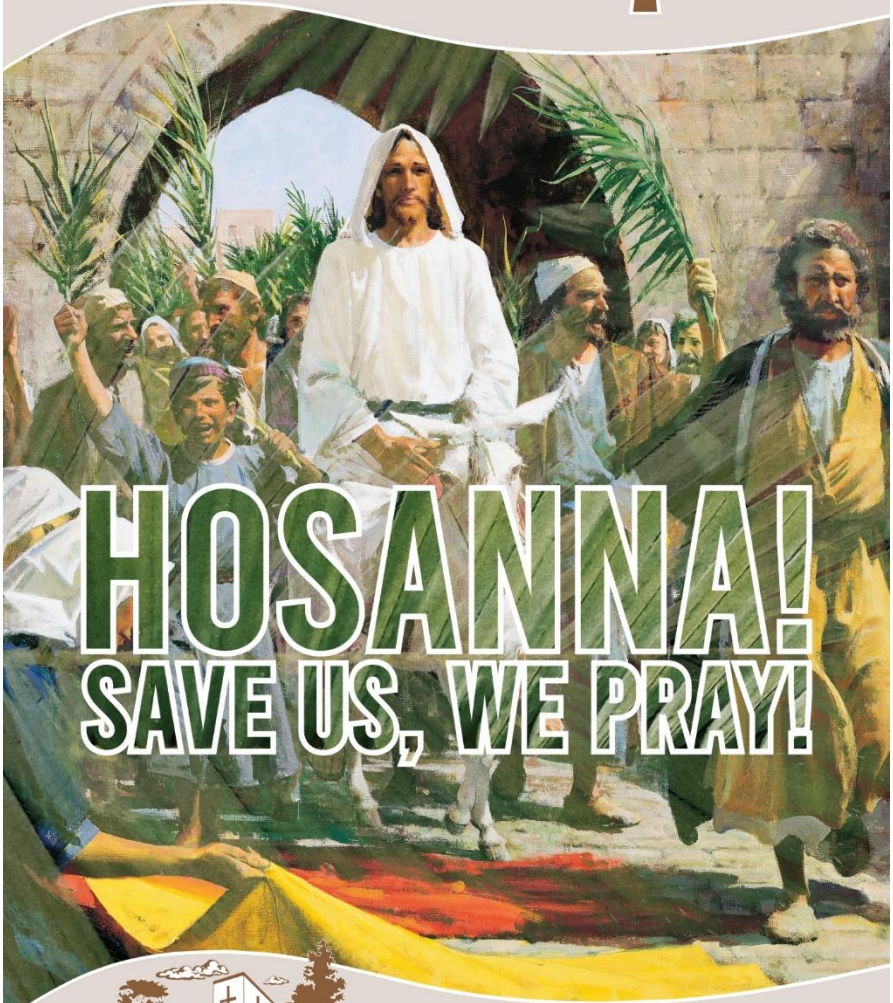


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Palm Sunday



HOSANNA!
SAVE US, WE PRAY!



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** **And with your spirit.**
- P** Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless You from the house of the LORD.
- C** **Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**
- P** Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!
- C** **Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**
- P** Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory!
- C** **Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the LORD! Hosanna to the Son of David!**

C *♪ Jesus came, the heav'ns adoring,*

Came with peace from realms on high;

Jesus came to win redemption, Lowly came on earth to die;

Sing "Hosanna!" Sing "Hosanna!" Came in deep humility.

Zechariah 9:9-10

Now Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of

Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

- C** *♪ Jesus comes again in mercy When our hearts are worn with care; Jesus comes again in answer To an earnest, heartfelt prayer; Sing "Hosanna!" Sing "Hosanna!" Comes to save us from despair.*

Confession of Our Sins

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P On Palm Sunday, the crowds entering Jerusalem waved their palm branches and worshiped Jesus as the King who comes in the name of the Lord. On Good Friday, the crowds in Jerusalem rejected Jesus as their King and called for His crucifixion. On Pentecost, the crowds in Jerusalem were cut to the heart to hear from Peter that they had crucified the Lord of Glory. As we worship King Jesus today, let us flee to the Lord for mercy, humbly confessing that it is our sin and guilt that caused His death on Good Friday.

C **Hosanna, Son of David, Son of God. We need Your salvation for we are sinful by nature and have sinned against You, dishonoring You with our sinful thoughts, sinful words, and sinful actions. All too quickly our lips go from praise to grumbling, from blessing to cursing. Not our palms, or praises, or anything we lay before You can make up or atone for our sins. Yet You come to us in the Name of the Lord, to be our Merciful Savior. You alone must save, or we perish. Save us, we pray, Jesus Christ our King.**

Absolution from Our God

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

P Be of good cheer, children of God, for Jesus Christ, the King of kings, humbled Himself and rode into Jerusalem to be the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world. Christ loves us and gave Himself up for us, that He might reconcile us to the Father. Therefore, by the command of the King of kings and Lord of lords, Jesus Christ, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

C ♪ **Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing,
Bringing news of sins forgiv'n;**

**Jesus comes with words of gladness, Leading souls
redeemed to heav'n. Sing "Hosanna!" Sing "Hosanna!"
Hope to all the world is giv'n.**

Collect Prayer of the Day

A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.

P 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!

Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so 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.

Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.

I BELIEVE...

in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under

Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn: TLH #161

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"



John 12:1-19

Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ² So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at table. ³ Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" ⁶ He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me." ⁹ When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ¹⁰ So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well, ¹¹ because on account of him many

of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. ¹² The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵ "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷ The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

Jesus Comes in Like a Lamb and Goes Out Like a Lion

The Offertory

P Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you!

G *♫ Jesus comes in joy and sorrow,
Shares alike our hopes and fears;
Jesus comes, what e'er befalls us,
Cheers our hearts and dries our tears;*

Sing "Hosanna!" Sing "Hosanna!" Comforts us in failing years.

✠ **The Offering of Thankful Hearts** ✠

Hymn: WS #725 *"No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet"*

✠ **General Prayer and The Lord's Prayer** ✠



P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened the gates of righteousness to all who come to You in faith. Therefore, we join the Palm Sunday crowd, along with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, praising Your glorious name, and saying:

The Order of Holy Communion



C: Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of Sa-ba-oth, a-dored; Heav'n and



earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name. Sing ho-



san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord; Tru-ly



blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

The Words of Institution

Lk. 22:19-20; Mt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the

forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me." The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

✠ The Distribution of the Lord's Supper ✠

Communion Today is for Members Only Please

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. Therefore, if you are a guest with us, instead of communing with us, please speak with our Pastor after the service about communing in the future.

P Oh give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good.

C For His mercy endures forever.

P As often as you eat of this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus.

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

C Amen!

Hymn: TLH #162

"Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty"