

The background features a close-up of green palm fronds with a warm, golden bokeh effect from sunlight filtering through. The text 'PALM' is in a bold, black, sans-serif font, and 'Sunday' is in a black, elegant cursive script. A small palm frond is positioned to the right of the word 'PALM'.

PALM

Sunday

WORSHIP OF GOD | MARCH 24, 2024

First Rochester | An American Baptist Church

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Henry Griffin, music director | Samuel Baker, organist

WORSHIP OF GOD

Prelude

Pièce Heröique
Samuel Baker, organ

G. Young

Chiming of the Hour

Procession of the Palms *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* Gesangbuch der H.W.K.
(Hymn on next page) Hofeapelle
Children and Adults

Welcome

Rev. Joanne
Gilbert-Cannon

Call to Worship

One: Humble and riding on a donkey, we greet You;

All: Acclaimed by crowds and caroled by children, we cheer You;

One: moving from the peace of the countryside to the corridors of power; we salute You: Christ our Lord.

All: You are giving the beast of burden a new dignity; You are giving majesty a new face;

One: You are giving those who long for redemption a new song to sing.

**All: With them, with heart and voice, we shout: Hosanna!
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!**

—*from Common Order, Panel on Worship, Church of Scotland, 1994. Used by permission.*

***Hymn 265**

All Glory Laud and Honor

Theodulph of Orleans
Melchior Teschner

Scriptures

Mark 11:1-11

Morning Prayer

Eliecia Young

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

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 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.

N.C. $\frac{A\flat}{C}$ Fm Eb A \flat D \flat $\frac{A\flat}{C}$ D \flat Eb A \flat

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;

N.C. $\frac{A\flat}{C}$ Fm Eb A \flat D \flat Fm Eb sus Eb A \flat

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang;

A \flat $\frac{E\flat}{G}$ A \flat D \flat Eb Fm $\frac{E\flat}{G}$ A \flat $\frac{E\flat}{G}$ A \flat D \flat Eb

to Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,

N.C. $\frac{A\flat}{C}$ Fm Eb A \flat D \flat Fm Eb sus Eb A \flat

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.

First Rochester Choir; Children's Choir; and Congregation;
with Samuel Baker, organ; and Henry Griffin, music director.

*Congregation, Please join us in singing the last verse of our anthem. See below.

F *Maestoso*
CHOIRS and CONGREGATION* (*in unison*)

The musical score is written on a grand staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four staves of music. The first three staves are for the main choir and congregation, and the fourth is for Youth and Congregation. The lyrics are: "Ho - san - na in the high - est," that an - cient song we sing, For Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of Heav'n our King. O may we ev - er praise Him with heart and life and voice, And in His bless - ed pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - jice!

Children's Time

Eliecia Young

*Hymn 286

Stay With Me
(Repeat Song 3x)

Taizé Community

Giving our Gifts to God

In response for the gift of God's abundance, we return to God gifts of what we have and gifts of who we are. To contribute financially to the work of FBCR you may leave an offering in the plate as it is passed, send an offering by mail, or give at rochesterfbc.org/give/.

Music in *Now the Sons of the Hebrews* Nicasio Zorita
Response *Cast Thy Garments* tr. Robert L. Goodale
a Spanish-Latin motet for Palm Sunday (sung in English)
Section leaders of the First Rochester Choir; Henry Griffin, director

Now the sons of the Hebrews
cast their garments before Jesus in His path,
and with loud voice they cried out:
Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of God:
Blessed is He that cometh
bearing the name of the Lord.

Offertory 688 *We Give Thee But Thine Own* H Smith
We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be.
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to Mission and Ministry

*Worshippers with information on the life of the church are invited to offer announcements.
From Zoom simply unmute and speak up.
From campus, come to one of the congregation microphones.
There may be a little set-up during this time for the upcoming narrative.*

THE PASSION NARRATIVE

Closing Hymn 272 *Go To Dark Gethsemane* James Montgomery
Richard Redhead

Benediction

Postlude *Ah, Holy Jesus* J. Brahms
Samuel Baker, organ

We're delighted you've joined us in worship today. If you are new to First Rochester's worship, please consider letting us know. We would love to get to know you better. We hope you will trust us with your contact information so we may connect with you. Please either complete the Connection Card found in the small pocket in the pews and place it in the offering plate, sign the book in the foyer as you enter, or go to rochesterfbc.org/guestbook/ to leave us your name and contact information.

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Thank you to those who contributed their gifts to today's service including: Bob McDonald and Doug Trolley, ushers; Dara and Ron Lewis, fellowship time; our tech team: Wesley Selleck, apprentice; Oliver Hood; Scott and Susen McClellan; Glenn Stahl, and Janet Richardson; and our musicians: First Rochester Choir, with Section Leaders: Naomi Chad, soprano; Emma Unkrich, mezzo-soprano; Andrew Miller, tenor; Ashton Rapp, baritone; Samuel Baker, organ; and Henry Griffin, Music director. The Passion Narrative Readers: Rev. Ivan Marable, narrator; Rev. Ken McCarthy, Judas; Rev. Ken Williams, disciple and Peter; Rev. Peg Williams, Jesus; Richard Wien, False Witness, Solider and Centurion; Jean Garling, Bystander; Christopher Oaks, Caiaphas; Marcia McCarthy, Scribe; Janet Richardson, servants; Eliecia Young, Pilate; Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon, Pilate's Wife; Many voices, Crowd.

LENTEN SPECIAL MISSION PROJECT

In our last week of collecting for Cameron Community Ministries, how much can we collect together? Dare we reach for \$3,000 collected?

*High
5
for Cameron*

During Lent, we have collected \$2,640 toward High 5 for Cameron (65% given to them in week three of our collection). Numerous people gave multiples of \$5 over the 5 weeks of Lent to help CCM. These dollars have been specified for the neighborhood program *Cameron Cuts*, an inner-city

barbershop and apprentice program, open for neighbors' haircuts and training of future barbers from the area. First Rochester helped to meet some of the immediate needs of *Cameron Cuts* when our Missions Committee gave on our behalf from the church mission fund; we also gave individually "together" to support this vital ministry that had its promised grant money placed on hold. We have this last week to give! Can we reach \$3,000? Please give today through Easter!

Another way to help Cameron Community Ministries is by using a little time, an envelope, and a stamp. Pastor Joanne mentioned one way to help Cameron with their frozen funds' situation, was to write letters to County Executive Adam Bello to release the promised grant money. The Missions Committee has penned a sample letter to use which is available on the tables in the Narthex, Garden Room, and hallway, or by request at office@rochesterfbc.org. Please get yours today, personalize it, and send it soon to help CCM and other community organizations get their promised funds released to support the various community programs including *Cameron's Cuts*.

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Today, after worship fellowship will be hosted by Ron and Dara Lewis in the Garden Room followed by a Talkback Session in the Chapel and TLC in the Koinonia Room with Choir for our children. We have decided to hold the Lunch Club once a month going forward on the 3rd Sunday of the month following the Missions Meeting. All are welcome to join the next bring-your-own lunch gathering on April 21.

OWLS (Older Wiser Learned Seniors): On **Thursday, March 28**, their continuing month-long program is *Armchair Irish Immersion*. Chair exercise begins at 11:30 AM with lunch and program at 12:15 PM. A \$10 donation is appreciated. Please RSVP to Kandee Tabor at her email kandeetabor@gmail.com or call or text her at (585) 520-6948. Looking ahead to April 4, our topic will be: *Solar Eclipse Facts, Fun, and Preparation*.

Thoughtful upcoming programs and guest preachers are being planned in April, including Dr. Don Schwab, who will be preaching and leading a special forum on April 7.

Join us Wednesday evenings in April 3, 10, 17 & 24 at 6 PM to learn about the prison system, the background, and a way forward with Thomas and Kerry Gant. Thomas Gant was incarcerated for 25 years and saw firsthand how broken the system is. The Gants are gifted teachers and will lead us through an incredible program including Thomas will also preach and lead a sermon talkback on with us on April 14.

FBCR Book Club reading for Tuesday, March 26 is Brené Brown's new book titled *Dare to Lead: Brave Work. Tough Conversations. Whole Hearts*. Anyone interested in joining us is welcome. We will gather at 11:30 AM for fellowship and we will begin our book discussion by noon. Bring a lunch if that's your choice - a beverage will be provided.

Would you like to place an order for Dedication Easter Flowers? ! On the tables in the Narthex, Garden Room, and Hallway are order forms. With a few day extension, last-minute orders will still be accepted today! Place completed order in the bin on the table in the Hallway.

For the latest news and events, please go to our website on the *Connections* page at www.rochesterfbc.org/news-and-events/.

See back page for Holy Week events.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Palm/Passion Sunday Today

We have gathered together for worship with the waving of palms at 10 AM.

As part of the service, the Passion Story will be read from the scriptures by many voices. Join us as we immerse ourselves in the Word.

Maundy Thursday Agape Meal and Service Thursday, March 28 @ 6 PM

Our Maundy Thursday special service will be held in Hubbell Hall. Plan to join us for a simple soup dinner at 6 PM followed by an intimate worship experience including communion and handwashing time.

We are preparing the dinner for you, so please **sign up today** in the Garden Room so we know how much to make!

There will be no Wednesday study this week.



Easter Service Sunday, March 31 @ 10 AM

Invite your family and friends and join us on Easter morning as we rejoice in the resurrection of Christ!

In the service, voices will be raised in song and the word. A quintet of brass will trumpet our joy as we celebrate our risen Lord.

