

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

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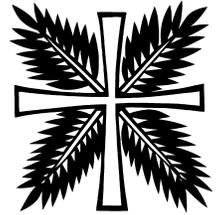
Refrain

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 Blessed One. Refrain

² The company of angels are praising you on high;
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. Refrain

³ The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. Refrain



Call to Worship

Pastor: Our Lord entered the gates of the Holy City.

People: Crowds shouted his praise and waved palm branches.

Pastor: But within the bounds of the city there were those who feared him.

People: Even on this day, there are those who let fear claim their lives.

Pastor: Lord, enter our lives this day with your healing presence.

People: Be with us as we march with you toward the cross. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

People: Lord, we confess that we would rather have a nice parade, with banners waving and people cheering than to face the suspicious eyes of the fearful people. We want them to believe in Jesus right away and to walk away from the path to the cross. But it could not be so. Jesus walked straight into the path of destructive fear and faced it with his life. From his table of compassion and from the cross he offered healing words of love and hope. As we continue our Lenten journey, forgive us, we pray, for our eagerness to leave the scenes of hurt, anger, and hostility and to march into the bright sunlight that will be Easter. Give our souls healing so that Easter may truly shine through us. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Pastor: Though we are a fickle people, God loves and redeems us through Jesus Christ. Feel the power of redeeming love. In Jesus' Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

Song of Praise

"Hosanna"

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¹ I see the King of glory coming on the clouds with fire
The whole earth shakes the whole earth shakes yeah

² I see His love and mercy washing over all our sin
The people sing the people sing

Chorus

Hosanna hosanna hosanna in the highest
Hosanna hosanna hosanna in the highest

³ I see a generation rising up to take their place
With selfless faith with selfless faith

⁴ I see a near revival stirring as we pray and seek
We're on our knees we're on our knees

Bridge

Heal my heart and make it clean open up my eyes to the things unseen
Show me how to love like You have loved me break my heart for what breaks Yours
Everything I am for Your Kingdom's cause as I walk from earth into eternity

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:1-11

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying 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. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵"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." ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The 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!" ¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹The crowds were saying, "

Message

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Song of the Day

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⁴To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. Refrain

⁵Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. Refrain

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

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.

Litany

Leader: How bold of Jesus to ride into Jerusalem at the holy time of Passover. He rode as a humble king. We hoped it was to claim the throne; but it was to claim our lives.

People: **Lord Jesus, let us walk with you, the path to the cross.**

Leader: Each day as he taught, he was reminded of the faithless of those in power. He saw corruption and oppression at every turn in the Temple.

People: **Lord Jesus, let us be aware of the seductiveness of power as we walk with you on the path to the cross.**

Leader: At supper one evening, he discharged one of his disciples, Judas, to go and do what he felt he must do. For the others he gave a precious reminder of his love through the washing of their feet and through the sacrament of bread and wine.

People: **Lord Jesus, cleanse us and make us whole; feed us the bread of life that we might be healed and strengthened.**

Leader: From the cross he forgave the executioners and welcomed a thief to Paradise.

People: **Lord Jesus, forgive us our trespasses and welcome us as repentant people into your paradise. Amen.**

Blessing

May the Lord, mighty Lord bless and keep you forever.
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
Lift your eyes to see God's face and God's grace forever.
May the Lord, mighty Lord, bless and keep you forever.

Sending Song

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"
Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854

¹ Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's pow'r;
your Redeemer's conflict see. Watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

² Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned;
oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.

³ Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet,
mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.

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