

Palm Sunday Worship

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Welcome To Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church!

As We Gather: Palm Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week – the most intense week of our Christian Year. Palm Sunday has been celebrated in the Christian Church since the 4th Century. 1,600 years ago believers in and around Jerusalem would retrace Jesus' route from the Mount of Olives back into the city for worship. Hosanna! is the shout of praise so familiar to Palm Sunday worshipers. It literally means "Save us we pray!" Jesus was riding into Jerusalem to do just that.



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OPENING RESPONSES:

P: The grace of our Lord (✠) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: 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 follow him with a lively faith. United with him by Baptism, we share in his resurrection and new life.

P: Let us pray.

God our Father, we remember how Jesus entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as 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.

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

C: Hosanna in the highest!

P: Let us go forth in peace,

C: in the name of the Lord.

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All Glory, Laud, and Honor

1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re - deem - er, King.
 2 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re - deem - er, King.
 3 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re - deem - er, King.
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san - nas ring. You are the King of Is - rael
 san - nas ring. The com - pa - ny of an - gels
 san - nas ring. The peo - ple of the He - brews
 san - nas ring. To you be - fore your pas - sion
 san - nas ring. As you re - ceived their prais - es,

And Da - vid's roy - al Son, Now in the
 Is prais - ing you on high, And we with
 With palms be - fore you went; Our praise and
 They sang their hymns of praise; To you, now
 Ac - cept the prayers we bring, O Source of

Lord's name com - ing, Our King and bless - ed one,
 all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.
 prayer and an - thems Be - fore you we pre - sent.
 high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
 ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 762–821; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.
 Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR OEBEN (76 76 D) Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635, alt.

CONFESSION OF SINS & ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS:

P: By rights, we should have nothing to sing about. We do not deserve God’s love. He created mankind in his perfect image to live with him in peace forever. But Adam and Eve sinned against him, and we have sinned against him no less than they.

C: We confess our sins, O Lord.

P: We are embarrassed to think of our sins here and now. Our hearts are filled with love for you, but we have often loved other things more than you. Our eyes behold your glory, but we have lusted for what you forbid. Our hands serve you, but we have used them also as instruments of sin. Our lips praise you, yet we have spoken evil again and again. You have blessed us with your saving good news, yet we have taken it for granted and all too often kept it to ourselves.

C: We deplore our sins, O Lord.

P: Sin has only gained us trouble. Sin has not given us the happiness it promised.

C: For the sake of Jesus, forgive us for sinning against you, O Lord.

P: Remind us that Christ came into the world to free us from the guilt of sin. Proclaim to us that his life and death atoned for our sins. Keep us from being attracted to sin. Spare us from being enslaved by sin. Help us to acknowledge the sins we commit against one another and against you, and to change our ways.

C: Deliver us from sin's power, O Lord.

P: Glory to God in the highest! In love that astounds us, the eternal God sent his one and only Son to live among us, to obey as we could not, and to suffer what we deserved. In the crucified and risen Christ there is indeed peace on earth. In him God extends his good will to all people. By his authority, I say to you what God says: In Christ, your sins are forgiven!

C: Glory to God in the highest! Amen.

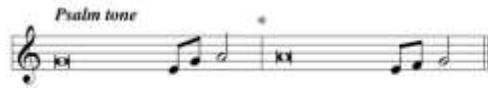
THE FIRST LESSON: Zechariah 9:9, 10

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. 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.

SONG RESPONSE: Psalm 24

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We will sing the Refrain and Glory be to the father in unison. We will read the verses responsively. Pastor reading the first part of the verse up to the *. The congregation reading the remaining part of the verse.



The earth is the LORD'S, and everything in it,*
the world, and all who live in it;

for he founded it upon the seas*
and established it upon the waters.

Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?*

Who may stand in his holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart,*
he will receive blessing from God his Savior.

Refrain

Lift up your heads, O you gates;
be lifted up, you ancient doors,*
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?*
The LORD strong and mighty,
the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O you gates;
lift them up, you ancient doors,*
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is he, this King of glory?*
The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

THE SECOND LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11

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.

SONG OF PRAISE: *(sung to the tune of hymn #130)*

O Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

The heav'ns and earth Your glory show, So wondrous in our sight.

With angels and archangels We praise Your glorious name;

Your Son won us salvation To His eternal fame.

"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 blissful presence Eternally rejoice!

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11 (The sermon is based off the Gospel.)

¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² telling them, "Go to the village ahead of you. Immediately you will find a donkey tied there along with her colt. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: ⁵ Tell the daughter of Zion: Look, your King comes to you, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ⁶ The disciples went and did just as Jesus commanded them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their outer clothing on them, and he sat on it. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their outer clothing on the road. Others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them out on the road. ⁹ The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed kept shouting, Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest! ¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹ And the crowds were saying, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee." (EHV)

CONFESSION OF FAITH: (from Martin Luther's explanation to the 2nd Article)

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!

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW #133

"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

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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 power and reign.

Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791–1868, alt.
Tune: WINCHESTER NEW (LM) *Musicalisch Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien*, Hamburg, 1690, alt.

SERMON: PRAISE THE KING

RESPONSIVE PRAYER:

P: 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.

C: **Though you are one with God the Father and Lord of all, you humbled yourself and became one with us.**

P: Thanks be to you for being obedient to death, even death on a cross, to redeem us from us.
C: Cause our voices to blend with those who sang your praises as you rode into Jerusalem.

P: Move us to confess you before others as our Lord. Help us to proclaim the message of peace and forgiveness to people of all nations. 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.
C: Move us to dedicate all we are and have to your glory.

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

P: Grant success to the businesses and industries of our land to serve for the common good.
C: Cause all employers to be honest and fair-minded and all employees to be diligent and faithful.

P: Look with favor on our nation's schools.
C: Be with those who teach and those who learn.

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

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

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

REDEEMER

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The King of Glory Comes

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 lamb 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 king - dom.

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 Tune: PROMISED ONE (12 12 with Refrain) Israeli melody, 20th century.

THANKSGIVING & CLOSING PRAYER

P: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

C: for His steadfast love endures forever.

P: We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, for in him you kept all your promises through all the ages.

C: Send us now, we pray, to invite others to sing their hosannas and to follow him, our Savior and Lord.

P: Lord Jesus, you are the King of heaven and earth. You came to David's city and entered it as his greatest Son. As our King, hear our prayer. Use us to confess your saving work to the world so that all may know of you and kneel before you. Help us to live for you and listen to you until the day when you return in glory or we come to the day of our death.

C: Then we will enter our eternal home to join with all the saints and angels there to sing hosanna to you for ever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING BLESSING:

P: May the love of the Lord Jesus draw us to himself. May the power of the Lord Jesus make us strong to do his will. May the peace of the Lord Jesus fill our lives.

C: **Amen** (spoken)

CLOSING HYMN: CW #363 (v. 4)

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