

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF MONTAGUE,
TRINITARIAN, MONTAGUE, MA**

April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday

Bold italics indicate the work of the people.

**Indicates places to stand if able to.*

The hymnal for today is the Red Hymnal

PRELUDE & PROCESSIONAL
ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is a day of joyous welcome.

Yet Joy is tempered by impending doom.

We welcome Christ with waving branches,

We wait with Christ through hours of agony.

Our leader comes humbly, riding on a donkey

Blessed is the one who comes in God's name.

Jesus rides into the tumult of our times.

People still oppose the way of love.

Yet love prevails in spite of opposition.

Give thanks that God's steadfast love endures forever.

Open to us the gates of righteousness.

Let us enter into the light God offers.

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Eternal God, you bring light out of darkness and hope out of despair. Share your love with us this day that we may better love each other. Touch our hearts and help our love shine forth in a world hungry to know your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Entry Into Jerusalem”

(By Don & Nancy Besig)

“CRY OF THE CONGREGATION”

Please turn to the Palm/Passion Sunday worship booklet

By Walter Wangerin Jr.

***DOXOLOGY AND PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures hear below. Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen (sung to the tune of Old 100th)

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

With gratitude for all that you provide, dear God, and to the service of the world you love so much, we dedicate these gifts and our lives to you, in Jesus name. Amen

***BENEDICTION**

RECESSIONAL HYMN “Ride on in Majesty” (see insert)

(Congregation with palms follows the choir in procession)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Deacon for April is LuAnne Herrick.
- Communion this month will be on Maundy Thursday at the evening service and on Easter Sunday.
- Join us for refreshments and fellowship after the service.
- Maundy Thursday Service at 7pm April 6th
- Good Friday “Stations of the Cross” Sanctuary Open from 1-3pm
- Easter Sunrise Service 6:30am April 9th
- Easter Service 10am.

PRAYER GARDEN