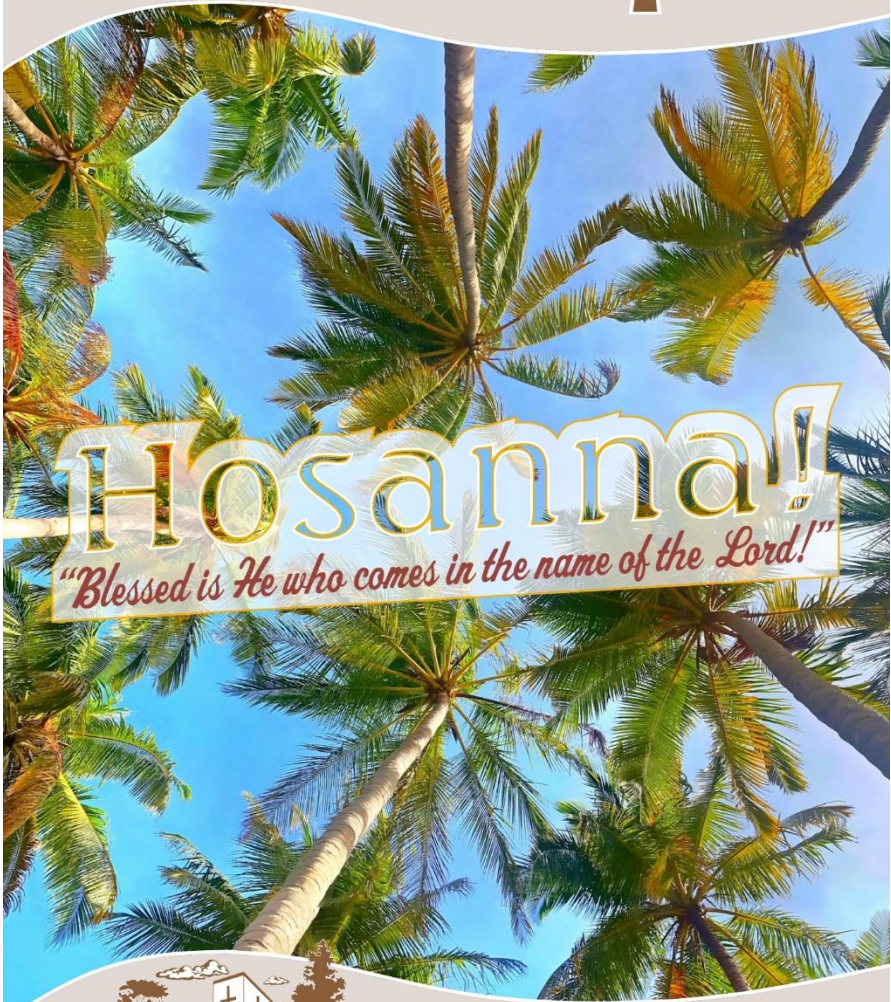


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Palm Sunday



Hosanna!
"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"



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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.

Matthew 21:1-9

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, ⁵ "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'" ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd

spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

☩ *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 in 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.

☩ **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.

☩ ♪ 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, with confidence, Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☩ Amen!

Zechariah 9:9-12

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. ¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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"

Psalm 118:19-29

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give

thanks to the LORD. ²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. ²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. ²³ This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵ Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success! ²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD. ²⁷ The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar! ²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. ²⁹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!



The LORD's Doing is Always Marvelous

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. 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. This belief is based upon 1 Corinthians 1:10 & 11:26-30, among other Bible passages. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, please speak with our Pastor to find out about communing with us 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"