

# Palm Sunday

✠ THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

Palm Sunday – April 12 & 13, 2025

## PRELUDE

## INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES

P Hosanna!

C **Hosanna to the Son of David!**

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

C **Hosanna in the highest!**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P We confess before You, Lord, that we have sinned against You.

C **We have sinned not only against You but one another, with what we have thought, what we have said, and by what we have or have not done.**

P We unseat You and put ourselves on the throne that belongs only to You.

C **Our pride in these and all sins deserves Your punishment, yet today we approach Your throne of grace, asking for Your mercy.**

P So I ask you now: are you sincere in this, your confession before God, and promise, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to amend your sinful life? If so, answer, “Yes, with the help of God.”

C **Yes, with the help of God.**

P Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday to show His love for you at the cross. At the cross, He showed His passion for you by dying for your sins and paying the price we could not pay. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen! Thank You, Lord, for Your passion for us.**

## COLLECT

P Let us pray. Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and

steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL**      *John 12:12–19*

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

**C**      **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

**P**      This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C**      **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**P**      Let us go forth in peace,

**C**      **in the name of the Lord.**

**HYMN**      #442 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Refrain:      **All glory, laud, and honor  
To You, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.**

**1**      **You are the King of Israel  
And David’s royal Son,  
Now in the Lord’s Name coming,  
Our King and Blessèd One. [Refrain]**

**2**      **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 prayers 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]**

**5** As You received their praises,  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
O Source of ev'ry blessing,  
Our good and gracious King. [Refrain]

### GREETING

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!  
C **Hosanna in the highest!**

### SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, on this day, You entered Jerusalem with pomp and circumstance, yet Your true passion was to be sacrificed for our sins. Help us, we pray, to look past the pomp and circumstance and see Your passion for us; we ask this in Your name, who with the Father and Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord, now and forever.  
C **Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Deuteronomy 32:36–39* (God will vindicate His people.)

L This is the Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** *Philippians 2:5–11* (Paul reveals what the mind of Christ is.)

L This is the Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

**SOLO** **"Who Is This King?"**

**CATECHISM** The Second Article

P 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. What does this mean?

C **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,**

who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, 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,

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

**HYMN OF THE DAY #443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**

**1        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.**

**3        "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!**

**SERMON**

**PRAYER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY HYMN #805** Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

**C Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P** Almighty God, King of the universe, we come before You humbly asking that You would hear our prayers and answer them according to Your will. We bow before You and give unto You our worship and praise.

**C We worship You not because we love You, but You loved us first and gave the King's ransom to pay our sin's debt. Thank You, Jesus, for loving us so much.**

**P** We thank You for the working of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and lives both to bring us to faith and keep us in the faith.

**C Continue to open the eyes of our hearts and those around us, that we might see Your entry with palms for what it really was—Your passion to save us.**

**P** As we near the day of Your return, we see a world in turmoil.

**C Help us, Prince of Peace, amid all the chaos, to keep our eyes fixed on You.**

**P** You are a benevolent King, known to grant requests.

**C While You walked this earth, You granted the requests of the blind, the lame, the deaf, and even the widow at Nain, who did not ask You for anything, and You raised her son back to life.**

**P** We lift up those who are sick and those who are suffering, [*including . . .*].

**C Be with them, ease their pain, and bring relief from sicknesses through doctors, nurses, medicines, and miracles to accomplish Your will in their lives.**

**P** You tell us in Your Word to remember those in authority. We lift up those who hold seats of power.

**C For rulers in all places, high and low, north, south, east, and west, we ask that Your Spirit would guide them and Satan's power be thwarted in all places.**

**P** For Your church in all places, that the Gospel would be powerfully proclaimed this week, and the Holy Spirit stir faith in the hearts of many,

**C use us according to Your will, that others may see the life of Jesus in us.**

**P** Before Your throne, almighty King, we lift these and all petitions of our hearts, trusting You will answer all according to Your will.

**C We pray in the name of Jesus, who with the Father and Holy Spirit is one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

**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.

**BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:23–26*

**P** Your King cares for you! Receive His blessing through the words of the Aaronic benediction, by which He said, “Thus you shall bless the people.” Receive that benediction, your King’s blessing: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace

**.C** Amen.

**HYMN #441** “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

**1. 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 begin  
E'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.

**5. 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.

**POSTLUDE**

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