


*Hosanna!*

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### OUR WORSHIP

*Our Problem; God's Solution*

**SERVICE THEME** Palm Sunday reveals the main problem in our world, in the United States, and in us; AND, also reveals the solution to our essential failing.

**+ Preparing Ourselves to Hear God's Word +**

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP** *Zechariah 9:9-10; Psalm 118:22-26, 29*

Pastor: Rejoice, greatly, Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!

**People: See, your King comes to you, righteous and victorious,**

Pastor: lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

**People: He will proclaim peace to the nations and rule from sea to sea.**

Pastor: The stone that the builders rejected

**People: has become the cornerstone.**

Pastor: The LORD has done this,

**People: and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Pastor: This is the day that the LORD has made;

**People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Pastor: LORD, save us!

**People: LORD, grant us success!**

Pastor: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!

**People: We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

**People: and His steadfast love endures forever!**

Pastor: When we were Baptized into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we became citizens of an everlasting kingdom wherein we do nothing from selfish ambition, but in humility value others above ourselves, not looking to our own interests but to the interests of others.

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen!**

**INVITATION HYMN** *LSB 340, vv. 1-3 – “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”*

**Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits.  
The King of kings is drawing near; The Savior of the world is here.  
Life and salvation He doth bring; Therefore rejoice and gladly sing:  
To God the Father raise Your joyful songs of praise.**

**A righteous Helper comes to thee, His chariot is humility,  
His kingly crown is holiness, His scepter, pity in distress.  
The end of all our woe He brings; Therefore the earth is glad and sings:  
To Christ the Savior raise Your grateful hymns of praise.**

**How blest the land, the city blest, Where Christ the Ruler is confessed!  
O peaceful hearts and happy homes To whom this King in triumph comes!  
The cloudless sun of joy He is, Who comes to set His people free.  
To God the Spirit raise Your happy shouts of praise.**

**CONFESSION**

Pastor: Like the Palm Sunday crowd who thronged to greet Jesus, we too naturally look for a King who comes with military might and political power to defeat oppression and heal our hurts in this unjust and inhumane world. But, even if a King fixed crushing poverty and debilitating disease and egregious inequality and death-dealing war, He would not defeat our deepest and most dangerous adversary, namely ourselves, our selfishness, our pursuit of individual and worldly power.

**GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT**

Pastor: Jesus says, “I’ve come to deliver you from something far more enslaving than an oppressive and unjust world. I’ve come as a humble King to deliver you from your basest instincts and to establish a kingdom of unconditional love, unlimited acceptance, and undeserved forgiveness where humility reigns and citizens of that kingdom see others as more significant than their own selfish whims and wants.

**WE PRAISE GOD** *All God’s People Sing 99 – “Glory Be to God on High”*

**“Glory be to God on high!” – This is now our joyful cry.  
Peace to all who live on earth, – Grace and favor for new birth.  
You we praise and glorify, – Worship You, O Lord most high. –  
Gracious Father, heav’nly King, To Your name alone we sing:  
Praise the glory of Your name, Now and evermore the same!**

**Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, – Sole begotten, holy One,  
Born on earth from realms on high, – Born true man for us to die,  
Lamb of God, You take away – This world's sin: Grant peace we pray. –  
With the Spirit, You alone Are most high, O God the Son,  
And the Father, God above. Praise we now Your gracious love.**

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Gracious Father, we see the Jerusalem crowd greet the long-awaited King. We too need a King in our lives – One who will defeat the destructive forces of our self-centered individualism and our lust for power. Send Your Holy Spirit that we might experience the power of this King to establish His kingdom of love and humility in our hearts and lives today and forever. We ask in the name of Jesus, Your Son and our King, the Same who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**People: Amen!**

**+ Hearing God's Word +**

#### **PSALM READING** *Psalm 72:1-2, 4-7, 11-14, 17-19*

<sup>1</sup> Endow the King with Your justice, O God, the royal Son with Your righteousness. <sup>2</sup> May He judge Your people in righteousness, Your afflicted ones with justice.

<sup>4</sup> May He defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; may He crush the oppressor. <sup>5</sup> May He endure as long as the sun, as long as the moon, through all generations. <sup>6</sup> May He be like rain falling on a mown field like showers watering the earth. <sup>7</sup> In His days may the righteous flourish and prosperity abound till the moon is no more.

<sup>11</sup> May all kings bow down to Him and all nations serve Him. <sup>12</sup> For He will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help. <sup>13</sup> He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death. <sup>14</sup> He will rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their blood in His sight.

<sup>17</sup> May His name endure forever; may it continue as long as the sun. Then all nations will be blessed through Him, and they will call Him blessed. <sup>18</sup> Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds. <sup>19</sup> Praise be to His glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and Amen.

#### **EPISTLE READING** *Philippians 2:1-11*

<sup>1</sup> Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from His love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same

love, being one in spirit and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

<sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage; <sup>7</sup> rather, He made Himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross!

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Pastor: These Readings are the Word of our LORD!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL READING** Mark 11:1-10

Pastor: The Holy Gospel, recorded in the Gospel of Mark, the disciple of Peter, the eleventh chapter:

**People: Glory be to You, O LORD Jesus!**

<sup>1</sup> As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of His disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>3</sup> If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’”

<sup>4</sup> They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, <sup>5</sup> some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” <sup>6</sup> They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. <sup>7</sup> When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, He sat on it. <sup>8</sup> Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup> Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

“Hosanna!” (that is, “Lord, save us!”)

“Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our LORD Jesus.

**People: Eternal and everlasting praise be to You, O Christ, our King!**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** "Hosanna!"

**SONG OF THE DAY** *All God's People Sing 121 – "Hosanna, Hallelujah"*

*Chorus*

**Hosanna, hallelujah! Sing we loud and clear.**

**Hosanna, hallelujah! Jesus Christ is near.**

**With ancient psalms and new-grown palms praise Him on His way.**

**Hosanna, hallelujah! Christ, our Lord, is here.**

**This day in spring the streets will ring With voices sweet and lyrical  
To greet our Lord, the One adored, His very life a miracle.**

*Chorus*

**King David's Son now rides upon A mule, of beasts the lowliest;**

**Amidst the throng it bears along of all mankind the holiest.**

*Chorus*

**How very odd the Son of God must do things that would weary us.**

**God will amaze; He works in ways that we all find mysterious.**

*Chorus*

**MESSAGE** "The Humble King Comes"

Introduction

If we are to understand Palm Sunday, we need to go back to the basics.

[2] The Nature of Sin

"You will be like God, knowing good and evil." (Gen. 3:5)

[2] The Nature of Salvation

"He will crush your head, and you will strike His heel." (Gen. 3:15)

[3] The Nature of New Life

This mind is yours in Christ Jesus. (Phil. 2:1-4)

**+ Response to the Word +**

**OFFERING** *LSB 525 – "Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

**Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.**

**Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as the matchless King Through all eternity.**

**Crown Him the virgin's Son, The God incarnate born,  
Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn:**

**Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem,  
The root whence mercy ever flows, The Babe of Bethlehem.**

**Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and His side.**

**Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes At mysteries so bright.**

**Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.**

**His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high.  
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.**

**Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above.  
Crown Him the King to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.**

**Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is King of all.**

#### **PRAYER & THE 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!**

**+ The Lord's Supper – the Visible Word +**

#### **PREFACE**

**Pastor: Those who are sensible of their weakness, desire to be rid of it, and long for  
help, should regard and use this Sacrament as a precious antidote against the  
poison which they have in them. For here you are to receive from the lips of  
Christ forgiveness of sin, which contains and brings with it the grace of God and  
the Spirit with all His gifts, protection, shelter, and power against death and the  
devil and all misfortune. [*Large Catechism*]**

#### **JESUS' WORDS**

**SONG LSB 528, vv. 1-4, 6 – "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**

**Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace!**

**My gracious Master and My God, Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad, The honors of Thy name.**

**Jesus! The name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears. 'Tis life and health and peace.**

**He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin; He sets the pris'ner free.  
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood avails for me.**

**Look unto Him, ye nations; own Your God, ye fallen race.  
Look and be saved through faith alone, Be justified by grace.**

**See all your sin on Jesus laid; The Lamb of God was slain.  
His soul was once an off'ring made For ev'ry soul of man.**

**DISTRIBUTION** *LSB 527 531*

**COMMUNION BLESSING & POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Pastor: Gracious Father, in this Sacrament, we have experienced and acquired the mind of Christ, who, though He was God incarnate, suffered the humiliation and shame of death on a cross. May we, like Him, be a servant of others. We ask in the name of Christ Jesus, Your Son, our King, the Same who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen!**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN** *All God's People Sing 227 – "The King of Glory"*

*Refrain*

**The King of Glory comes, the nation rejoices;  
Open the gates before Him, lift up your voices.**

**Who is the King of Glory; how shall we call Him?  
He is Emmanuel, the Promised of ages. *Refrain***

**In all of Galilee, in city or village,  
He goes among the people curing their illness. *Refrain***

**Sing then of David's Son, our Savior and Brother;  
In all of Galilee was never another. *Refrain***

**He gave His life for us, the Lamb of salvation,  
He took upon Himself the sins of the nation. *Refrain***



