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Sunday, March 29, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

Palm Sunday



The Reverend Brandon L. Thornton, *Pastor*

The Reverend Charles A. Lewis, *Presiding Elder, The Mobile District*
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Ministerial Staff

Doctor Olivia Martin, *Itinerant Elder,*
Family, Community & Leadership Development Leader
The Reverend Irmatine Chastang, *Itinerant Elder,*
Congregational Care & Discipleship Leader
The Reverend Pamela Greene-Irby, *Itinerant Deacon,*
Worship & Evangelism Leader

Order of Worship

Worship Leader.....Rev. Pamela G. Irby

The Doxology.....Rev. Pamela G. Irby

“Praise God From Whom All Blessing Flow”

THE CALL TO WORSHIP.....Rev. Pamela G. Irby

Leader: “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!”

Today we celebrate Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Congregation: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Leader: Jesus humbly rode into Jerusalem on a donkey for the Feast of the Passover. The crowds spread their cloaks on the road and others laid palms to prepare the way for his victorious coming.

Congregation: Rejoice! Rejoice! The King arrives!

Leader: Five hundred years before Jesus, the prophet Zechariah told of the Messiah’s coming in humility and peace. (see Zech. 9:9)

Congregation: Rejoice! Rejoice! The triumphant King has come!

Leader: On the journey to liberation from sin, we celebrate Christ’s victories, sorrowfully contemplate his sacrifice, and we revel in his resurrection, the ultimate victory.

Congregation: We remember the long road to freedom that our ancestors traveled, filled with triumphs, death, and new life.

Leader: Ride on, King Jesus! Ride on, conquering King!

Congregation: Jesus came “to bring good news to the poor; to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind; and to let the oppressed go free.” (Lk. 4:18)

Leader: With excitement and joy we welcome you into our lives. With loud hosannas we join you on your march toward liberation, justice, and love for all people.

All: Rejoice! Rejoice! The triumphant King has come!

The Opening Hymn.....“O Magnify the Lord”.....Beth-Tones Choir& Congregation

O magnify the Lord
For He is worthy to be praised
O magnify the Lord
For He is worthy to be praised

chorus
Hosannah, blessed be the rock
Blessed be the rock of my salvation.
Hosannah, blessed be the rock
Blessed be the rock of my salvation.

Verse 1
I will call upon the Lord [Ladies Echo]
Who is worthy to be praised [Ladies Echo]
So shall I be saved from my enemies

Chorus 2
The Lord liveth and blessed be my Rock
And let the God of my salvation be exalted!
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And let the God of my salvation be exalted!.

THE INVOCATION.....Bro. Charles Wills, Sr.

Ministry of Music.....Beth-Tones Choir & Congregation

THE SCRIPTURE READING.....Sis. Gwendolyn Dixon

No. 717 – Palm Sunday (Please Stand)

Leader: Thus says the Lord, Keep judgment, and do justice: for My salvation is near to come, and My righteousness to be revealed.

People: Every one that keeps My covenant, even them will I bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer: for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all people.

Leader: Thus says the high and lofty One that inhabits eternity, whose Name is Holy;

People: I dwell in the high and holy place, and with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

Leader: For I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth: for the spirit should fail before Me, and the souls which I have made.

People: Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, says the Lord; and I will heal him. Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us?

Leader: Behold, I will send My messenger, and he shall prepare the way before Me.

People: And the Lord, whom you seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom you delight in: behold, He shall come, says the Lord of hosts.

Leader: But who may abide the day of His coming? and who shall stand when He appears? for He is like a refiner's fire; and He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver.

ALL: To you that fear My Name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings. And all nations shall call you blessed: for you shall be a delightsome land, says the Lord of hosts.

Ministry of Music.....Beth-Tones Choir & Congregation

Acknowledgements of Guests and Announcements

THE MINISTRY OF GIVING

Bringing of the Tithes and Offering.....Rev. Irmatine Chastang

THE GIVER'S AFFIRMATION

**This is my seed. It shall meet all my needs.
I give it today, because I obey – my God and His command.**

**My tithe is out of obedience and love. My offering is my sacrifice.
My return shall be magnified, because I've learned to give right.
I'm the head and not the tail, a lender and not a borrower, on top and not beneath.**

**Because I give, I am blessed – in the city and in the field.
I'm blessed because I give my God my best.
Today and every day, I am blessed.**

Ministry of Music.....Beth-Tones Choir & Congregation

Sermon.....Rev. Brandon Thornton

Invitation to Discipleship

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. The third day He arose from the dead, He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of GOD the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Church Universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

THE DOXOLOGY

POSTLUDE