



*Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.*

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Welcome!

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service today we gather before our heavenly Father to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word. May he bless our worship and study today!

For Your Convenience

- Restrooms are available down the hallway on the right.
- If you would like a hearing device to assist you for worship, please speak with one of the ushers.
- The ushers are at the entrance of the sanctuary to answer any other questions you might have.

Today's Focus

Hail the King who humbly comes to save us! For 1700 years the Church has celebrated with Hosannas and palm branches this festival that opens Holy Week. The time for Christ's glory had come (Verse of the Day). He would not, however, gain glory in the manner of other kings. Rather, he would humble himself in great acts of love for us, and then the Father would exalt him to the highest place, because he had fulfilled God's mission to save mankind.

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PROCESSION OF PALMS

OPENING HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
Christian Worship Hymn 130

Hosanna, loud hosanna, The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple The lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, Close folded to his breast,
The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving And chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of saints and angels Rode on in lowly state
Nor scorned that little children Should on his bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heav’n, our King.
Oh, may we ever praise him With heart and life and voice
And in his royal presence Eternally rejoice.

Text: Jeannette Threlfall, 1821–80, alt.

PALM SUNDAY HOSANNA

L: Dear friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord Jesus being the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world. Today we come together to begin the solemn celebration of Holy Week. Christ entered in triumph into his own city to complete his work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion his entry that culminated at the empty tomb and follow him with a lively faith. United with him by Baptism, we share in his resurrection and new life. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: Hosanna in the highest!

L: God our Father, we remember how Jesus entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as a king by those who shouted “Hosanna” and spread their clothing and palm branches in his path. Accept our praise, and listen to our prayers as we rejoice in our triumphant King, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

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

C: “Hosanna in the highest!”

CONFESSION OF SINS

L: Jesus Christ is the King of the world. He rules in love and mercy, always providing for the needs of his people. Although he deserves our honor and devotion, we have rebelled against him and sinned in many ways. Today he calls us to return to him, confessing our sins and pleading for his mercy.

C: Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, rule in my heart by your mercy and grace. Remove the guilt of my sins and wash me clean in your precious blood. Free me from the chains of sin and let me live under your loving care, now and forever.

ABSOLUTION OF SINS

L: Jesus gladly humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, to purchase your forgiveness. As a called servant of the Word, I announce his grace to you and assure you that you are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

Come, O Precious Ransom, Come
Christian Worship Hymn 8; st 3-4

My hosannas and my palms
Graciously receive, I pray you.
Evermore, as best I can,
Savior, I will homage pay you,
And in faith I will embrace,
Lord, your merit through your grace.

Hail, hosanna, David's Son!
Help, Lord; hear our supplication!
Let your kingdom, scepter, crown
Bring us blessing and salvation
That forever we may sing
Hail, hosanna! to our King.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.

SALUTATION

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Zechariah 9:9-10

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the war-horses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. (NIV 1984)

HYMN RESPONSE

Zion, at Your Shining Gates
Christian Worship Supplement Hymn 701; st 1

Zi - on, at your shin - ing gates, See, the
King of glo - ry waits; Haste your mon - arch now to
greet, Spread your palms be - fore his feet.

Text (st. 1, 3-5): Benjamin H. Kennedy, 1804–1889, alt. Text (st. 2): Michael Schultz, b. 1963
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SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross! ⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (NIV 1984)

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 12:23

L: “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.”

HYMN RESPONSE

Zion, at Your Shining Gates
Christian Worship Supplement Hymn 701; st 2

Christ, your kingdom comes today
As we hear your Spirit say:
“God’s own Son, a sacrifice—
Sinners’ way to paradise.”

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11

¹ As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵ “Say to the Daughter of Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Hosanna in the highest!”

¹⁰ When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

¹¹ The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

(NIV 1984)

HYMN RESPONSE

Zion, at Your Shining Gates
Christian Worship Supplement Hymn 701; st 5

So when you shall come again,
Lord of angels and of men,
We with all your saints shall sing
Loud hosannas to our King.

CONFESSION OF FAITH ¹

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

This is most certainly true.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Ride On, Ride On In Majesty
Christian Worship Hymn 133; st 1,2,5

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry. O Savior meek, pursue your road, With palms and scattered garments strowed.	Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die. Bow your meek head to mortal pain, Then take, O Christ, your power and reign.
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Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, your triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.

SERMON

Philippians 2:5-11

“Bow Down to Be Lifted Up”

¹Luther's explanation of the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Lord Jesus, you are the king of heaven and earth. We join the first Palm Sunday worshipers in praising and glorifying you for coming to this earth to be our Savior. Though you are one with God the Father and Lord of all, you humbled yourself and became one of us.

C: Thanks be to you for living a life of perfect conformity to God's holy law in our place. Praise be to you for being obedient to death, even death on a cross, to redeem us from sin.

L: Move us today, and every day, to honor you as the Son of David, the Savior promised to all the believers of the Old Testament. Cause our voices to blend with those who sang your praises as you rode into Jerusalem. Move us to confess you before others as our Lord.

C: Use us to assure all people that your blood has cleansed them from sin and set them free from slavery to sin, death and the devil. As the people of Palm Sunday honored you by placing their cloaks before you in the road, so move us to dedicate all we are and have to your glory.

L: Lord Jesus, you are King over all the earth! Bless the nations of this world with wise rulers and good governments. Let peace prevail.

C: Comfort the sick and the afflicted with the assurance of your care and protection. Strengthen the faith of the dying.

Special prayers of intercession

L: Dear Savior, as we walk with you this week toward Calvary, keep us focused on your purpose for coming into this world, and on our calling to spread this wonderful message of salvation.

C: Hear us for your mercy's sake. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father 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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

THE PREFACE

L: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

L: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, To You, O God, we sing;
Christ comes in the na - me of the Lord, In bo - dy and in blood.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, To You our praise we bring.
For - give - ness to us He now be - stows, His cov - en - ant of love.



For You are God most ho - - - ly, The God of pow'r and might;
Your peo - ple in un - end - ing praise, Cry ho - ly ho - ly Lord



Your glo - ry, all things fill - ing, Brings bless - ing and de - light.
Your glo - ry, all things fill - ing, New life be now re - stored.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

L: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

Christian Worship Supplement Hymn 748; st 1 & 2



Your on - ly Son no sin to hide, But you have
Your gift of love they cru - ci - fied; They laughed and



sent him from your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned him as he died; The hum - ble King they named a



sod And to be - come the Lamb of God. _____
fraud And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. _____

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the
 ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me in his pre - cious
 blood, My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

DISTRIBUTION

The Lord's Supper is a blessing from God through which he strengthens our faith.

It is also an expression of our faith.

If we have not had the opportunity to talk to you about our beliefs, we ask that you wait before you join us for the Lord's Supper.

CLOSING LITANY

L: People of God, wave your palm branches high and praise your coming King.

C: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to the King!

L: People of God, your coming King is Jesus, the Blessed One of Israel.

C: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to the King!

L: People of God, lift up the name of Jesus, who will fulfill the prophets' words by dying on the cross.

C: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to the King!

L: People of God, shout aloud to Jesus, who has the power to save.

C: Hosanna to the Savior! Hosanna to the King!

BLESSING

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
Christian Worship Hymn 370; st 1,3,5

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all.

Sinners whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at his feet And crown him Lord of all.
Go, spread your trophies at his feet And crown him Lord of all.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song And crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song And crown him Lord of all.