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Palm Sunday: Jesus' Life Celebrated
Sunday, April 14, 2019 7:30 am

The Holy Spirit Empowers Us for Ministry in Daily Life

During worship, please silence all communication devices.

**As you are able, please stand.*

Gathering

Prelude

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

African-American Spiritual

Lisa Walton, soloist

Welcome and Theme

Hail Jesus as King of our lives!

Today's liturgy begins with a palm procession, commemorating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The tone of worship changes as we meditate on Jesus' passion and death. Because this story is so central to our faith, we hear Matthew's account of the passion today and John's version on Good Friday. In the second reading, we who have put on Christ in holy baptism are urged to let the mind of Christ be our own. Though Jesus is obedient even to death on the cross, he is exalted by God. We gather to remember Jesus' offering for the life of the world, and to be fed by his life-giving mercy. Holy week culminates in the celebration of the Three Days of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection. Lent leads us to these holy moments which we are called to embrace.

***Gathering**

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

Hosanna in the highest.

***First Reading**

A Reading from Zechariah 9:9-10

Assembly reads responsively.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war-horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

All wave palm branches to hail Jesus as King.



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 are prais - ing you on high;
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals 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.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

*Thanksgiving

All people raise and wave their palm branches, as you are able, to hail Jesus as King!

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

(Wave palm branches.) **Hosanna to the Son of David!**

Praise to Christ who comes as Messiah and Savior of the world!

(Wave palm branches.) **Hosanna to the Son of David!**

We gather as the first Christians gathered on this day, laying their garments before Christ as the King entered Jerusalem in triumph. We raise our palm branches and **boldly** proclaim for the whole world to hear:

(Wave palm branches.) **Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. We hail you as the Son of God, our Savior and King! Amen!**

*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Spirit of God, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise you as Savior. In the mystery of the passion make us ready to humbly lay at your feet all that we have and are, that we too may bless your coming in the name of the Lord. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, living with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Word

Reading

A Reading from Philippians 2:5–11

NRSV, page 954

Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to God even to the point of death. Following Christ's example, we do not seek personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us in Christ's death.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain only

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.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

**"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"**

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, **"Who is this?"** The crowds were saying, **"This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."**

The Gospel of Our Lord!
Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

Pr. Spencer Steele

***Hymn of the Day**

**Crown Him with Many Crowns
Verses 1, 5**

ELW Hymn 855

**Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.**

***Apostles' Creed**

Let us confess our faith, the faith in which we baptize.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

***Prayers of the People**

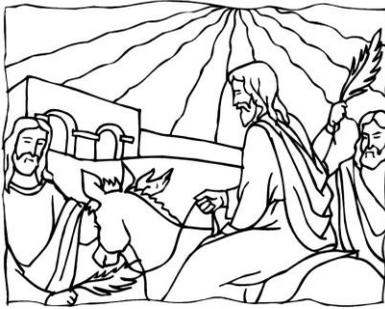
Lifting our voices and turning toward God, let us pray for the church, the earth, and all who are in need.

After each petition:
God of mercy, **reign in our hearts.**

Into your hands, merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.



Offering

Give Me Jesus
Lisa Walton, soloist

African American Spiritual

The assembly responds to the Word of God by giving an offering for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. You may give your offering in the offering plate located on the small table when you enter the worship space, or by using a credit or debit card at the Giving Kiosk, or Give by Text (610-981-1312), or through Simply Giving, or by sending it to the church office. The table is set.

Meal

*Great Thanksgiving

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all.

On this day Jesus entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. May these branches be signs for us of his victory, that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King.

Later this week Christ gathers his people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. Though Jesus was rejected by those who had cheered hosanna, God made Christ the giver of new life. So with shouts of joy we await his appearing, and proclaim that Christ is Lord to your glory forever. **Christ is Lord of all.**

Words of Institution

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

***Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

***Invitation to Communion**

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Come to Christ, broken for you. **Amen.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

All who are baptized and believe in the presence of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to receive the Sacrament. The people come forward, using the center aisle, and may kneel or stand at the altar rail. Gluten free wafers are available. Our wine is grape juice so that all may freely receive and is served by intinction, dipping the bread into the chalice. Please return to your seat using the side aisles. Children may receive the sacrament if they have completed instruction with a pastor. Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing.

Communion Song

**Rejoice, the Lord Is King!
Verses 1 & 2**

ELW Hymn 430

Words and music on next page.

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!



1 Re - joice, the Lord is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;
2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit



re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:
and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:

Refrain



Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -



joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
Music: LAUS REGIS, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

*Prayer

Let us pray. In the sacraments, God renews, restores, and reconciles us as the body of Christ, and sends us out in the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim the good news of our triumphant King! Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to trust your resurrection promise that hope will rise again. May the cross of Jesus Christ be a living sign that God has changed death into life and Jesus is our King, in Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Sending

*Blessing

The eternal promises of God fill us with hope.
The sacrificial gift of Christ our King change our hearts.
The transforming power of the Holy Spirit empower our daily living.
The blessing of God the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit be with you now and forevermore.
Amen.

*Sending Hymn

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!

SBH 73 #1



- 1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es-ty! Hear all the tribes ho - san - na cry;
- 2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es-ty! In low - ly pomp ride on to die.
- 3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es-ty! The wing-ed squad-rons of the sky
- 4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es-ty! Your last and fierc - est strife is nigh.
- 5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es-ty! In low - ly pomp ride on to die,



O Sav - ior meek, your road pur - sue, with palms and scat-tered gar-ments strewed.
O Christ, your tri-umphs now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con-quer'd sin.
look down with sad and won-d'ring eyes to see the ap-approach-ing sac - ri - fice.
The Fa - ther on his sap-phire throne a - waits his own a - noint - ed Son.
bow your meek head to mor - tal pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791–1868, alt.
Music: ST. DROSTANE. John Bacchus Dykes, 1823–1876

*Dismissal

The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.

Go and praise King Jesus!
Hosanna to our King!

Postlude

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

setting, Weber

Hosanna



*in the
highest!*

Matthew 21:9

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