

The Order of Service for Palm Sunday

INVOCATION

Please Stand

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP FOR PALM SUNDAY

Dear friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. 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 rejoice that united with him by Baptism, we share in his resurrection and new life.

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

Hosanna in the highest!

PSALM 118 (Selected Verses)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

His love endures forever.

Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord

Through which the righteous may enter.

O Lord, save us;

O Lord, grant us success.

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

From the house of the Lord we bless you.

The Lord is God,

And he has made his light shine on us.

With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession

Up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give you thanks;

You are my God, and I will exalt you.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

His love endures forever. *Please Be Seated*

HYMN

PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY | CW#302

6:30 PM & 7:45 AM

10:15 AM Service – *Entrance into Jerusalem*

St. Paul's Adult Choir and Junior Choir



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a -



near! Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a
King! Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread
King! Your King, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its
bove. His rule is peace and free - dom and



lev - el road ap - pear! Then greet the King of
gar - ments! Shout and sing! God's prom - ise will not
trib - ute too should bring. All lands, bow down be -
jus - tice, truth, and love. So let your praise be



glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
fore him! All na - tions, now a - dore him!
sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Refrain
Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's Word!

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CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Please Stand

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and to serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us draw near and with a true heart and confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

God our heavenly Father has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have 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 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.

Please Be Seated



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice 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. ¹⁰I 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. ¹¹As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your fortress, O prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

PSALM OF THE DAY

THE KING OF GLORY COMES | CW#548

based on Psalm 24

Refrain



The King of glo - ry comes; the na - tion re - joic - es.



O - pen the gates be - fore him; lift up your voic - es.



1 Who is the King of glo - ry? How shall we call him?
2 In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,
3 He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion;
4 He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en,



Refrain

He is Im - man - u - el, the prom - ised of a - ges.
he goes a - mong his peo - ple, cur - ing their ill - ness.
he took up - on him - self the sin of the na - tions.
and he will share with us his heav - en - ly vi - sion.

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SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. ² Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

VERSE OF THE DAY: JOHN 12:23 *Please Stand*

The Hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

413 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

CW 413 st. 3



3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" that an - cient song we sing,
for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heav'n, our King.
Oh, may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice
and in his roy - al pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

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GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 11:1-10

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ² saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ tell him, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’ ” ⁴ They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵ some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” ⁶ They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷ When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

C: (sung) *Praise be to You, O Christ!*

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

RIDE ON, RIDE ON IN MAJESTY | CW#411



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the
 2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
 3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel
 4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Your last and
 5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -
 pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs
 ar - mies of the sky look down with sad and
 fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on his
 pomp ride on to die. Bow your meek head to



sue your road, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
 now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 won - d'ring eyes to see th'ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 sap - phire throne a - waits his own a - noint - ed Son.
 mor - tal pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign.

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SERMON

after the sermon, please stand



APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

please be seated

THE GATHERING OF THE OFFERING

On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made (1 Cor. 16:2).

The offering plates will be passed through the congregation. After collection, the ushers will take the offering plates to the front to present them at the altar of God. As the plates come forward, please stand and sing our offering hymn.

OFFERING HYMN

O JESUS, KING MOST WONDERFUL | CW#543:1,4



1 O Je - sus, King most won - der - ful,
4 May ev - 'ry heart con - fess your name,
O Maj - es - ty re - nowned, O Con - quer - or in -
for - ev - er you a - dore, en - kin - dled with the
vin - ci - ble, in whom all joys are found,
Spir - it's flame to love you more and more.

Text: tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878, alt.; attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153, abr.
Tune: John B. Dykes, 1823–1876
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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR | CW#412



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, Re - deem - er, King,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



- 1 You are the King of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing you on high,
- 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you be - fore your pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
- 5 As you re - ceived their prais - es, ac - cept the prayers we bring,

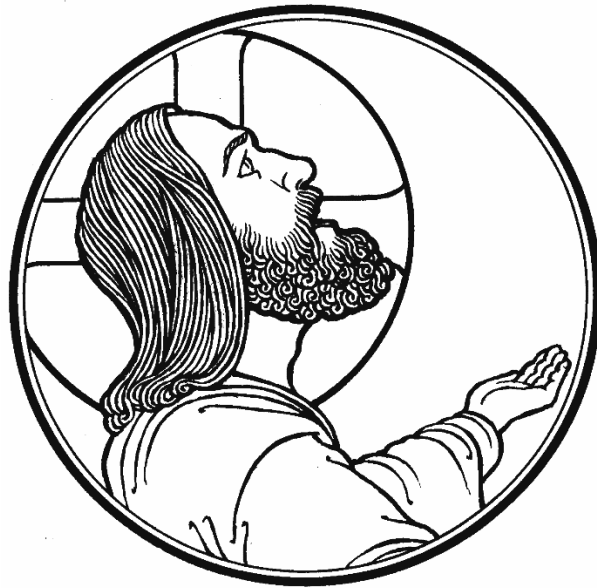


now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, our good and gra - cious King.

Text: tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.; Theodulph of Orleans, c. 762–821

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PRAYER

Hosanna to the Son of David, hosanna in the highest!

Gracious Savior, just as You rode into Jerusalem to fulfill God's promise for our salvation, so ride into our daily lives through Your means of grace to keep us with You as we journey through life. You didn't waver on Your way to the cross; forgive us when we waver and strengthen us that our will might be one with Your own. We pray in Your saving Name, Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit is one God, now and forever.

(sung) *A-men.*

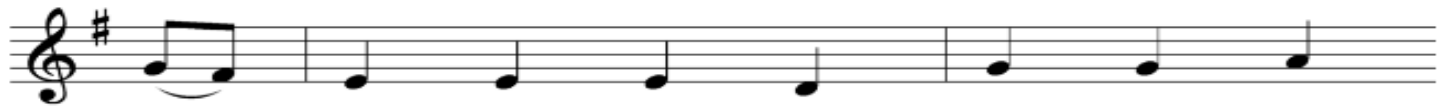
BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

Brothers and sisters, go in peace.
Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you & be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✚ give you peace.

(sung) *Amen. A-men. A-men.*



1 No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet
 2 And yet he comes. The chil - dren cheer;
 3 What fad - ing flow'rs his road a - dorn;
 4 Now he who bore for mor - tals' sake



with ban - ners and with drums, no sound of mu - sic's
 with palms his path is strown. With ev - 'ry step the
 the palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but
 the cross and all its pains and chose a ser - vant's



mar - tial beat: "The King of glo - ry comes!"
 cross draws near: the King of glo - ry's throne.
 on - ly thorn the King of glo - ry's crown.
 form to take, the King of glo - ry reigns.



To greet what pomp of king - ly pride
 A - stride a colt he pass - es by
 The sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries,
 Ho - san - na to the Sav - ior's name



no bells in tri - umph ring, no cit - y gates swing
 as loud ho - san - nas ring, or else the ver - y
 the streets with tu - mult ring, as Pi - late to the
 till heav - en's raft - ers ring, and all the ran - somed



o - pen wide: "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 stones would cry "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 mob re - plies, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 host pro - claim "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"

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