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#### As We Gather

Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter that begins the Holy Week. It is the day that we remember and celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem as Savior and King. Having just raised Lazarus from the dead, Jesus had become something of a celebrity. As He rode a donkey into the city of Jerusalem a large crowd gathered and laid palm branches and their cloaks across the road, giving Jesus royal treatment. The shouted "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

But Jesus wasn't arriving to be the kind of king for which the crowds were hoping. His glory would be greater than that of any local king. He came not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for His people, to save them eternally from their sins and from death. To that end, His crown would be thorns, His throne a cross, and His glory would be His suffering and dying.

Come, let us worship Him! Let us join the shouts of the crowds, "Hosanna," Lord, save us! Let us watch with Him throughout this Holy Week as He rides on to die – to die for us!



#### Prelude & Ringing of the Tower Bell

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#### 443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

- 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.
- 2 From Olivet they followed
  Mid an exultant crowd,
  The victor palm branch waving
  And chanting clear and loud.
  The Lord of earth and heaven
  Rode on in lowly state
  Nor scorned that little children
  Should on His bidding wait.
- 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!

## Children Sermon "How Many Hours?"

- In the name of the Father and of the
  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.

- I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
- Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His Only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His Name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes, and is baptized, shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.
- C Amen.

#### Service of the Word

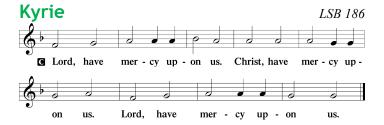
Introit Psalm 24:7–10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O 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 gates!
And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy

Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

<sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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.

<sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- $\mathbf{C}$ Thanks be to God.

## **Epistle**

Philippians 2:5–11

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- $\mathbf{P}$ This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

## **G** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>12</sup>The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>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!" <sup>14</sup>And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

<sup>15</sup>"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him.

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.

The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

Pool the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

<sup>27</sup>"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup>The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

#### Nicene Creed

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 \(\frac{1}{2}\) of the world to
come. Amen.

#### 442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

- ref All glory, laud, and honor
  To You, Redeemer, King,
  To whom the lips of children
  Made sweet hosannas ring.
- You are the King of Israel
   And David's royal Son,

   Now in the Lord's name coming,
   Our King and Blessèd One. Refrain
- The company of angels
   Is praising You on high,
   And we with all creation
   In chorus make reply. Refrain
- 3 The multitude of pilgrims
  With palms before You went;
  Our praise and prayer and anthems
  Before You we present. **Refrain**
- 4 To You before Your passion
  They sang their hymns of praise;
  To You, now high exalted,
  Our melody we raise. **Refrain**
- As You received their praises,
   Accept the prayers we bring,
   O Source of ev'ry blessing,
   Our good and gracious King. Refrain

# "Homecoming Parade" John 12:12-19

Offertory

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#### Offering

## Prayer of the Church

## **Lord's Prayer**

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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.

## **Prayer**

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

- **P** Bless we the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

#### **Benediction**

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- 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 

  you appear you peace.
- C Amen.

## 441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

- Ride on, ride on in majesty!Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,With palms and scattered garments strowed.
- 2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!In lowly pomp ride on to die.O Christ, Thy triumphs now beginO'er captive death and conquered sin.
- 3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
  The angel armies of the sky
  Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
  To see the approaching sacrifice.
- 4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
  Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.
  The Father on His sapphire throne
  Awaits His own anointed Son.
- Ride on, ride on in majesty!
   In lowly pomp ride on to die.
   Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
   Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

# **Ḥ Soli Deo Gloria Ḥ**

To God Alone Be Glory

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