do what we expect of you.

Leader: But your way is not always glorious, not always cheering crowds, not always a parade of victory.

**All: Lead us, Lord, to know your way,
and to walk with you on any road you travel. Amen.**

Offertory *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* J. Biery

+Doxology
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

Litany David Peterson

Leader: Ever-Creating God, you have made us for yourself.

People: Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you.

Leader: Ever-Loving Lord, you have journeyed in the wilderness.

People: Our strength and courage come from you.

Leader: Ever-stirring Spirit, you transform the thoughts of our minds and move across the landscapes of our souls.

People: Our spirits are open to what you have to say to us.

**ALL: We are listening in the desert to the voices of one another;
we are listening in the desert to voices past and present;
we are listening in the desert to the stirring of our souls;
we are listening in the desert for you.**

+Preparing to Hear God's Word Kevin Padworski

**O Word of God, come into this space.
O Word of God, come send us your grace.
Open our minds; show us your truth
Transform our lives anew.**

+Gospel Reading *Luke 19:28-40* Anne Comstock

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message *Mixed Messages* Anne Jernberg

Silence
Use this time of prayer and centering to prepare yourself for the coming week of journeying with Jesus to the cross.

New Testament Reading *Philippians 2:5-11* Jim Comstock

Response: Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father!

+Hymn of Response *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

As we sing, you are invited to respond to the Spirit's leading.

You may come forward to make public your profession of faith in Christ, to request baptism, to share that you would like to become a member of this church family, to receive prayer or to pray, to share how God is leading you to answer a call to ministry, or to share any way that God is at work in your life.

A pastor will welcome you as you come forward.

+Benediction Anne Jernberg

Postlude *Après un rêve* G. Faure

Please be mindful of others who continue to worship through the Postlude. Following the service, you are invited to Fellowship Hall for coffee, cookies, and conversation. The pastors look forward to greeting you there.

Service Notes

Webcast ministry: Today's 10:30 am worship service is recorded with video cameras for Internet broadcasting at www.calvarydenver.org.

+ Please rise in body or in spirit.

Childcare is available in the nursery for children up to age 5.

Hearing enhancement devices are available from the ushers in the narthex.

The **image** on the cover of today's bulletin is of *Jesus' Triumphal Entry* and can be found at <http://goo.gl/vUv3e>.

Today's **Call to Worship** is inspired by *Leading in Worship: Worship Resources in a Mennonite Voice for Ears of All Kinds* found at <http://goo.gl/7oTWa>.

Carolers, under the direction of Linda Sjoberg, is Calvary's children's choir for children age 4 - 1st grade. **Choristers**, under the direction of Nanci Campbell, is Calvary's children's choir for grades 2 - 5.

After the **Word for God's Children**, children may return to their seats. Worship bags and worship guides for children are available in the narthex.

Today's **Psalter Reading** is found on page 554 in the Old Testament section of the red pew Bible and page 528 in the blue pew Bible.

Today's **Prayer of Confession** is written by Rev. Teri Peterson, Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church.

During today's offertory, you may give a special **Easter Offering** to support the ministries of Calvary. Envelopes are located in the pew racks. Throughout March, Calvary is participating in the **America For Christ Offering** to support the ministries of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies. Please designate your gift with "AFC."

The **Gospel Reading** is found on page 81 in the New Testament Section of the red pew Bible and page 72 in the blue pew Bible.

The **New Testament (NT) Reading** is found on page 193 in the NT Section of the red pew Bible and page 174 in the blue pew Bible.

JuBellation, under the direction of Kevin Padworski, is Calvary's handbell choir for youth and adults.

Today's **worship musicians** include Rachel Padworski, flute; Tiffany Cox, viola; Karen Stanley, bassoon; Brenda Goodman, shofar and trumpet; Le Fox, trumpet; John Kimley, French horn; John Pipe, trombone; Daniel Rule, bass; and Greg Kitto, percussion.

About Today's Worship

The **paraments** are purple today for the liturgical season of Lent.

Palm Sunday is the first day in Holy Week, also known as Passion Week. Jesus, the long-awaited Messiah, rode into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey, not a symbol of power and prestige, but rather of humility. The people rejoiced to see the great teacher and healer by laying palm fronds and cloaks in the street before him, a communal symbol of respect in the Ancient Near East. This event in Scripture is in all four canonical Gospels (Mark 11:1-11, Matthew 21:1-11, Luke 19:28-44, John 12:12-19). The **shofar (שופר)** is a Jewish instrument most often made from a ram's horn. It makes a trumpet-like sound and is traditionally used to announce the start of holidays, for processions, and to mark the start of a war.

Calvary's **Lenten theme** this year is *The Desert Speaks*. The **prayer room** has resources to help you deepen the ways you listen to God in prayer. You may write prayers and place them on the wall in the prayer room as we create a Calvary "wailing wall." View the **Lenten art show** in the board room and narthex.

Calvary's mission is to be a Christ-like community that experiences and shares God's love.

Calvary welcomes and affirms all people as children of God from every cultural and religious background, sexual orientation, family composition, physical and mental ability, economic means, race, age and gender.

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Palm Sunday

March 24, 2013

10:30 a.m.