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Lent at Lakeside:
My Heart as Sanctuary
My Life as Prayer
Devotion for Palm Sunday,
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What Wondrous Love is This*
American Folk Hymn

What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down,
sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down
beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown
for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb,
I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb

Who is the great I Am;
While millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on.

A video of the spiritual can be seen at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DsVnvN3EVxY>

You may need to cut and paste the link into your web browser in order to view the video

*On the Sundays of this Lenten season, we will highlight the spirituals that will be a part of the worship service for that day. You are encouraged to reflect on the text and to make it your prayer as you prepare for worship.

Mark 11:1-11

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.

Prayer

This day, our God, we cry "Hosanna,"

A cry of praise, but also a cry of desperation:

God save us from the dark walk toward Calvary;

God save us from the loneliness of the Garden of Gethsemane;

God save us from the cold terror of the tomb.

You are Good, our God, and you are greatly to be praised.

But this week looks dark and we celebrate through tears and fears.

"Hosanna," we cry. God save us. Amen.