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Spirit Alive!



Palm Sunday: Jesus' Life Celebrated
Sunday, April 14, 2019 8:45 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

Welcome/Theme of the Day

Hail Jesus as King of our Lives!

Today's liturgy begins with a palm procession, commemorating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. 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 his 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.

***Celebration with Palms**

The minister stands among the people at the baptismal font.

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 in *The Message Bible*

“Shout and cheer, Daughter Zion!

Raise the roof, Daughter Jerusalem!

Your king is coming!

a good king who makes all things right,

a humble king riding a donkey, a mere colt of a donkey.

I've had it with war—no more chariots in Ephraim,

no more war horses in Jerusalem,

no more swords and spears, bows and arrows.

He will offer peace to the nations,

a peaceful rule worldwide, from the four winds to the seven seas.

*Procession with Palms

Before worship, the assembly receives their palms.

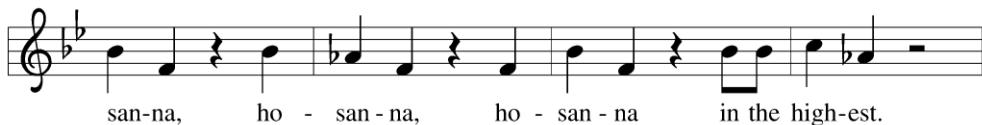
*The procession of families and ministers begins at the rear of the sanctuary.
All children, youth, and families are welcome to join in the procession of the palms.*

The assembly hails Jesus as King by waving their palm branches.



*Song

Hosanna



***Song**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor



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.

***Song**

Hosanna

Words and music on previous page.



***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 together. 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

Word for God's Children

*Children ages 3-7 are invited to the All Saints Room.
They will return after the Sermon. We encourage at least one parent to be present.*

***Gospel** The good news from Matthew 21:1-11 in *The Message Bible*
Open our hearts, Lord

When they neared Jerusalem, having arrived at Bethphage on Mount Olives, Jesus sent two disciples with these instructions:

“Go over to the village across from you.

You'll find a donkey tethered there, her colt with her. Untie her and bring them to me. If anyone asks what you're doing, say, 'The Master needs them!' He will send them with you.”

This is the full story of what was sketched earlier by the prophet: Tell Zion's daughter,
“Look, your king's on his way, poised and ready,
mounted on a donkey, on a colt, foal of a pack animal.”

The disciples went and did exactly what Jesus told them to do. They led the donkey and colt out, laid some of their clothes on them, and Jesus mounted. Nearly all the people in the crowd threw their garments down on the road, giving him a royal welcome. Others cut branches from the trees and threw them down as a welcome mat. Crowds went ahead and crowds followed, all of them calling out,

“Hosanna to David's son!”
“Blessed is he who comes in God's name!”
“Hosanna in highest heaven!”

As he made his entrance into Jerusalem, the whole city was shaken. Unnerved, people were asking, **“What's going on here? Who is this?”** The parade crowd answered, **“This is the prophet Jesus, the one from Nazareth in Galilee.”**

This is the Good News! **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Pr. Spencer Steele



1 Filled with ex-cite-ment, all the hap-py throng spread cloaks and branch-es on the
2 As in that en-trance to Je - ru - sa-lem, ho - san - nas we will sing to



cit - y streets. There in the dis - tance they be -
Je - sus Christ, to our re - deem - er who still



gin to see, there on a don-key comes the Son of God.
calls to - day, asks us to fol-low with our love and faith.

Refrain



From ev-'ry cor - ner a thou-sand voic-es sing praise to the one who comes



in the name of God. With one great shout of ac-cla-ma-tion loud, tri -



um-phunt song breaks forth: Ho - san - na, ho -



san-na to the king! Ho - san - na, ho - san-na to the king!

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***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.**

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
Worshippers greet one another in the name of the Lord, "Peace be with you."

Offering

Hosanna (Be Lifted Higher) Houghton/Mohede
Jeff Gross, soloist, Spirit Alive Singers and Praise Ensemble

The assembly responds to the Word of God by gathering an offering for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. The music is offered as a gift to the glory of God. You may give your offering in the offering plate, 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.

*Prayer

Let us pray. God, you feed us with the ultimate sacrifice of your only Son who was wounded and died for our sins. Help us to always remember the depth of your incredible love for us and share all that you give us with those in need. May all we have and are be used to your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Meal

*Word in Meal

Blessed are you,
the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna! (*Wave palm branches.*)

You are our King!
We worship you! Hosanna! (*Wave palm branches.*)
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

The risen and living Christ is truly present in this sacrament as we eat the bread of life and drink from the cup of love.

Here we experience life, forgiveness, and God's salvation. Here we hold in our hand and taste on our lips a love so deep and never ending.

Words of Institution

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

***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. To facilitate flow, the ushers invite the side sections, the front few rows and then the back rows. The people come forward, using the center aisle in two lines, to receive the bread from the ministers, then go to the side to dip their bread into the wine. Grape juice is used in our celebration so that all may freely receive. In addition, gluten free wafers are available. After receiving the elements, people may kneel at the altar rail for prayer, and return to their seats 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 Songs

The whole assembly is invited to praise the King of Kings in song.

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| Come to the Table | ELW Hymn 481 |
| Lamb of God | ELW Hymn 336 |
| Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup | ELW Hymn 492 |
| Here Is Bread | ELW Hymn 483 |
| I Am the Bread of Life | ELW Hymn 485 |

*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 Song

Shout to the Lord

ELW Hymn 821

*Dismissal

The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.

Go and praise King Jesus!
Hosanna to our King!

*We thank all musicians for sharing their gifts in worship today:
First and second graders as Drummers
Families who lead the Palm Procession
Praise Ensemble and Spirit Singers*

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