

Hosanna



*in the
highest!*

Matthew 21:9

Sunday, April 2, 2022
Palm Sunday

Service Theme
A GREATER TYPE OF KING

The events of Palm Sunday might not seem pivotal to our salvation. Christ sheds no blood on this day. However, Palm Sunday sets the tone for all of Holy Week. It perfectly illustrates that Jesus came to be the kind of king this world will never understand: one who conquers his enemies by surrendering to them, crushing his opposition by himself being crushed, and whose path to kingly exaltation begins with humiliation. This is the kind of King we have marching into battle as one of us and for all of us this week. As a result, we are drawn to him in faith rather than driven away in fear. This humble King is our only hope.

CALL TO WORSHIP

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: On the first Palm Sunday, people lined the streets as Jesus rode into the city. Anthems filled the air as men, women, and children raised their palm branches as a sign of victory and peace. Today we worship that same Jesus who rode into Jerusalem on his way to win salvation for the world.

**C: Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!
Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.**

All Sing: **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. (CW
130:1)**

M: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

**C: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.
Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!**

All Sing: **From Olivet they followed Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving And chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of saints and angels Rode on in lowly state
Nor scorned that little children Should on his bidding wait. (CW 130:2)**

P: Some of the Pharisees in the crowd did not want the people to praise Jesus. They said to him: "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" But Jesus replied: "I tell you the truth, if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out!"

**C: How can we be still? How can we remain silent?
Let the earth sing and the heavens rejoice!
Let all that has breath praise the Lord!
Blessed is the King who comes in the Name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest! Amen.**

All Sing: **"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 royal presence Eternally rejoice. (CW 130:3)**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess that we have no right to worship you, for we are sinful people. But we also know and trust that Jesus lived and died for us, to make us righteous and holy in your sight. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palms in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with confidence; the One who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Zechariah 9:9-10 EHV

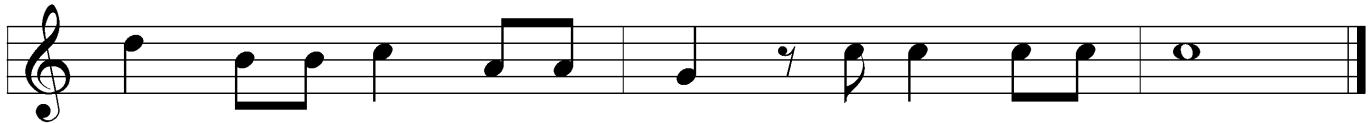
⁹Rejoice greatly, Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! Look! Your King is coming to you. He is righteous and brings salvation. He is humble and is riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem. The battle bow will be taken away, and he will proclaim peace to the nations. His kingdom will extend from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.

Psalm 24

Refrain

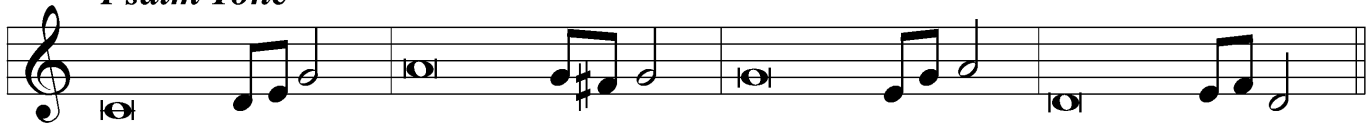


Sing ho - san - na! Loud ho - san - na! Bles - sed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord, the name of the Lord!

Psalm Tone



The earth is the LORD'S, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;
for he founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the waters.

Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?
Who may stand in his holy place?
He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
he will receive blessing from God his Savior.

Refrain

Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you 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 you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is he, this King of glory?
The LORD Almighty — he is the King of glory.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:5–11 (EHV)

⁵Indeed, let this attitude be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. ⁶Though he was by nature God, he did not consider equality with God as a prize to be displayed, ⁷but he emptied himself by taking the nature of a servant. When he was born in human likeness, and his appearance was like that of any other man, ⁸he humbled himself and became

obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

VERSE OF THE DAY

“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.”
(John 12:23)

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1–11 (EHV)

¹ As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² telling them, “Go to the village ahead of you. Immediately you will find a donkey tied there along with her colt. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: ⁵ “Tell the daughter of Zion: ‘Look, your King comes to you, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey’” ⁶ The disciples went and did just as Jesus commanded them. ⁷ They

brought the donkey and the colt, laid their outer clothing on them, and he sat on it. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their outer clothing on the road. Others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them out on the road. ⁹ The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed kept shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” ¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹ And the crowds were saying, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

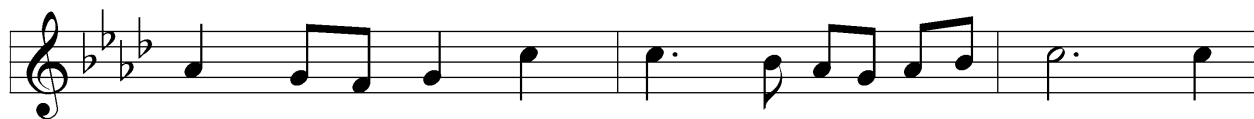
No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet



1 No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet With
 2 And yet he comes. The chil - dren cheer; With
 3 What fad - ing flow'rs his road a - dorn; The
 4 Now he who bore for mor - tals' sake The



ban - ners and with drums, No sound of mu - sic's
 palms his path is strown. With ev - 'ry step the
 palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but
 cross and all its pains And chose a ser - vant's



mar - tial beat: "The King of glo - ry comes!" To
 cross draws near: The King of glo - ry's throne. A -
 on - ly thorn The King of glo - ry's crown. The
 form to take, The King of glo - ry reigns. Ho -



greet what pomp of king - ly pride No
 stride a colt he pass - es by As
 sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries. The
 san - na to the Sav - ior's name Till



bells in tri - umph ring, No ci - ty gates swing
 loud ho - san - nas ring, Or else the ve - ry
 streets with tu - mult ring, As Pi - late to the
 heav - en's raft - ers ring, And all the ran - somed



o - pen wide: "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 stones would cry, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 mob re - plies, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 host pro - claim, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"

SERMON TEXT & THEME

Matthew 21:1–11 ... **“Who is this?”**

- 1) He is our God who knows all things.
- 2) He is our Messiah who fulfills all Scripture.
- 3) He is our humble King who deserves all honour.
- 4) He is our Saviour from all sin.

The Apostles' Creed

(Melody: CW 169 “Alleluia! Sing To Jesus”)

**I believe in God the Father, Maker of the heav'n and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, our Savior, God's own Son, of human birth.
Virgin born, the Lord incarnate, whom the Spirit did conceive,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate; He's the God whom I believe.**

**Crucified, was dead and buried; Down to hell in victory;
From the dead He rose the third day; Up to heaven triumphantly.
There at God's right hand He's ruling, by his will the world is led.
He will come to judge the nations, both the living and the dead.**

**I believe in God the Spirit; in His Church, His chosen band.
They are joined in sweet communion; Holy in his sight they stand.
I believe in sins forgiven; I believe I'll rise again;
I believe in life eternal. Amen! Amen! Amen!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

(Please stand)

M: My fellow disciples, in the Lord's Supper, Jesus is coming to us in a very special way: as we receive the bread and the wine of communion, Jesus is present to give us his actual body and blood, and to personally pronounce forgiveness to each one of us. Because of the Lord's presence and his forgiveness in communion, the Apostle Paul wrote, *“A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.”* (1 Corinthians 11:28) Therefore, before the Lord comes to meet with us, let us honestly ask ourselves before God who knows our hearts:

- 1) Do you confess that you have sinned against God and deserve his anger and punishment? If so, then answer, “I do confess!”

C: I do confess!

M: It is good for you to confess, because God's word says, *“When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.”* (Psalm 32:3)

2) Are you sorry for the sins you have committed against God by things you have done, said and thought, and by the things you have failed to do? If so then answer, "I do repent!"

C: I do repent!

M: It is right for you to repent, because God's Word says, "*If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not within us.*" (1 John 1:8)

3) Do you now believe that God will forgive you and save you for the sake of Jesus' perfect life and redeeming death? If so then answer, "I do believe!"

C: I do believe!

M: It is right for you to believe because Jesus himself says, "*God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*" (John 3:16)

4) Do you now promise by the power of the Holy Spirit to make every effort to turn away from sin and live for your Lord? If so then answer, "I do so promise!"

C: I do so promise!

M: It is right for you to promise, because God's Word says, "*Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.*" (Matthew 3:8)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

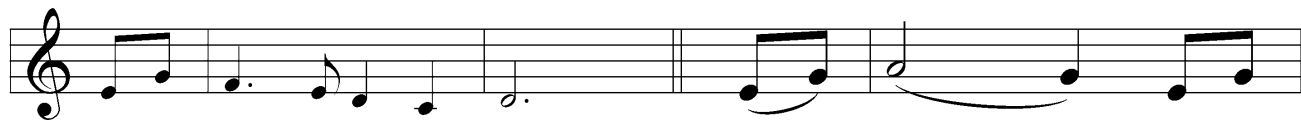
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: As repentant and forgiven sinners, we now come to meet with our Lord.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

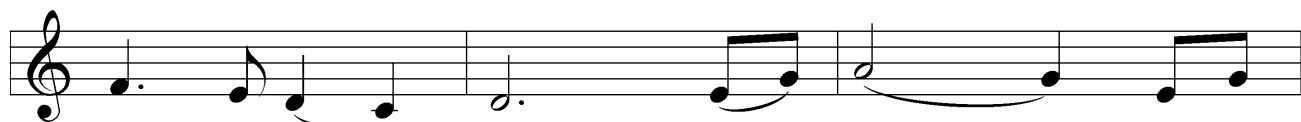
Agnus Dei



O Christ, Lamb of



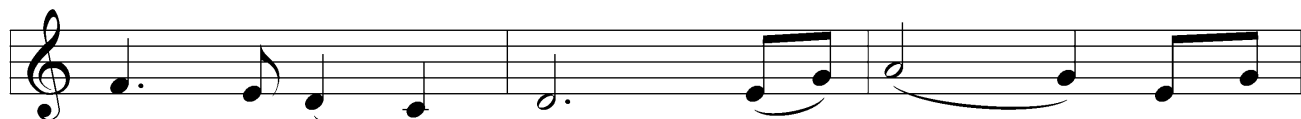
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

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Nunc Dimittis



In peace, Lord, you let your
ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my
eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for
ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the
glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

THANKSGIVING

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
C: **And his mercy endures forever.**

PRAYER FOR PALM SUNDAY

Lord Jesus, you are the King of heaven and earth. We join the first Palm Sunday worshipers in praising and glorifying you for coming to this earth to be our Savior. Though you are one with God the Father and Lord of all, you humbled yourself and became one with us. Thanks be to you for living a life of perfect conformity to God's holy law in our place. Praise be to you for being obedient to death, even death on a cross, to redeem us from sin.

Cause our voices to blend with those who sang your praises as you rode into Jerusalem. Move us to confess you before others as our Lord. Help us proclaim the message of peace and forgiveness to people of all nations. Use us to assure all people that your blood has cleansed them from sin and set them free from slavery to sin, death, and the devil. Move us to dedicate all we are and have to your glory.

Lord Jesus, you are King over all the earth. Bless the nations of this world with wise rulers and good government. Let peace prevail. In your mercy, take away the pandemic that is afflicting our world. Lead the nations to repent of their sin and look to your mercy for forgiveness. Restore success to the businesses and industries of our land to serve the common good. Be with all healthcare workers, civil servants, and all people working in essential services – keeping them safe and working through them to provide for our bodily welfare. Comfort the sick and the afflicted with the assurance of your care and protection. Strengthen the faith of the dying.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Dear Savior, as we walk with you this week toward Calvary, keep us focused on your purpose for coming into this world and on our calling to share this wonderful message of salvation. Hear us for your mercy's sake. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

M: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the
 2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
 3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel
 4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Your last and
 5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -
 pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs
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 fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on his
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sue your road, With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
 now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 won - d'ring eyes To see th' ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 sap - phire throne A - waits his own a - noint - ed Son.
 mor - tal pain, Then take, O Christ, your power and reign.

Announcements

Church Cleaners:

Apr. 9 – Barnabas // Apr. 16 – Luke

Evangelism Opportunity

Thank you to all who are willing to work on videos for the Evangelism Social Media push. Please continue to work on the videos. If you need help, please talk to Laura as soon as possible. We can still use more volunteers to make videos. Talk to any evangelism member for ideas and help. Thank you!

Easter Plants

Anyone wishing to contribute towards beautifying the altar for Easter Sunday are asked to purchase a plant of their own choice and drop it off at the church by noon on April 8th. This year we won't be able to maintain the plants for a prolonged period of time and encourage people to take their plants home with them after the Easter service. Unfortunately, any plants not taken away by after the April 16th church service will be disposed of.

DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

Su (2)	9:00 am 10:30 am 11:45 am 3:00 pm	Sunday School and Bible Class Worship with Communion First Fellowship Worship & Communion in Poltimore
Th (6)	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service (<i>with Communion</i>)
Fr (7)	10:30 am	Good Friday Service (<i>no Communion</i>)
Su (9)	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Sunrise Easter Service (<i>with Communion</i>) Easter Breakfast Regular Easter Service (<i>no Communion</i>)
Tu (10)	4:30 pm	Confirmation (D)
Th (13)	6:30 pm	Confirmation (W)
Fr (14)	3:00 pm 6:00 pm	Women's Bible Study: Hebrews Illumine at St. Paul's
Su (16)	9:00 am 10:30 am 11:45 am 3:00 pm	Sunday School and Bible Class Worship with Communion Coffee Hour Worship & Communion in Poltimore



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