

**Monte Vista Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
3501 Campus Blvd. NE Albuquerque, NM 87106**

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(<https://www.montevista.org/vistastream>)*

***Palm Sunday***

***The good news is...inspiring us to act.***

**March 29, 2026**

**10:30am MT**

**Order of Worship**

Welcome

Pastor Dave

Prelude

*Intonation on "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*  
by Alfred Fedak

Paulette McClellan

Extinguishing the Sixth Candle

Gregg Rothrock's Care Group

Leader 1: As we move deeper into our observance of the Lenten season, may the extinguishing our candles call us to awareness of the increasing darkness Jesus experienced as he moved toward the cross.

*Extinguish candle.*

Leader 2: And may our worship call us to the light of the ever-present good news the darkness will never extinguish.

\*Call to Worship

Gerri Warner

One: Will you follow?

**All: Will you lay down something important?**

One: Will you shout "Hosanna"?

**All: Will you join the parade?**

One: Will you sing, even if your throat is hoarse?

**All: Will you cut down a palm branch?**

One: Will you wave it in the air?

**All: Will you follow the one riding on a donkey?**

One: Will you let this good news inspire you to act?

**All: We will. We will sing. We will pay close attention.**

**We will worship. We will follow.**

One: Hosanna in the highest!

**All: Hosanna in the highest!**

\*Opening Hymn

*Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates*

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\*Opening Prayer

Gerri

Holy One, if we've heard this story before, the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem riding on a donkey, then help us to hear it again. And if we've never heard this story before, if we've never heard the story of Palm Sunday or the cries of "Hosanna," then give us the wisdom to follow along. Give us the wisdom to hear these words. Give us the wisdom to take them into our hearts. Give us the wisdom to act on their truth. We are listening. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Mark 11:1-11

Gerri

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this: 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple, and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

One: A word from God for the people of God.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please share your prayer concerns & joys with us at [office@montevista.org](mailto:office@montevista.org).)

Prayer Hymn

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

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Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Pastor Dave

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (in unison)

**Holy One, our Mother and Father, let your name be revered. Let your kin-dom come, let your will be done on earth as it is in the heavens. Give us today the bread we need for today. And forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For yours is the kin-dom, the power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen.**

\*Passing of the Peace

Pastor Dave

Special Music

*A Day for Hosannas*  
by Brad Nix

Vista Voices  
Louie Alarcón, trumpet

Second Scripture Reading                      Malachi 3:1-2                      Pastor Dave  
See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like washers’ soap.

One: A word from God for the people of God.                      **Many: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon                      *Lord, Save!*                      Pastor Dave

Special Music                      *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*                      Vista Bells  
by Cynthia Dobrinski                      Louie Alarcón, trumpet

Sharing in Communion and Stewardship  
Invitation to the Table                      Linda Currin

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\*Communion Hymn                      *What Wondrous Love Is This?*                      200 (vv. 1-3)  
Words of Institution                      Pastor Dave  
Prayers for the Bread and Cup                      Linda  
Receiving Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving                      Pastor Dave

Invitation to the Community of MVCC                      Pastor Dave

\*Closing Hymn                      *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!*                      191 (vv. 1-3)

\*Announcements                      Pastor Dave

\*Benediction                      Pastor Dave

Postlude                      *Recessional on “St. Anne”*                      Paulette  
by Gordon Young

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Gerri Warner, Worship Leader                      Paulette McClellan, Organist/Pianist  
Anthony Sanchez, Sound                      Rev. Dave McVey, Interim Minister, Preaching & Presiding

# Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates 129

1. Lift up your heads, O might-y gates; be - hold the glo - rious  
 2. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a tem - ple,  
 3. Re - deem - er, come! We o - pen wide our hearts to you; here,  
 4. So come, our Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and no - bler

Rul - er waits! The Sov - ereign One is draw - ing  
 set a - part from earth - ly use for heav - en's em -  
 Christ, a - bide! Let us your in - ner pres - ence  
 life be - gin; your Ho - ly Spir - it guide us

near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.  
 ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
 feel, your grace and love in us re - veal.  
 on, un - til the glo - ri - ous crown be won.

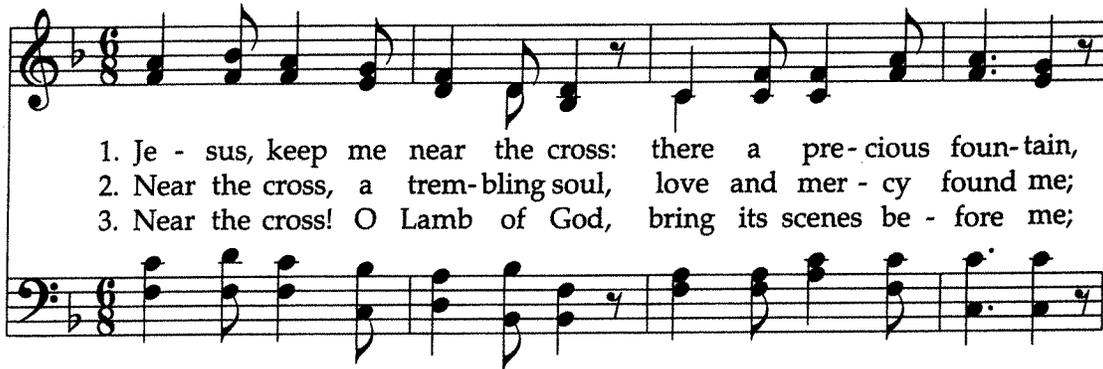
WORDS: Georg Weissel, 1642; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1855, alt.  
 MUSIC: *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789

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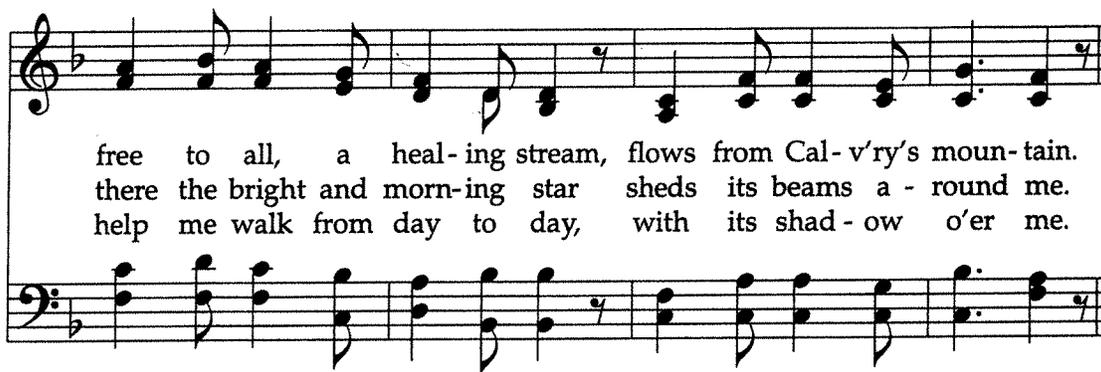
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## Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

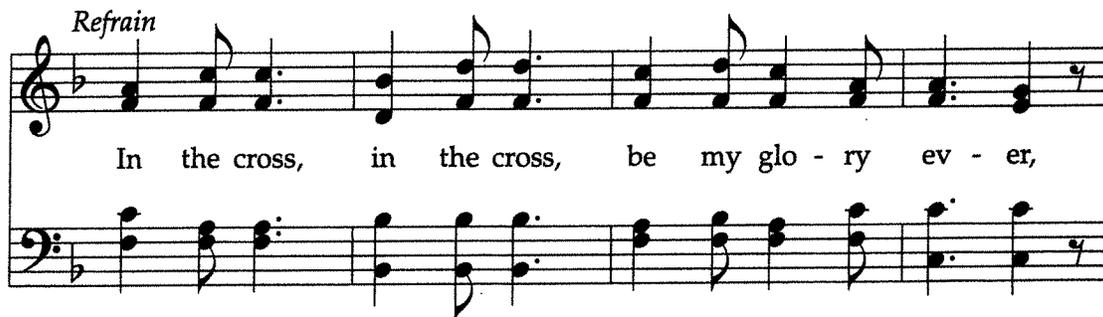


1. Je - sus, keep me near the cross: there a pre - cious foun - tain,  
 2. Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
 3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;



free to all, a heal - ing stream, flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
 there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
 help me walk from day to day, with its shad - ow o'er me.

*Refrain*



In the cross, in the cross, be my glo - ry ev - er,



till my rap - tured soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1869  
 MUSIC: William H. Doane, 1869

NEAR THE CROSS  
 76.76 w. refrain

What Wondrous Love Is This

1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what  
 2. When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when  
 3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to  
 4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is  
 I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down; when I was sink-ing  
 God and to the Lamb I will sing! To God and to the  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on! And when from death I'm

this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
 down be- neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a- side his crown for my  
 Lamb, who is the great "I AM," while mil-lions join the theme, I will  
 free, I'll sing and joy- ful be, and through e- ter- ni- ty I'll sing

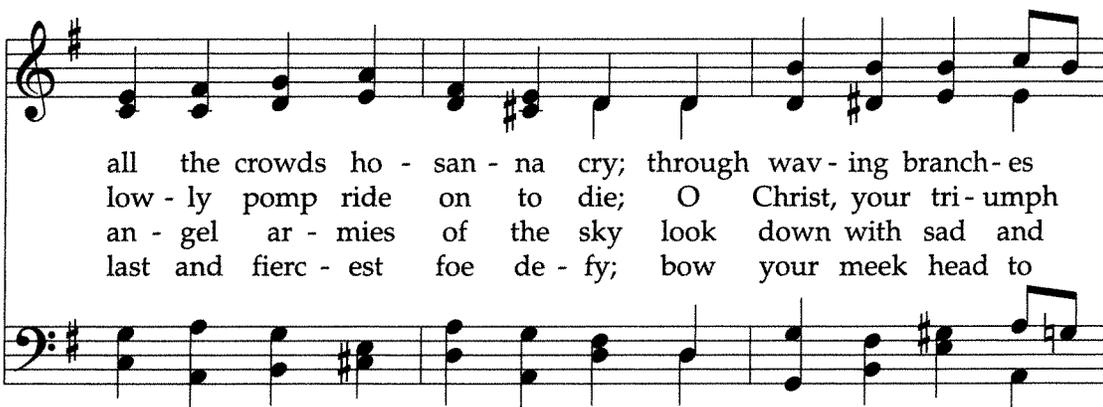
soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!  
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a- side his crown for my soul!  
 sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing!  
 on, I'll sing on, and through e- ter- ni- ty I'll sing on!

## Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!

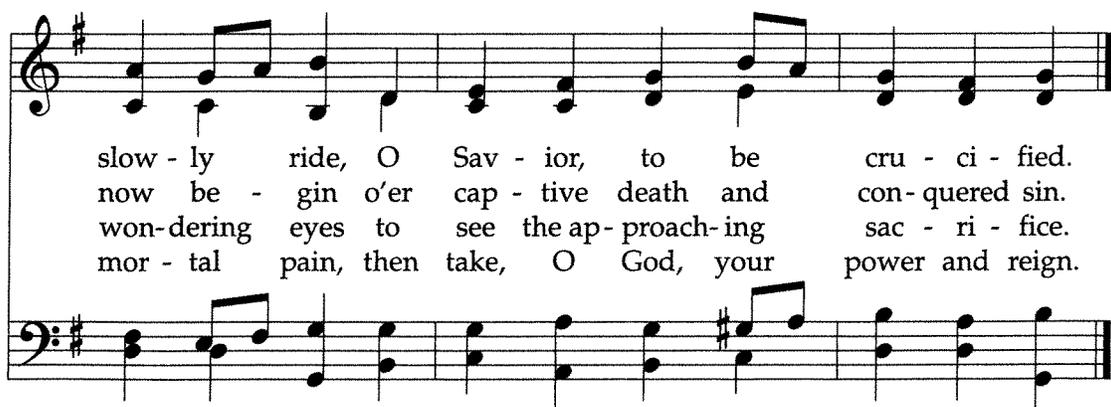
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1. Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty! As  
 2. Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty! In  
 3. Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty! The  
 4. Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty! Your



all the crowds ho - san - na cry; through wav - ing branch - es  
 low - ly pomp ride on to die; O Christ, your tri - umph  
 an - gel ar - mies of the sky look down with sad and  
 last and fierc - est foe de - fy; bow your meek head to



slow - ly ride, O Sav - ior, to be cru - ci - fied.  
 now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
 won - dering eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 mor - tal pain, then take, O God, your power and reign.

WORDS: Henry H. Milman, 1827, alt.  
 MUSIC: Adapt. from Robert Schumann, 1839

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