



# Plymouth Congregational Church

*A Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

Service of the Word  
April 13, 2025  
Palm / Passion Sunday  
10:00 am – Worship

## 🌀 Weekly Wisdom 🌀

The Catholic theologian Herbert McCabe says that  
we know the truth of the Eden stories  
when we admit that we live in a society,  
despite many efforts of ethical people,  
that is nevertheless based on fear,  
“driven by fear of poverty, starvation, prison, torture, and killing.”  
This fear is not the exception to the rule, the fly in the ointment.  
This fear is, in fact, the water in the aquarium,  
the world in which we live.  
“This is what we are born into. This is what we are enmeshed in ...  
When we speak of ‘original sin’ we are not referring to  
some ancient and original sin of our first parents ...  
(We) mean the sin we have from our own origin in this world:  
not a sin we have committed, but a distortion of our world  
which leads us away from God,  
a distortion that leads us, when we encounter love,  
to crucify it.”

(Thomas Long)

Repentance ... is less about contrition for occasional minor offenses ...  
than about the perpetual reorientation of heart and head and hands  
from service to one kingdom to service to another.  
This whole-hearted, full-bodied *metanoia*  
is epitomized by the cross of Christ,  
which is the culmination of the Lenten season  
and the heart of the Christian life.

(George Mason)

# Order of Worship

*Be still ...  
and aware of God's presence  
... in you and around you.*



## RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

### PRELUDE

“The Palms”  
Michael Chellis, *bass*

Jean-Baptiste Fauré

### SCRIPTURE READING (Luke 19:28-40)

Doreen Todorov + Dale Hindmarsh

- R-1 Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.  
Coming to Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives,  
he gave two disciples a task. He said,
- R-2 “Go into the village over there. When you enter it,  
you will find tied up a colt that no one has ever ridden.  
Untie it and bring it here.  
If anyone asks, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say,  
‘Its master needs it.’”
- R-1 Those who had been sent found it exactly as he had said.  
As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them,  
‘Why are you untying the colt?’  
They replied, ‘Its master needs it.’ They brought it to Jesus,  
threw their clothes on the colt and lifted Jesus onto it.  
As Jesus rode along, they spread their clothes on the road.  
As Jesus approached the road leading down from the Mount of Olives,  
the whole throng of his disciples began rejoicing.  
They praised God with a loud voice  
because of all the mighty things they had seen. They said,
- All: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God!  
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.**
- R-1 Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to Jesus,  
‘Teacher, scold your disciples! Tell them to stop!’  
He answered,
- R-2 *‘I tell you, if they were silent, the stones themselves would cry out!’*

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 213

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

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\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

GREETING

Rev. Craig French

INTROIT 793

“Santo, Santo, Santo”

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*\*Please stand as you are able.*

One: Jesus, we call you “Lord,” but you’re not like any ruler we’ve ever seen.

**Pulpit** You don’t flaunt your power—waving your hand dismissively  
**Side:** to change the lives of your subjects.

*Organ* You don’t hoard your wealth and tax your people  
*Side:* just to grow more comfortable in your exclusive palace.

**Pulpit** You don’t exploit the weak and unconnected  
**Side:** or use the ambition of ladder-climbers to further your control.

*Organ* No, you are the One who lays down your crown  
*Side:* to walk among us as one of us.

**Pulpit** You are the One who lays down your life  
**Side:** to bring abundant, eternal life to all who seek it.

*Organ* You are the One who draws the weak, the rejected, the poor, the child  
*Side:* into the center of the conversation and into the heart of real power.

**ALL:** You, Jesus, are the Un-Lord—  
*the One whose realm redefines everything we know ...  
and will continue to do so for all eternity. Amen.*

## THE GIFT OF THE WORD

STORY FOR ALL AGES

Emily Evans + Nancy Gwin

*Following the story, children preschool through grade 5 will depart for Learning Community.*

GOSPEL READING

Luke 22:54-62 (*the Common English Bible*)

Doreen Todorov

ANTHEM

“The Children of the Hebrews”

G. P. da Palestrina

MESSAGE

“Road Signs on the Way to Life:  
The Awful Silence of Bystanders”

Pastor French

\*HYMN 218

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

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PRAYER & BLESSING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

*(This is one of several versions that we rotate through the year.  
You may pray this or other wording familiar to you.)*

**All:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come; your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CALL TO ACTION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

James Laster

\*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God throughout these forty days;  
Praise Jesus Christ, whom God did raise;  
And praise the Spirit who imparts  
God's love in Christ into our hearts.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN 216

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

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\*BENEDICTION

CARRYING OUT THE LIGHT

POSTLUDE

“Marche Royale”  
Kyle Jones, *trumpet*

Jean-Baptiste Lully

Rev. Craig French, Bridge Pastor  
Dr. Joseph Downing, Director of Music  
Emily Evans, Youth and Children's Ministries Coordinator  
Lori A Forrester, Church Administrator  
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✉ **Plymouth Runs on YOU** ✉

**USHER:** George Bain **LITURGIST:** Doreen Todorov and Dale Hindmarsh

**DEACONS ON DUTY:** Cindy Perrine and Esther Zorn

**NURSERY CAREGIVER:** Isabel Fontaine

**COMMUNITY TIME:** The Deacons

**GREETER:** Kathleen Deters-Hayes

**COUNTERS:** Kathleen Deters-Hayes and Elaine Wolf

**FLOWERS:** Bernie Peterson in memory of  
Geraldine Sophia Pasternacki and Franklin Delano Peterson.

**ONLINE WORSHIP COORDINATOR:** Tom Zorn

**THIS WEEK AT PLYMOUTH**

- Today                      Following Worship:
  - *Children's Alfombra — sidewalk “carpet” of flowers*
  - *Palm Sunday procession — See the city with Jesus!*
  - *Community Time*
  - *Walking the Labyrinth*
- Tues. April 15            Church Council, Parlor, 5:30pm\*
- Wed. April 16            Food Pantry, 2-4pm
- Thur. April 17            MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE, Memorial Hall, 7pm
- Fri. April 18              GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL SERVICE, 6:30pm  
   @ University U.M. Church (E. Genesee & University Ave.)
- Next Sunday              EASTER

*\*Board meetings are open to all; please contact the Church Office to be put in contact with the Chair who can receive your request and share meeting information with you.*

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**Parking Reminder:** If you are using the Diocese parking lot, please be respectful of where you park. Do not park in front of the garages; there are vehicles that may be needed at any time. Also, please don't park in unmarked spaces. If it is not a designated parking place, then it is to be used to get to another area in the parking lot. If you park there, you will be blocking someone in or out of legitimate parking spaces. Thank you.

## ☞ Welcome to Plymouth ☞

232 E. Onondaga Street | Syracuse, NY 13202 | 315-474-4836

*We are an Open and Affirming, Just Peace, Immigrant Welcoming, Progressive Christian, and Sanctuary Congregation.*

Plymouth was founded in 1853 by a group of Syracusans who wanted to create a Christian abolitionist bulwark fighting slavery. Since then, we continue to live our faith by standing against racism, white supremacy culture, poverty, and war; standing up for the rights of immigrants, indigenous people, workers, women, and LGBTQ folk; and seeking to be agents of mercy in a hurting world. We believe in beauty, laughter, the struggle for peace with justice, taking risks for building a diverse, equitable, and inclusive Beloved Community in God, and the Way of Jesus Christ which is love and compassion for ourselves and our neighbors.

*Our faith is over 2,000 years old; our thinking is not!*

- **Resources for Children:** Worship Activity Kits are available for children ages 3 - 5th grade on the shelves in the back of the sanctuary. We ask that your children put their names on the blank label on the box the first time they use a kit, take that kit each week, and return it at the end of worship.
- **Visiting for the First Time?** We are so glad to meet another member of our extended global family. To add your name to our mailing list so we can know how to best serve you, please fill out the card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate or email [office@plymouthsyr.org](mailto:office@plymouthsyr.org).
- **Giving:** Part of worshipping God is through giving. We can only live in to our mission to impact the world TOGETHER with the generosity of all! You can share your gifts during the morning offering, or by mailing a check to Plymouth Church at the address above or via PayPal to [giving@plymouthsyr.org](mailto:giving@plymouthsyr.org).
- **Prayer Requests:** We are excited to be worshipping together both with members of Plymouth Church and the wider world. To add a name to our Prayer List, fill out the card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate or contact [office@plymouthsyr.org](mailto:office@plymouthsyr.org).

# "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!"

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (SANCTUS)

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*Text and music: Anon., Argentina*

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 6/8 time signature. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. Above the upper staff, the following chords are indicated: C, G7, C, F, and C. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line of lyrics is: "¡San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zón te a - do - ra! Mi". The second line of lyrics is: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My".

The second system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 6/8 time signature. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. Above the upper staff, the following chords are indicated: F, C, Am, F, G7, and C. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line of lyrics is: "cor - a - zón te sa - be de-cir: san - to e - res Dios.". The second line of lyrics is: "heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, God.".



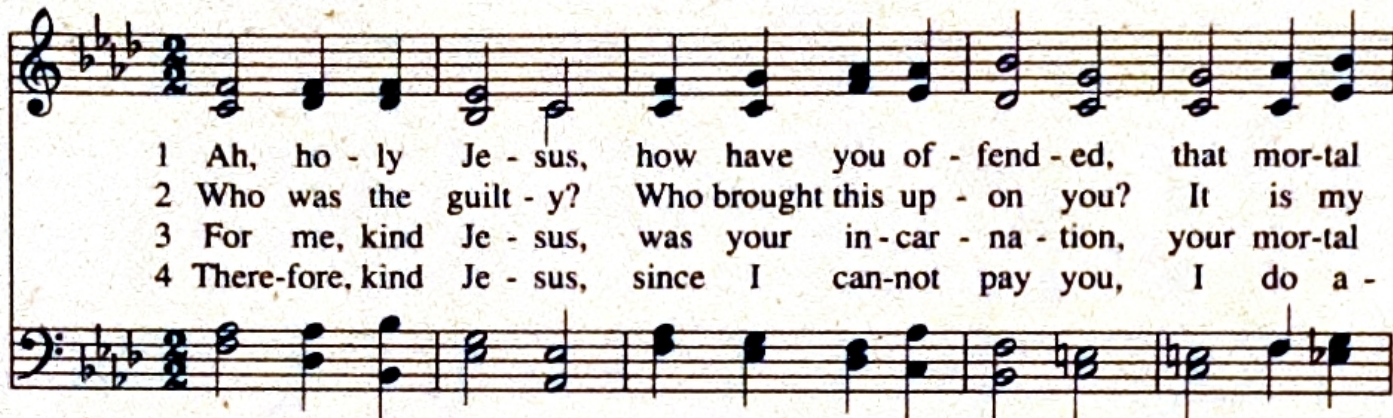
# Ah, Holy Jesus

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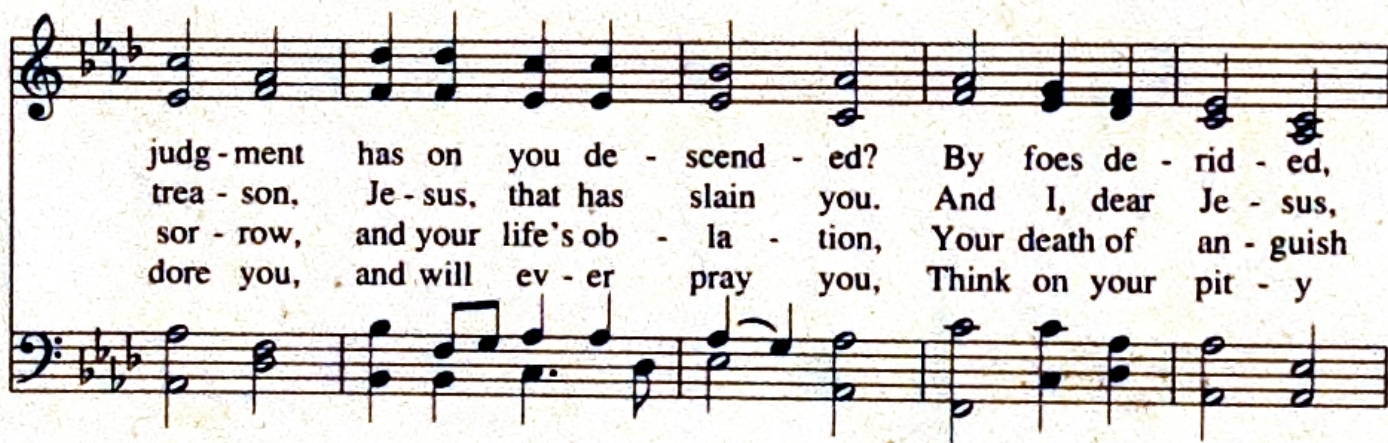
Johann Heermann, 1630

Isa. 53:3-5; John 1:11; 18:15-17

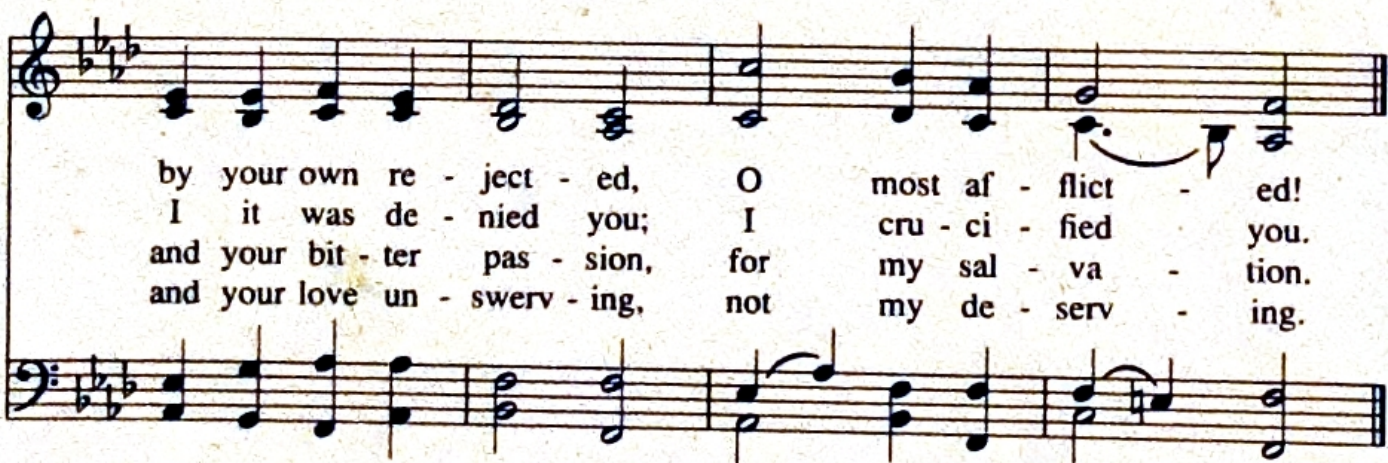
Paraphr. by Robert Bridges, 1899; alt.



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how have you of - fend - ed, that mor - tal  
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on you? It is my  
3 For me, kind Je - sus, was your in - car - na - tion, your mor - tal  
4 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay you, I do a -



judg - ment has on you de - scend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,  
tre - son, Je - sus, that has slain you. And I, dear Je - sus,  
sor - row, and your life's ob - la - tion, Your death of an - guish  
dore you, and will ev - er pray you, Think on your pit - y



by your own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed!  
I it was de - nied you; I cru - ci - fied you.  
and your bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.  
and your love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Based on an eleventh-century Latin meditation by Jean de Fécamp, this is one of many fine hymns by Johann Heermann. Though poor, Heermann's parents prepared him for the Lutheran pastorate. Much of his ministry took place during the Thirty Years' War.

Tune: HERZLIEBSTER JESU 11.11.11.5.  
Johann Crüger, 1640

# 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!