



Mt Vernon UMC

Passion Sunday / Palm Sunday
April 13, 2025

ENTRANCE WITH THE PALMS

GATHERING

As you are able, please gather in the narthex.

We will proceed together at the appropriate time.

ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM *

*Hear from the Gospel according to Luke
how our Lord Jesus entered Jerusalem.*

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"

So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.

Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop."

He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

RESPONSE (from Psalm 118)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his love endures forever.

Let those who fear the Lord say:

"His love endures forever."

Open for me the gates of the righteous;

I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord

through which the righteous may enter.

His love endures forever.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

From the house of the Lord we bless you.

The Lord is God,

and he has made his light shine on us.

His love endures forever.

You are my God, and I will praise you;

you are my God, and I will exalt you.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his love endures forever.

HYMN *

278. Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

*The congregation processes into the place of worship,
waving palms, distributing palms, and laying palms onto
the ground leading to the chancel.*

HYMN *

280. All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*The lit Christ candle enters the sanctuary,
proceeding to the Lord's Table.*

OPENING PRAYER *

Almighty God,

on this day your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way.

Let those branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our Lord, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life.

In his name we pray. Amen.

HOLY WEEK ANNOUNCEMENTS

<i>Palm Sunday Worship</i>	<i>10:30am 4/13</i>
<i>Maundy Thursday at Bellflower Christian</i>	<i>6pm 4/17</i>
<i>Good Friday Worship at Mt Vernon</i>	<i>7pm 4/18</i>
<i>Easter Vigil</i>	<i>7:30pm 4/19</i>
<i>Easter</i>	<i>4/20</i>
<i>Sunrise Service</i>	<i>5:30am</i>
<i>Breakfast</i>	<i>9am</i>
<i>Egg Hunt</i>	<i>9:45am</i>
<i>Worship</i>	<i>10:30am</i>

NOISY OFFERING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION TO PASSION SUNDAY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION UMH 281

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me a trained tongue, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by

morning he wakens, wakens my ear to listen as those
who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not
rebellious; I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me and my cheeks to
those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been
disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I
know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates
me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand in court together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

PSALM

764. Psalm 31:1-16

*Musical Refrain: A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippians 2:5 –11

HYMN

177. He Is Lord

GOSPEL

Luke 22:14-54

To Be Continued Friday Night

HYMN *a capella*

Were You There

CONCERNS & PRAYERS

RESPONSE

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Incline Thine ear to us,

and grant us Thy peace. Amen.

CONFESSION & PARDON

UMH 12

PEACE & OFFERING

By word and sign, let us show love to each other.

By gift and prayer, let us show love to God.

By God's grace, we are at peace with God and each other.

DOXOLOGY - #95

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.

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING UMH 17

THE LORD's PRAYER UMH 895

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION UMH 11

SENDING FORTH

BLESSING

CANDLES 2006. Lord God, Almighty (v3)

Father, we praise you.

Jesus, we love you.

Spirit, we thank you for the gifts of new life.

How can we tell you how much we love you?

Take now our lives, Lord, and teach us to love.

*Go into the world,
the body of Christ redeemed by His blood,
in the strength of the Holy Spirit,
to praise the Father and love His people.*

In Search of Wisdom

In 2025, we will focus on the Book of Proverbs. Inspired by Joyce Meyer's *In Search of Wisdom*, for 31 Sundays we will consider each book of Proverbs, in turn. Books are available in the narthex or you may purchase them on Amazon.

Jan 19	Prov. 1	Apr 27	Prov. 12	Aug 03	Prov. 21
Jan 26	Prov. 2	May 04	Prov. 13	Aug 10	Prov. 22
Feb 02	Prov. 3	May 11	Prov. 31	Aug 31	Prov. 23
Feb 16	Prov. 4	May 18	Prov. 14	Sep 07	Prov. 24
Feb 23	Prov. 5	Jun 08	Prov. 15	Sep 14	Prov. 25
Mar 02	Prov. 6	Jun 15	Prov. 16	Sep 14	Prov. 26
Mar 09	Prov. 7	Jun 22	Prov. 17	Oct 05	Prov. 27
Mar 23	Prov. 8	Jun 29	Prov. 18	Oct 12	Prov. 28
Mar 25	Prov. 9	Jul 20	Prov. 19	Oct 19	Prov. 29
Mar 30	Prov. 10	Jul 27	Prov. 20	Oct 26	Prov. 30
Apr 06	Prov. 11				

Church Vitality

Average Sunday Attendance in March:	33.2
Average Sunday Attendance, year-to-date:	29.6
Average Sunday Offering, year-to-date:	\$1,576
Average Offering, compared to budget:	+\$163/wk
Recent Ministries:	

Helping Hands, Ash Wednesday, Breakfast & Blessing of the Tractors, Pi Day w/ Lunch & Games, Zahnd funeral & meal, Smithson/Compton wedding, Spring Cleaning, Humane Society Noisy Offering

Ministry & Discipleship Opportunities

Helping Hands: Soup, Crackers, TP, \$\$	Today!
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Recent and Upcoming Birthdays

Scott Jones, Abby Bailen, Rob Dickinson,
Blake Drollinger, Mark Jones

For more information about these and other activities, check your email for *This Week at Mt. Vernon*. If you don't receive *This Week at Mt. Vernon*, please let us know.

You can view this week's bulletin at <https://tinyurl.com/4h8tzuyt>. If you use the electronic version, please let Pastor Rob know.



God calls Mt Vernon UMC to:
Love God & neighbor as Jesus taught
Learn together of God's love and grace
Serve others by using our God given gifts and talents
Be witnesses of our faith in God through Jesus Christ to all the world!.
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If you would like a prayer, a visit, a meal, to have Holy Communion brought to your home, or have any other need, please contact any church member or Pastor Rob ([217-751-4400](tel:217-751-4400), pastor@mtvernon-umc.org).