

April 5, 2020 Palm Sunday Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation and Greeting

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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

C Hosanna to the Son of David.

Opening Prayer

P Let us pray.

We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path. Grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Opening Hymn "All Glory, Land and Honor" [Sunday School Book p. 173]

All glory, laud and honor To Thee Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet Hosannas ring:
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, The King and blessed One!

The company of angels Are praising Thee on high,
And mortal men and all things Created make reply:

The people of the Hebrews With palms before Thee went:
Our praise and prayer and anthems Before Thee we present.

To Thee, before Thy passion, They sang their hymns of praise:
To Thee, now high exalted, Our melody we raise:
Thou didst accept their praises – Accept the praise we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King! Amen.

Confession & Declaration of Grace

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sin to God, our Father, imploring him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Silence for personal confession.

P Our help is from the Lord.

C Who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Most merciful God, you have given your only Son to die for us. Have mercy on us, and for his sake grant us remission of all our sins. By your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will, and true obedience to your word, so that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given his only

Son to die for us, and for his sake, forgives us all our sins. To all who believe in his name, he gives power to become children of God, and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. All who believe and are baptized will be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.

C Amen.

Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Readings

Zechariah 9:9-12, 16

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double. On that day the LORD their God will save them, as the flock of his people; for like the jewels of a crown they shall shine on his land.

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-22, 25-29

A Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

**C Let Israel say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

A Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

**C This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

A I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

**C The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.**

A This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**C This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

A Save us, we pray, O LORD!
O LORD, we pray, give us success!

**C Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

A The LORD is God,
and he has made his light to shine upon us.
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the altar!

**C You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.**

A Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

Philippians 2:4-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

John 12:12-19

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

P Let us pray for the Church, the world, and all people according to their needs.

A brief silence for prayer

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, merciful Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

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.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Sending Hymn "Ride, On, Ride On In Majesty" [Red Hymnal 73, vv1,2,5]

Ride on, ride on, in majesty!

Hark all the tribes Hosanna cry!

O Savior meek, pursue thy road
With palms and scattered garments strowed.

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

Ride On, Ride On, in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die!
Bow thy meek to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, thy power and reign.

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.