

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Sixth Sunday in Lent: Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday
March 25, 2018

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Ruth Niino-DuPonte

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Day of Triumph--*Broughton*

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship

Leader: God calls us to go and find, and so we seek God's will.

People: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God.

Leader: God provides what is needed for our tasks and labors.

People: Blessed is the coming reign of God.

Leader: In the midst of our questions and uncertainty, God is revealed to us.

People: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Leader: Let us worship God.

Hymn #216: All Glory, Laud, and Honor (v. 1-3)

Invocation:

Leader: God of love and compassion we celebrate your joyful and disruptive entry into Jerusalem.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: In that same way we anticipate, with expectant hearts, your presence in this place.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: We come, knowing that your love has arrived and is made manifest in Jesus the Christ.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: We come, prepared to be changed by the grace we receive in your love.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: We come, with our whole being, to prepare the way for the coming of love incarnate.

**People: Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Amen!**

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Palm Sunday Gospel: Mark 11:1-11

Parade of Palms #213: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (v. 1-3)

Please rise if you are able and join hands in a circle for the

Blessing of the Palms and

Lord's Prayer in unison:

**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 and ever.
Amen.**

Anthem

IYAA

Reading of the Passion:

Mark 14:1-15:47

Readers: Eric Anderson, Roberta Chu, Jane Kawazoe, John Narruhn

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #218: Ah, Holy Jesus (v. 1, 3)

Invitation to the Offering

People can be fickle. As stubborn as we may be at the age of two, as adults we may sway with the wind, as some in Jerusalem swayed between Sunday and Friday. God is faithful, however the wind may blow: and the breath of God blows always to blessing. In praise of our blessing God, let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Christ We Adore and Worship Thee – *Dubois-Wilson* Kayleen Yuda

Doxology:

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost – Amen**

Prayer of Dedication:

Holy One, you are generous in the blessings you bestow on us. You give us time, and the ability to choose how we use our time. You give us talents, and we may share them with those around us to create and restore. You give us our daily bread, that we might share with those in need. Grant that the gifts we bring this day might proclaim your glory, and not our own, in the name of the Palm Sunday Messiah. Amen.

Hymn #219: Journey to Gethsemane (v. 1-3)

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response #219: Journey to Gethsemane (v. 4)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Ride On in Triumph, O King – *Balcombe* Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, March 25 – Deacons Meeting after worship

Today, March 25 – J's Mini Mart

Thursday, March 29 – Maundy Thursday, worship at 7 p.m.

Friday, March 30 – Good Friday, prayers in sanctuary from 12 noon to 3 p.m.

Saturday, March 31 – Holy Saturday

Saturday, March 31 – Easter egg decorating, 9 a.m. J's Cafe

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson
Moderator: Gloria Kobayashi
Minister Emeritus: Rev. Susumu Yamane
Ushers: IYAA, Jayson Rekis, Reilly Narruhn & Stuart Mori
Lay Reader: Ruth Niino-DuPonte
Flowers: Kay Kawachika & Mary Ann Katayama
Choir Director: Rachel Edwards
Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita
Organist: Kayleen Yuda
Hand Bell Director: Anna Kennedy
Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shioshita
Pre-Service Music: Bob and Sue Smith
Projected Imagery: Sue Smith
Web Master: Ruth Niino-DuPonte
Office Manager: Pearl "Momi" Lyman

This week at the Church of the Holy Cross

- **Bible Study with Pastor Eric:**
Sundays, 8:30 am – A Survey of the Bible in J's Café
Wednesdays, 9:30 am—Lectionary readings for the upcoming Sunday Service in Pastor's office
Wednesdays, 6:30 pm – Pastor's office
- **Choir Practice:** Tuesdays, 4:30 pm, Sundays, 8:30 am, Sanctuary
- **IYAA Bible Study,** Wednesdays, 7:30 pm in the Lounge
- **Ron Fujiyoshi, Ohana Ho'opakele,** Thursdays, 9 am in the Lounge
- **Hand Bell Choir Practice:** Fridays, 2 pm, in J's Café

Other Faith Groups that meet at Church of the Holy Cross

- **The United Church of Christ, Pohnpei** – worship in the Meeting Room of the Building of Faith Sundays at 10 am.
Rev. Bensis Henry
- **Congregational Christian Church of American Samoa** worship in the sanctuary, Sundays at 12 noon.
Rev. Ausage Lelili'o and Rev. Rae Lelili'o
- **The Bedesta Church** worship in the Meeting Room of the Building of Faith, Sundays at 1:30 pm.
Rev. Edmes Edwin
- **Muslim Community Group** worship in the Building of Faith Meeting Room, Fridays at 1:00 pm.