



Festival of Palm Sunday

The Order of Worship

Pre-Service Music

Call to Worship

P: Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!
Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion!
Shout Daughter of Jerusalem!
See your king comes to you;
Righteous and having salvation,
gentle and riding on a donkey.
Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!

Opening Hymn

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”
Christian Worship 131 st. 1-3

All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
You are the King of Israel and David’s royal Son,
Now in the Lord’s name coming our King and blessed One.

All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
The company of angels is praising you on high,
And we with all creation in chorus make reply.

(The congregation will rise)

All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.

The Invocation

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you;

C: And also with you!

Psalm of Praise to the Lord

P: The earth is the LORD'S, and everything that fills it, the world and all who live in it.

C: Because he founded it on the seas and he established it upon the rivers.

P: Who may go up to the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place?

C: He who has clean hands and a pure heart, whose soul is not set on what is false, who does not swear deceitfully.

P: He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God who saves him.

C: Such are the people of Jacob who look for the LORD, who seek your face.

P: Lift up your heads, you gates. Lift yourselves up, you ancient doors, and the King of glory will come in.

C: Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

P: Lift up your heads, you gates. Lift up you ancient doors, and the King of glory will come in.

C: Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD of Armies—he is the King of glory.

Response by congregation

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”
Christian Worship 131 st. 4-5

All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
To you before your passion they sang their hymns of praise;
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer King,

To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
As you received their praises, accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing, our good and gracious King.

The Confession of Sins

God Calls Us to Repent

P: Jesus rode into Jerusalem to offer himself as the sacrifice God required to take away the sin of the world. As our obedient Savior, he carried our guilt and endured our punishment. Because he was faithful in all things, God invites us to come into his presence with humble and penitent hearts, and assures us he will have mercy. Therefore, let us acknowledge our guilt and confess our sin to the Lord.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of the Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

Song of Praise

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are

they who take ref-uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e—
 ter — nal; it stands firm in the heav —
 ens. Your faith — ful — ness con — tin — ues for —
 ev — er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
 Bless — ed are they who take ref — uge in him.

Prayer for the Day

P: O dearest Jesus, on Palm Sunday you entered Jerusalem as the Prince of Peace. Your God-given work was to establish a spiritual kingdom of peace where you would reign forever. Although the crowds first welcomed you and were ready to follow you, they later rejected you. Keep us from turning away from you as many did. Keep us faithful to you alone throughout this life. Most of all, keep the true meaning and purpose of your coming before our eyes, and help us hold firmly to it as the only foundation of our faith. In your blessed name we ask this, because you are our Savior and the only true God, who lives and rules with the Father and the Spirit—throughout endless ages.

C: A — — — men.

The Lessons from God's Word
*(The lessons reveal God's faithfulness in his promise to
send a Savior, and his love in sending his Son, Jesus,
to be that Savior.)*

Lesson from the Prophet

Zechariah 9:9-12

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.

¹¹As for you,

because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will release your prisoners from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to the stronghold, you prisoners who have hope.

This very day I declare that I will restore double to you.

Psalm of Praise

P: Open for me the gates of righteousness. I will enter them. I
will give thanks to the LORD.

C: This is the gate to the LORD. The righteous enter it.

P: I will give you thanks, because you answered me, and you
have become salvation for me.

**C: This is the day the LORD has made. Let us rejoice and be
glad in it.**

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.

C: We bless you from the house of the LORD.

P: You are my God, and I will give you thanks. You are my
God, and I will exalt you.

Handbells

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”
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Lesson from the Apostle

Hebrews 12:1–3

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us get rid of every burden and the sin that so easily ensnares us, and let us run with patient endurance the race that is laid out for us. ²Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who is the author of our faith and the one who brings it to its goal. In view of the joy set before him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of God’s throne. ³Carefully consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinful people, so that you do not grow weary and lose heart.

Verse of the Day

P: I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders. I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

The LORD reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment. He will judge the world in righteousness; he will govern the peoples with justice. The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you. Sing praises to the LORD, enthroned in Zion; proclaim among the nations what he has done.

Congregation responds

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”
Christian Worship 133 st. 1-2, 5

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.
O Savior meek, pursue your road,
With palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, your triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow your meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O Christ, your power and reign.

The Gospel

P: The “good news” about our Savior is recorded in the eleventh chapter of Mark, reading from the first verse.

As they approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, on the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and told them, “Go into the village ahead of you. As soon as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it, and he will send it back here without delay.’”

⁴They left and found a colt on the street, tied at a door; and they untied it. ⁵Some who were standing there asked them, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” ⁶The disciples answered them just as Jesus had instructed them, and the men let them go.

⁷They brought the colt to Jesus, threw their garments on it, and Jesus sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their garments on the road. Others spread branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹Those who went in front and those who followed were crying out,

Hosanna!

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

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!

Hosanna in the highest!

P: This is the Word of our God—our confidence for forgiveness, our reason to rejoice, and our assurance of life in heaven.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”
Christian Worship 370

All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.

Hail him, ye heirs of David’s line, whom David Lord did call;
The God incarnate, man divine, and crown him Lord of all.
The God incarnate, man divine, and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners whose love can ne’er forget the wormwood and the gall;
Go, spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.
Go, spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe on this terrestrial ball
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We’ll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.
We’ll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

Sermon

Hebrews 12:1-3

Theme

“Carefully Consider Jesus!”
Who is the author of our faith
Who is faithful to his Father’s will
When we grow weary and lose heart

The Confession of Faith

(we will join in the words of the Nicene Creed which clearly professes Jesus is True God and True Man)

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day he rose again in accordance
with the Scriptures;**

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen!**

Pray, Praise and Give Thanks
We rejoice in a Faithful God and Savior!

Prayer and Special Requests

P: 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.

C: “Hosanna to the Son of David!”
“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”
“Hosanna in the highest!”

P: 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 judgment and set them free from slavery to sin, death, and the devil. Move us to dedicate all we are and have to your glory.

C: “Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,
because he has come and has redeemed his people.
He has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David;
as he said through his holy prophets of long ago.”

P: Lord Jesus, you are King over all the earth. Bless the nations of this world with wise rulers and good government. Let your peace prevail, and let all acknowledge your divine goodness and compassion. Be with those who teach and those who learn. Comfort the sick and the afflicted with the assurance of your care and protection. Strengthen the faith of the dying.

C: “Hosanna to the Son of David!”

**“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”
“Hosanna in the highest!”**

P: 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 spread this wonderful message of salvation. Hear us for your mercy’s sake; hear us as we also pray:

The Lord’s Prayer: *(spoken with the pastor)*

**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!**

Hymn

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”
Christian Worship 130

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.

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.

“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.

Closing Psalm

*Psalm 118 is the “great hallelujah” offered by God’s people
for his undeserved love to them through the Savior.*

P: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

C: For his mercy endures forever.

P: Let Israel say now: Yes, his mercy endures forever.

**C: Let those who fear the LORD say now: Yes, his mercy
endures forever.**

P: The LORD, who is with me, is my helper, so I will look in
triumph on my enemies.

**C: It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in
people.**

P: My strength and song is the LORD, and he has become
salvation for me.

**C: Loud shouts of victory are heard in the tents of the
righteous: The right hand of the LORD has done a mighty
deed!**

P: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

C: This is from the LORD. It is marvelous in our eyes.

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

**C: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy
endures forever.**

Closing Prayer

P: O blessed Lord, heavenly Father, when the time was right you
sent your Son to this earth to be its Savior and Redeemer. Then
when Jesus did come, he followed your will faithfully even
though it meant going to his death. Because Jesus was obedient
and willingly gave up his life, he provided us with an amazing
love—a love that brought us into his kingdom. Today and every
day, help us welcome him as our Savior and King. Firmly esta-

blish his ruling power and influence in our lives. Never allow the world, the devil, or even our own sinful flesh to entice us away from him. Even more important, fill us with the strength we need to follow him, as well as his faithfulness to live our lives to your glory. All this we ask in Jesus' name, because he is your Son and our Savior, and because he lives and rules with you and the Spirit—throughout all eternity;



C: A — men.

The Benediction:

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;

The Lord look on you with favor, and give you peace!



C: A — men. A — men. A — men.

Closing Hymn

“Beautiful Savior”
Christian Worship 369

Beautiful Savior, King of Creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my Crown!

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blowing spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;
He makes our sorr'ring spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be thine!

Silent Prayer

Announcements . . .

Today—*Welcome in Jesus' Name!* May the blessing of our faithful God and our Savior-King be with you always. If you are visiting this morning, please sign the guest book or a visitor card in the bench, and visit us again, soon.

- The WELS Connection will be shown immediately follow the worship service.
- Everyone is invited to stay after the service to enjoy some a cup of coffee and some snacks.
- Christian Education will follow the service and will consider the Old Testament reading to answer the question, “What went wrong?”

Monday—Handbell choir practice at 7:00 pm

Thursday—Maundy Thursday worship at 7:00 pm. In this special service we will remember how the promise of deliverance the Lord gave is made certain through Jesus' body and blood.

Friday—Good Friday worship at 7:00 pm. The message of the cross is the central focus of our lives. The cross, intended to be a place of punishment, became the altar of sacrifice on which Jesus offered himself as the Lamb of God to proclaim the promise of forgiveness is complete and certain.

Saturday—Clean: J. Schueler

- Lawn mowing beginning March 31st—C. Schueler
- Please make sure you have your flowers to church by noon so the “memory garden” can be set up.

Sunday, March 31st—Easter Festival Worship at 9:30 am.

Christ the Lord is Risen! It is a message of great joy, great hope, and great confidence. It is also a message we want to share with others. Take the time to invite your friends, neighbors, and family members to come and hear what Jesus' resurrection means for them. A brunch will follow the service.

- In preparation for these services there are sign up sheets for food, cleanup, setup, as well as flowers. Serve the Lord in gladness!
- There will be no Bible Class this Sunday because of the brunch following the service.

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