

God's Love Is Shown

A Series of Services for Lent and Holy Week

Palm Sunday: Saving Love

Order of Service

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!" John 12:13

Opening Hymn ... All People That On Earth Do Dwell *LSB #791*

All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell; Come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed; Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed, And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise; Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always, For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good; His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost, The God whom heav'n and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host Be praise and glory evermore.

Invocation and Litany

P In the name of the Father,

C Hosanna!

P and of the Son,

C Hosanna!

P and of the Holy Spirit,

C Hosanna in the highest!

Confession and Absolution

P Today we see Jesus entering into Jerusalem in triumph. As the people cried out “hosanna” which means save us, little did they know what that really meant. We know why he entered Jerusalem. It was not to usurp an earthly throne but to gain victory over sin, death, the devil, and hell. It was our sin that sent him to Jerusalem and then to Golgotha to suffer and die in our place. As you reflect on Christ’s triumphal entry on Palm Sunday, also reflect on his saving love for you.

(Silence for reflection on God’s Word and self-examination)

C Heavenly Father, you entered this world to save sinners of whom I am the worst. You rode into Jerusalem humbly on a donkey’s colt so that we would know that you suffered and died as our servant for our sin. I am so very sorry that my sin caused you to suffer and die. Forgive me for all of it, and renew a right spirit within me. Amen.

P Our heavenly Father has forgiven our sins because of the innocent suffering and death of our beloved Lord Jesus. He entered Jerusalem to pay the penalty once and for all! Hosanna, the Lord has indeed saved you! As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Hosanna! Amen!

Hymn of Praise ... All Glory, Laud and Honor *LSB #442*

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, the King and Blessed One.

All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
The company of angels is praising you on high;
And we with all creation in chorus make reply.

All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.

All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
To you before your passion they sang their hymns of praise;
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
As you received their praises, accept the prayers we bring,
For you delight in goodness, O good and gracious King!

All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Prayer of the Day

Old Testament Reading ... Zechariah 9:9-12

Epistle Reading ... Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel Reading ... John 12:12-19

Sermon Hymn ... Ride On, Ride On *LSB #441*

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry;
O Savior meek, pursue your road with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, your triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! The winged squadrons of the sky
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes to see th'approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Your last and fiercest strife is nigh;
The Father on his sapphire throne expects his own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;
Bow your meek head to mortal pain, then take, O God, your pow'r and reign

Sermon

Hymn of Response ... O Worship The King *LSB #804*

O worship the King all-glorious above, O gratefully sing his power and his love:
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might and sing of his grace, Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, In you do we trust, nor find you to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might, unchangeable Love, whom angels delight to worship above!
Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze, In true adoration shall sing to your praise!

Prayers

P Lord God, heavenly Father, you loved us so much that you sent your Son to be our Savior. In that saving love, bring us to repentance and increase our faith, that we may believe in the one you have sent forevermore. Save us, Father!

C Hosanna in the highest!

P Loving Savior, Jesus Christ, you brought life and immortality to light. Enlighten our hearts in these dark days. Fill us with joy in your presence. Make us to sing “hosanna” till you return. Give us your peace in all things. Save us Jesus!

C Hosanna in the highest!

P Holy Spirit, you keep us in the one true faith. You enlighten us with your gifts. You fill us with yourself so that we may know the Lord more fully and clearly with each passing day. As we begin this Holy Week, strengthen us through the same with your mighty power and come upon us. Dwell in us so we may be witnesses of your saving love. Save us Holy Spirit!

C Hosanna in the highest! Amen.

Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

C Hosanna!

P The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

C Hosanna!

P The Lord look upon you with his favor and give you his peace.

C Hosanna in the highest!

Closing Hymn ... Jesus, I Will Ponder Now *LSB #440*

Jesus, I will ponder now on your holy passion;
With your Spirit me endow for such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith may the image cherish
Of your suffering, pain, and death that I may not perish.

Make me see your great distress, anguish, and affliction,
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness and your crucifixion:
Make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails did wound you,
How for them you died, O God, who with thorns had crowned you.

Yet, O Lord, not thus alone make me see your passion,
But its cause to me make known and its termination.
Ah! I also and my sin wrought your deep affliction;
This indeed the cause has been of your crucifixion.

Grant that I your passion view with repentant grieving,
Let me not bring shame to you by unholy living.
How could I refuse to shun ev'ry sinful pleasure
Since for me God's only Son suffered without measure?

If my sins give me alarm and my conscience grieve me,
Let Your cross my fear disarm; peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won by your holy passion.
If for me he slays his Son, God must have compassion!

Graciously my faith renew; help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from you, peace mid pain and losses.
May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above sing your praise forever.