



Walking the Palm Sunday Path:
A Lenten Sermon Series for 2026



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We are a *Spirit-led, welcoming,*
and bold Christian community,
rooted in the neighborhood,
striving to live faithfully in God's world.
-Salem's Mission Statement



Sunday March 1, 2026
Week 2: Mark 12:1-12
The Parable of the
Wicked Tenants

Gathering Music

Salem Musicians

Welcome and Centering

Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

Hidden God,
we bring to this sanctuary
and place on this table,
our burdens and brokenness,
our self-image bruised and hurting,
our fears, shame, doubts and anxieties,
the raw materials we ask You to bless and change,
that in our dark tunnels
we may begin to see light
and in our desert experiences
we may find You. Amen

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Hymn 331

As the Deer Runs to the River



1 As the deer runs to the riv - er, parched and wea - ry from the chase,
2 When your Is - rael crossed the des - ert where no stream or spring was seen,
3 "Come and drink," I - sa - iah sum-moned, "all who for God's mer - cy plead!
4 Christ, we come from des - ert plac - es, deep - est thirst un - sat - is - fied.



we have come from hurt and hur - ry, thirst - ing for your heal - ing grace.
Mo - ses struck the rock, and wa - ter flowed for them, re - fresh - ing, clean.
God's for - give - ness, like a foun-tain, flows to sat - is - fy your need."
Lead us to the wa - ters flow - ing from the cross on which you died.



Refrain
Je - sus, source of liv - ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

Reading

Mark 12:1–12

12 Then he began to speak to them in parables. "A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the winepress, and built a watchtower; then he leased it to tenants and went away. **2** When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his share of the produce of the vineyard. **3** But they seized him and beat him and sent him away empty-handed. **4** And again he sent another slave to them; this one they beat over the head and insulted. **5** Then he sent another, and that one they killed. And so it was with many others; some they beat, and others they killed. **6** He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' **7** But those tenants said to one another, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' **8** So they seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. **9** What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. **10** Have you not read this scripture:

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;[a]

11 this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes'?"

12 When they realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowd. So they left him and went away.

Message



Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;
 2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;
 3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,

di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.
 for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.
 I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home,

With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
 Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
 then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!

so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.
 for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.
 So, take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

Prayers of the People

Peace/Offering: The peace of Christ be with you always! **And also with you!**

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Announcements

Communion/Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer Please use whatever language that is most familiar to you.

Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

Sharing Holy Communion and Special Music

Without exceptions, ALL who hunger for the presence of Christ in their life are welcome at this table.

Post Communion Blessing

Kids Time

Blessing and Benediction

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, † bless you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn 545

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,
let us each, your love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.
Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

Sending: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Salem Musicians

Worship Leaders: **Chris Lomheim**/Piano - **Tom Pieper**/Bass - **Paul Harper**/Saxophone –
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